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Search Begins for Gerald Wallace Endowed Chair in Family Medicine

Celia Wallace, CEO of Springhill Memorial Hospital in Mobile, will be part of the search committee to find an outstanding Family Medicine scholar to fill the Chair of Family Medicine endowed by her gift of one million dollars to CCHS. The endowment in memory of her late husband Dr. Gerald Leon Wallace will, she hopes, "assist in enlarging an already excellent Family Practice program and attract

more medical graduates to this particular residency."

Mrs. Wallace said she was excited about the search and looks forward to the full development of the Endowed Chair.

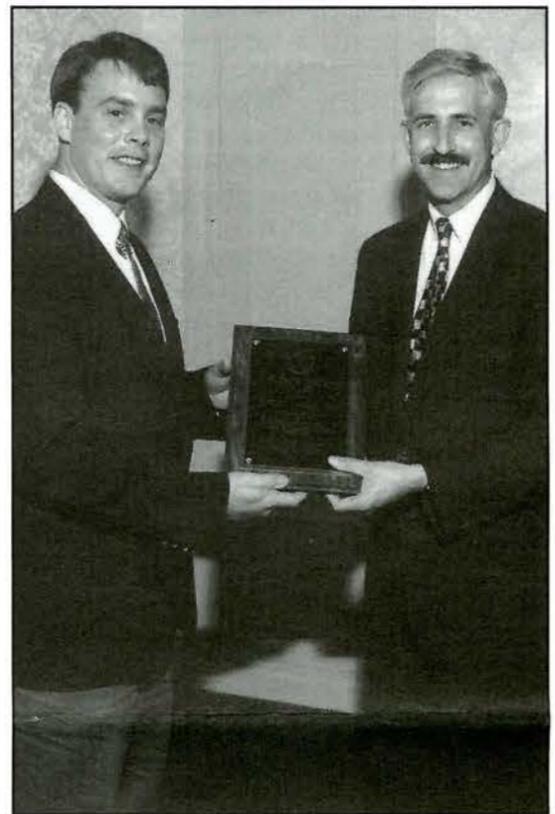
"I believe in Family Practice and the extended role of the physician; i.e., the family physician treats entire families and is able to discern underlying concerns that can possibly be eliminated by a few quiet words of education," she remarked when asked about the search.

Dr. Roland Ficken, retired CCHS dean, described Mrs. Wallace as "one of the most warm and generous people I have ever met. She has a consummate interest in improving health care, especially primary care." He also said she had "enormous energy" and is one of the "most astute business people" he has worked with in his years as dean. She will certainly be an asset to the committee, he said.

Other search committee members are: Dr. Jerry McKnight, committee chair and chairman of Family Medicine; Interim Dean Robert Centor, M.D.; William Curry, M.D., chair, Internal Medicine; Dr. James Leeper, chair, Behavioral & Community Medicine; Residency Director Marc Armstrong, M.D.; Jimmie Clark, M.D., community physician; and family medicine faculty Bobbi Adcock, M.D., and Sam Gaskins, M.D. (See p.2)



Celia Wallace



Senior Class President Stephen Barnes, M.D., (left) and Dr. Joseph Wallace, Chair of Surgery, both received awards at Honors Convocation.

Grads Recognized at Honors Convocation

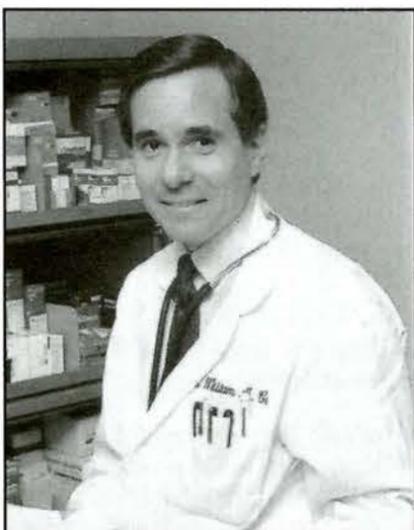
Graduating medical students at CCHS were recognized on May 16 at the 1997 Honors Convocation following a banquet at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Tuscaloosa. Departmental and other special awards were announced as 21 graduating senior medical students were recognized. Two graduates were elected to the prestigious medical honorary *Alpha Omega Alpha*. They are **Stephen William Chandler, M.D.**, and **David Theodore Verzino, M.D.** Dr. Verzino also received the *Scholastic Achievement Award* for the highest grade point average during the clinical years.

The *William R. Willard Award*, the Dean's Award, was presented to **James Lake Parker**. This singular recognition is awarded annually to a senior medical student for outstanding contributions to the goals and mission of the college.

Erik Christian Summers was the recipient of the *James H. Akers Memorial Award*, chosen by members of the graduating senior class and given annually to the Tuscaloosa senior who best personifies both the art and the science of the practice of medicine.

Faculty recognition awards were given by the senior class to Dr. **E. Eugene Marsh**, Assistant Professor of Neurology in the Dept. of Psychiatry and Neurology, for

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Dr. Bill Curry (above in his Pickens County medical office), was recently appointed to leadership roles in CCHS and UASOM. (p.2)

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Jay Parker, M.D., (left) receives the William R. Willard Dean's Award from Interim CCHS Dean Robert Centor, M.D. Dr. Parker, who also won the Family Medicine Award, plans to enter the family practice residency here this summer.

Curry Named Chair of Internal Medicine and UASOM Assistant Dean for Rural Medicine

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Dr. Bill Curry of Carrollton has been named chair of internal medicine and interim associate dean for clinical affairs in The University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences (CCHS), and assistant dean for rural medicine in The University of Alabama School of Medicine (UASOM). Curry's appointments begin June 1.

Curry, who is currently on the medical staff of Pickens County Medical Center and a CCHS faculty member, is the new president of the state medical association, MASA (Medical Association of the State of Alabama).

"We are fortunate to have been able to recruit Dr. Curry. He will be a resource for the entire school of medicine," said **William Deal**, M.D., UASOM interim dean.

CCHS in Tuscaloosa is a clinical branch campus of the UASOM, whose central campus is in Birmingham. CCHS emphasizes family practice and other primary care disciplines, as well as providing education for third- and fourth-year medical students. CCHS also trains family doctors through a three-year Family Practice Residency Program, which provides medical service to the West Alabama community through UA's Capstone Medical Center and DCH Regional Medical Center.

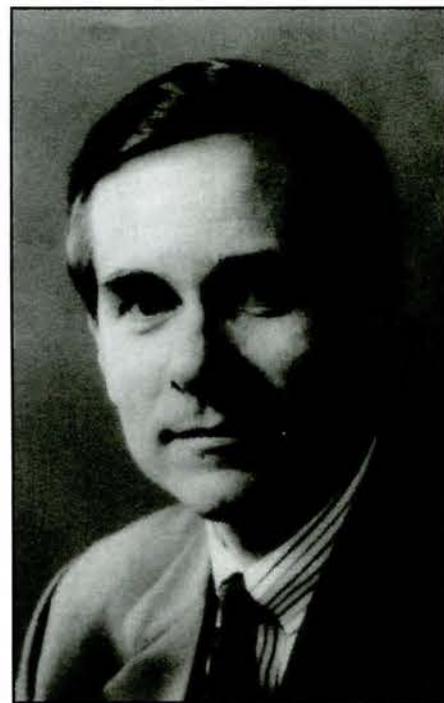
"My legacy as interim dean will be the successful recruitment of Bill Curry," said Dr. **Robert Centor**, interim associate dean of CCHS. "I don't think I can do anything during my time here that would be more important than his recruitment. Dr. Curry is a great physician and a demonstrated teacher of excellence. His experience in rural Alabama medicine will ground us, and it will give us a reference point for everything we do in medical education," added Centor who is also associate dean for primary care at UASOM, and professor and director of general internal medicine in at UAB department of medicine.

"It is a great privilege to be a teacher of medicine, and it is an honor to be a part of such an outstanding medical school. I am just as proud of the excellent system of health care in Pickens County. The physicians, the hospital, and the staff are tremendous assets. I owe a great debt to my patients and friends. They have supported and encouraged me over the years, and they are doing that now, even in this decision to accept a new role," Curry said.

Curry received his bachelor's degree from UA and his M.D. degree from Vanderbilt University. He was an intern and medical resident at Vanderbilt University Hospital, where he was also chief resident in 1981-82. Following his time in Vanderbilt, Curry settled in Carrollton, where he has also treated patients at the Carrollton Medical Clinic.

An advocate for rural medicine, Curry says a common misconception among medical students is that they will lose knowledge and skills if they choose to practice in a rural area. Curry said he has found that a rural physician actually has to have a broad range of knowledge. Rural physicians are not only challenged, but they are rewarded because they can see the difference they make in the lives of others, he notes.

In addition to his medical practice, Curry has been a faculty member in the CCHS department of internal medicine since 1979. He has conducted third-year student patient management conferences; served as a clinical preceptor; served on the search committee for department chairs; and served as a medical investigator on various research projects. He currently serves on the Board of the Capstone Health Services Foundation.



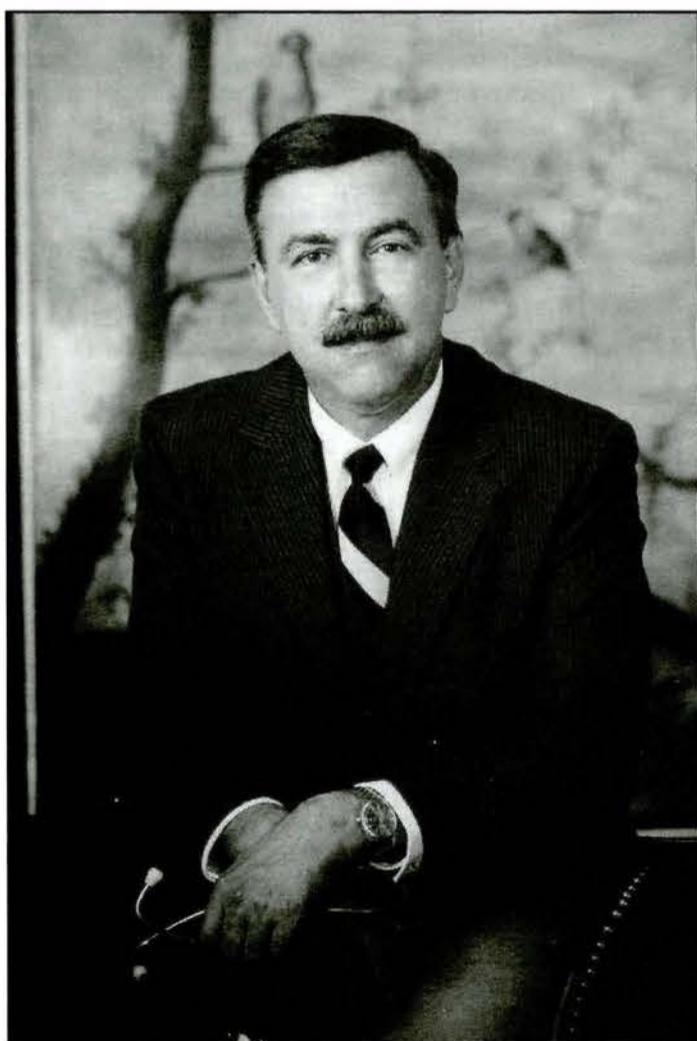
Bill Curry, M.D.

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Bill Curry, M.D.

During his tenure as chairman and vice chairman (a position he currently holds) of the Pickens County Medical Center Board, the small rural hospital there became financially stable. From the late 1980s until today, Pickens County Medical Center's budget grew from \$6 million to \$20 million, representing more than 250 jobs in Alabama's sixth poorest county. Physician staff grew from six in 1979 to 15 today. In 1988, county voters imposed a one-cent sales tax to fund the hospital's indigent care after a "lively" political campaign which resulted in passage of the tax by a wide margin.

Currently, Curry also serves as chair of the physician assistant advisory committee on the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners and as chair of the joint committee for advanced practice nurses on the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners and Alabama Board of Nursing. He has previously served as chair of the committee on primary care for the Medical Association of Alabama, chair of the Rural Alabama Health Alliance, and president of the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine.



Gerald Wallace Endowed Chair (from p. 1)

The Search Committee is seeking nominations and applications of individuals who are recognized as outstanding family medicine scholars and clinicians. Qualified applicants must be board certified in Family Medicine, possess outstanding clinical skills and have a demonstrated record in research.

"We are looking for a person with a solid interest in developing collaborative research," said Dr. McKnight. A commitment to primary care, particularly addressing needs of rural and medically underserved areas, and dedication to training of family physicians will also be determining factors.

This is the first endowed chair at UA's College of Community Health Sciences. When the endowment gift was first announced, CCHS capital campaign officers pointed out that the timing of the gift couldn't be more appropriate. Primary care physicians, and particularly family doctors, are increasingly being called upon to be the principal physicians in the health care delivery system.

"We share a common goal," said Dr. Ficken. "Both Celia Wallace and CCHS value the highest calibre of preparation and training of family physicians and the delivery of medical services in underserved areas."

Dr. Gerald Wallace (left), who had started a surgery residency, decided to go into practice instead and began his life's work as a family physician in Bay Minette, Alabama. He and his wife Celia soon moved to nearby Spanish Fort where the newly married couple started a new family practice. He later moved his practice to Saraland (on the outskirts of Mobile). He couldn't always get the hospital care he wanted for his patients, says Mrs. Wallace, "and he felt very strongly about patient care." In 1969 they began working to build their own.

The hospital he founded (Springhill Memorial in Mobile) opened in 1974. Dr. Wallace died of cancer in 1986 after a year-long illness, but Springhill and its parent company, Southern Medical Health Systems, have flourished under the leadership of his wife Celia. Her description of a good family physician is one who "listens, cares about the patients, and understands." Her gift in memory of her late husband will help CCHS in recruiting the family physician who can contribute to our training that kind of doctor, said Dr. Jerry McKnight.



News Briefs

OSCE Scheduled for August

The Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE) will be held this year August 5-14 at the former rehab facility at DCH. All third year medical students must pass the OSCE, and more than 80 students from all three UASOM campuses will rotate through nine 15-minute "stations" which present them with clinical situations. Dr. Elizabeth Philp, Associate Professor in the department of Family Medicine at CCHS, chairs the UASOM planning committee for OSCE. For more information, contact her or Pat Norton, Medical Education Project Coordinator, at 348-2880.

Garner Leads Faculty Senate

Margaret Garner, right, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at CCHS and clinical nutritionist at Capstone Medical Center, is president of the UA Faculty Senate for the coming year.



Faculty and Staff Attend AAFP Workshop to Improve Residency Program

In April, faculty and staff of the CCHS Family Practice Residency Program attended a workshop sponsored by the AAFP Residency Assistance Program in Kansas City, Mo. Faculty members Dr. McKnight and Dr. Colleen Beall accompanied staff members of the residency office and Capstone Medical Center John Maxwell, Miriam Bradley, Dianne Kerr, and Kay Hall. They attended workshops and lectures on legal aspects of medical records in family practice centers, improving operations, productivity in managed care organizations, thriving in change, teaching practice management, business plans for residency, resident recruitment and selection, and ABFP policies.

Dr. McKnight Attends Select Workshop for Family Medicine Chairs at Columbia Medical School

Dr. Jerry McKnight, Chair of Family Medicine was one of ten invited participants in a seminar held in May for chairs of family medicine. The workshop was sponsored by the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the School of Medicine, University of Missouri, Columbia.

CME Psychiatry Week Brings Top Experts to CCHS

Continuing Medical Education (CME) held a special emphasis week in May on Psychiatry. The series was sponsored by Abbott, Cerenex, Eli Lilly and Company, Meade Johnson, SmithKline Beecham, and Wyeth. Dr. Roger Lacy coordinated the Psychiatry Week planning. Speakers were George B. Murray, M.D. from Harvard Medical School, Steven Dubosky, M.D. from the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Hagop Asiskal, M.D. from the University of California at San Diego, and Robert Cloninger, M.D., from Washington University Medical School in St. Louis, Mo.



Dr. E. Eugene Marsh, Assistant Professor of Neurology in the Dept. of Psychiatry and Neurology, above in Red Suite at Capstone Medical Center with medical students, won an outstanding teaching award from graduating medical students for the second year in a row.

AAFP Meets in June

The Alabama Association of Family Practice will be held at Perdido Beach Resort June 2-6. Dr. Marc Armstrong, Dr. Jerry McKnight, and CCHS residents will attend.

Hefelfinger Observes Pediatric Care and Medical Education During Sabbatical in Okinawa and Finland

Dr. David Hefelfinger, Professor and Chair of Pediatrics, has completed a comparison (actually a contrast, he says) of graduate medical education in Japan and the U.S. following his sabbatical in Okinawa, Japan last year. He was Visiting Professor at the University of Hawaii School of Medicine at Chubu Hospital. He taught students and residents everyday and became accustomed to people bowing to him in greeting. He first became interested in eastern medical practice when he went to China about ten years ago to advise on health care as part of a U.S. State Dept. "Eisenhower People to People" trip. He enjoyed the people and culture of Okinawa, he said. He learned to eat sushi and sashimi (raw fish and raw fish with rice), octopus, squid, and seaweed. Since 99% of the people are Hindu and Buddhist, it is local custom to have a meditation room ("tatami") in one's house, "the bigger the better," said Dr. Hefelfinger. He really enjoyed the tatami ritual. He also stopped wearing shoes in the house. There are one and a half million people on a 30-mile wide island. There is no crime, and the people are scrupulously honest, he said. They are also very private, and their laughter is more often from nervousness than humor. He said he had to be careful making jokes and tell them when he was serious.

Dr. Hefelfinger spent the first two months of his sabbatical -- May and June of last year -- in Turku, Finland, working with Dr. Olli Ruuskanen, a world-reknowned pediatrician on the faculty at the University of Turku School of Medicine on pediatric infections.

Finland is the initial testing site for vaccine field trials. Dr. Hefelfinger worked with the medical research staff there on Lyme borreliosis (Lyme disease/deer tick fever) and pertussis vaccine field trial data and made hospital rounds to see patients who had Lyme disease. He observed that children's

Pieroni Receives Science Award

Dr. Robert Pieroni, Professor of Internal Medicine, received the Wright A. Gardner Award for noteworthy achievement in the field of science in Alabama from the Alabama Academy of Science at the Academy's annual meeting in February. Dr. Pieroni was previously selected as one of two physicians on the FDA's Good Manufacturing Practice Committee for Medical Devices, and his evaluations were in the *Congressional Record*.

Dr. Pieroni, a reserve military officer who served during "Desert Storm" in the middle east several years ago, gave a slide/talk presentation in May on "Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia and the Persian Gulf Syndrome" to the support group for CFS at the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services. In a previous reserve assignment in Honduras, he was Officer in Charge during "Nuevos Horizontes," a Joint Task Force Medical Readiness Training Exercise engaged in providing medical care to civilians in remote communities.

CCHS Pediatrician Ashley Evans Works with High Risk Babies

Dr. Ashley Evans, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, provides follow-up care and well-baby checkups for babies who are at risk because of low birthweight or who were placed in the high risk nursery after birth in a weekly clinic held at Capstone Medical Center. Linda Boyd of Partlow Developmental Center and the public health department operate the clinic, and CMC donates space and nursing expertise.



Dr. Hefelfinger, above making a presentation in Tuscaloosa on pediatric vaccinations, participated in vaccine research while in Finland last year. He was also Visiting Professor in Okinawa.

hospital stays are longer than those in this country, and he attributed it to the publicly funded health care delivery system.

Finland enjoys a very child-oriented atmosphere, he said, and they place great value on the nuclear family. A family in Finland usually gathers in their home's sauna together at the end of the day instead of watching TV, as families in the U.S. usually do. Breast feeding is more widespread, the average number of prenatal visits for expectant mothers in Finland is 8.4 (9 visits are recommended), and Finland leads the world with the lowest rate of infant mortality. There is an ongoing aggressive public information campaign on birth control and safe sex there, he noted.

The sun didn't go down until midnight. He found it difficult to sleep, so he played golf at 11:00 p.m.

Honors Convocation Awards Presented (from p. 1)

outstanding contributions to undergraduate medical education during the class's junior year. The *Patrick McCue Award* for outstanding contributions to undergraduate medical education during the class's senior year was presented to Dr. **Joseph Wallace**, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery. Dr. **Kent Kanatani** was honored by the senior class with the Resident Recognition Award for outstanding teaching by a resident.

Dr. **Garry Magouirk**, an adjunct faculty member who has a family practice in Fayette, Alabama, received the 1997 *Community Medicine Preceptor Award* presented annually by the Department of Behavioral & Community Medicine. This award recognizes excellence and dedication in teaching during the Community/Rural Medicine clerkship and honors a preceptor who exemplifies the principles of community/rural medicine in practice.

Stephen Leonard Barnes won the Veterans Affairs Medical Center "*Student of the Year*" designation, and the *Larry Mayes Memorial Award*, which provides assistance for work in an underserved area of this country or any country, was presented to third year medical student **Christopher R. Duggar**. The award is given by the Mayes family in memory of Larry Mayes, a CCHS medical student who died in 1986 during a rotation in Africa shortly before his graduation from medical school. Duggar, a student on the Birmingham campus of UASOM plans to use the stipend accompanying this award to help fund his elective working in cooperation with the Philadelphia Health Dept. at the Esperanza Health Center and particularly with Latino children in Philadelphia.

Members of the graduating class on the CCHS campus are Jimmie Dale Bailey, II, M.D.; Stephen Leonard Barnes, M.D.; Sarah Lynn Bisch, M.D.; April Christina Butsch, M.D.; Stephen William Chandler, M.D.; James Dale Chaney, M.D.; George Andrew Corbett, M.D.; William Elwin Crawford, M.D.; Bradley Edgar Jacobs, M.D.; Larry Ray Johnston, M.D.; Jason Clay Junkins, M.D.; Thomas Kevin Lackey, M.D.; Julie Anne Lamb, M.D.; Daniel Richard Marsh, M.D.; Charles Alan Ogles, M.D.; James Lake Parker, M.D.; Joi Michelle Robinson, M.D.; James Henry Rutland, III, M.D.; Jeff Lee Ryan, M.D.; Erik Christian Summers, M.D.; and David Theodore Verzino, M.D.

Cathy Gresham, M.D., Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Director of Medical Student Affairs, convened the awards ceremony, and Robert Centor, M.D., Interim Dean, introduced members of the graduating class. Dr. Stephen Barnes, class president, introduced the guest speaker: Robert E. Rakel, M.D., Professor and Chair of Family Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Rakel, editor of *Textbook of Family Practice*, is a well-known medical lecturer and writer.

Departmental awards were presented to outstanding seniors by faculty in each discipline: John Wheat, M.D., Behavioral & Community Medicine; Bobbi Adcock, M.D., Family Medicine; Cathy Gresham, M.D., Internal Medicine; Thomas J. McHattie, M.D., Obstetrics and Gynecology; Michael Taylor, M.D., Pediatrics; Joseph Wallace, M.D., Surgery; and Dr. Wheat, Research award.



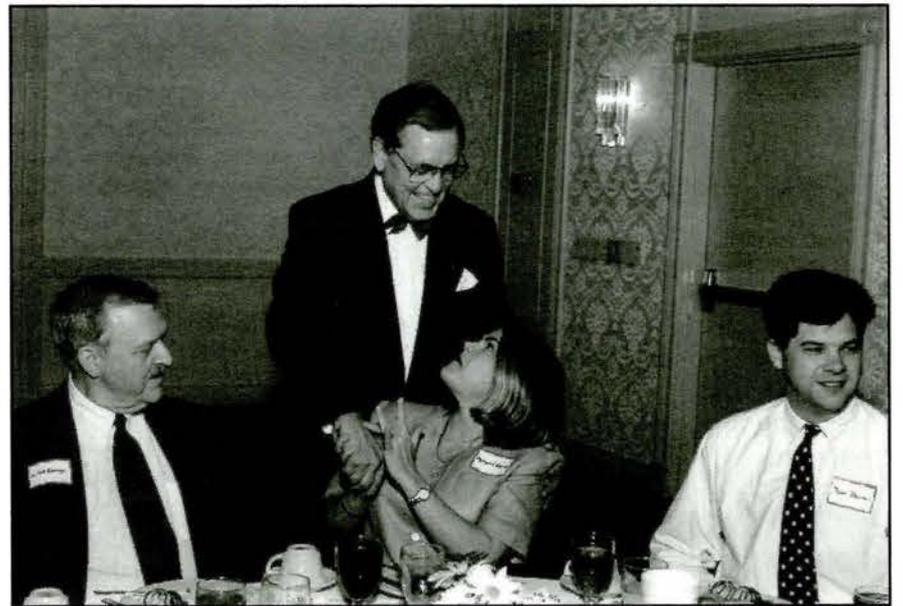
Dr. Bill Curry (right) congratulates Dr. David Verzino and presents him with the 1997 Scholastic Achievement Award for the highest grade point average during the class's clinical years at CCHS.

Departmental Awards

<i>Robert F. Gloor Award</i>	
Behavioral & Community Med	Stephen Leonard Barnes
Family Medicine Award	James Lake Parker
Internal Medicine Award	James Henry Rutland, III
<i>Finney/Akers Memorial Award</i>	
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Bradley Edgar Jacobs, and Joi Michelle Robinson
Pediatrics Award	Julie Anne Lamb
<i>Peter Bryce Award</i>	
Psychiatry	Julie Anne Lamb
Surgery Award	Stephen Leonard Barnes
Research Award	Jeff Lee Ryan



Senior Class President Stephen Barnes, M.D., accepts congratulations from CCHS faculty member and University of Alabama President Andrew Sorensen at the 1997 Honors Convocation in Tuscaloosa in May.



Family Medicine faculty member Margaret Garner, seated center, greets Dr. Andrew Sorensen at the Honors Convocation dinner. Dr. Bill Owings (left), Clinical Professor of Family Medicine, and third year medical student Jason Thurman (right) also attended the Honors Convocation dinner to recognize the 1997 graduates.



Eric Summers, M.D., (r) chosen by his class as the Tuscaloosa senior who best personifies the art and practice of medicine, receives the *James H. Akers Memorial Award* from class President Stephen Barnes, M.D., during Honors Convocation.



Julie Lamb, M.D., receives the *Peter Bryce Award* from Dr. Roger Lacy, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, for outstanding work in that department during her clinical years. Dr. Lamb also won the departmental award for pediatrics.



Dr. Cathy Gresham, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, presents the departmental award for Internal Medicine to James H. Rutland, III, M.D.

NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCH PROGRAM-1997

CCHS 97 GRAD	PROGRAM	SPECIALTY
Jimmie D. Bailey	Eglin AFB Medical Center, Eglin AFB, FL	Family Medicine
Stephen L. Barnes	Univ. of Kentucky Medical Center Lexington, KY	Surgery
Sarah L. Bisch	University of North Carolina Hospitals Chapel Hill, N.C.	Psychiatry
April C. Butsch	Baptist Medical Centers, Birmingham, AL	Internal Medicine
Stephen W. Chandler	West Virginia University Hospital Morgantown, WV	Prelim. Surgery/ ENT
James D. Chaney	Univ. of South AL Medical Center, Mobile, AL	Surgery
George Drew Corbett	Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation New Orleans, LA	Orthopedic Surgery
William Elwin Crawford	Earl K. Long Medical Center Baton Rouge, LA	Emergency Medicine
Bradley E. Jacobs	Bowman Gray/N. Carolina Baptist Winston-Salem, NC	OB/GYN
Larry R. Johnston	Carraway Methodist Medical Center Birmingham, AL	Family Medicine
Jason C. Junkins	Univ. of South Alabama Medical Center Mobile, AL	Medicine/Pediatrics
Thomas Kevin Lackey	UAB Medical Center, Birmingham, AL	Prelim. Surgery/Anes.
Julie A. Lamb	UAB Medical Center, Birmingham, AL	Psychiatry
Daniel R. Marsh	Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI	Physical Med./Rehab.
C. Alan Ogles	Selma Family Medicine Center, Selma, AL	Family Medicine
James L. Parker	Tuscaloosa Family Medicine, Tuscaloosa, AL	Family Medicine
Joi M. Robinson	University Health Center of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	OB/GYN
James H. Rutland	Methodist Hospital of Memphis Memphis, TN	Internal Medicine
Jeff L. Ryan	Baptist Medical Centers, Birmingham, AL	Prelim. Surgery
Erik C. Summers	East Carolina University/Pitt Coun. Greenville, NC	Internal Medicine
David T. Verzino	Bowman Gray/N. Carolina Baptist Winston-Salem, NC	Anesthesiology

Rural Health Scholars from Across State Will Attend UA Summer Program to Learn about Medical Careers

The Rural Health Scholars Program (RHSP) is a summer program for high school students, provided in conjunction with the UA College of Arts and Sciences. The purpose is to help recruit eligible potential pre-med students from rural counties. This program will be conducted for the fifth time this summer on the UA campus with funding from the Alabama Family Practice Rural Health Board and several small community hospitals. The Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA) and the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) helped with funding to start RHSP and provide scholarships for some of its first students.

RHSP brings bright, interested eleventh graders from medically underserved counties in Alabama to campus for a special five-week session each summer. The students experience college life, take college courses for credit, attend special lectures by health professionals, and take field trips to medical facilities. Dr. Wheat, who also directs the CCHS Community/Rural Medicine rotation for third year medical students, founded the program and works closely with planners each year to ensure the goals are met. John Wheat, M.D., M.P.H., and colleagues at UA, the UA School of Medicine, RAHA (Rural Alabama Health Alliance), and the state Family Practice Rural Health Board are developing rural education programs based on the concept of a "pipeline" that -- in his words -- "attracts rural students into an educational track designed to produce excellent primary care physicians for rural Alabama."

High school students who will attend the 1997 Rural Health Scholars program competed for admission and receive scholarships to attend the program. They represent a number of rural counties in the state.



Above: 1996 Rural Medical Scholars (left to right) **Trey Lightsey** of Centreville, **Stephanie Morgan** of Cedar Bluff, and **Elizabeth Smith** of Monroeville were three of the first ten rural medical scholars. They dressed differently for field trips to learn about rural medicine. Several medical scholars and former rural health scholars who are now in premed courses made a field trip to a catfish farm this spring. Below: (l-r) April Brown and Sherea Bowden, 1993 rural health scholars; rural medical scholars Allison Edwards, Angela Wilson, and Elizabeth Smith; catfish farmer Mr. Woody Wiggins; and rural medical scholars Drake Lavender and Kevin Ellis.



1997 Rural Health Scholars

William Oscar Adams, Winfield
 Jessica Nicole Baggett, Robertsedale
 Shannon Latrice Barnes, McIntosh
 Melanie Juanita Brown, Lisman
 Jason Edward Burgett, Albertville
 Tamara Chanette Carrinton, Selma
 Elizabeth Marie Conner, Aliceville
 William Michael Cooper, Talladega
 James Luther Cox, Holly Pond
 Mark Edward Crager, Millry
 Michael Coy Gaddis, Centreville
 Amanda Diane Gamble, Hanceville
 Matthew Clayton Green, Crossville
 Joe Albert Harris, Greensboro
 Haley Dawn Justice, Selma
 Tiara Chantrell Love, Thomasville
 Brandy Noelle Maples, Grant
 Tatum Adams McArthur, Greeneville
 Rachel Allison McCain, Millry
 Monyetta Nicole Nation, Coatopa
 Jessie Edwards Newman, Salem
 Hari Chimam Patel, Athens
 Chaina Charlenita Smith, Selma
 Michal LaShae Stallworth, Brewton
 Shakira Nicole Thomas, Evergreen
 Joseph Seth Walker, Winfield
 Keldrick Rashuun Walker, Selma

Marion County
 Baldwin County
 Washington County
 Choctaw County
 Marshall County
 Dallas County
 Pickens County
 Talladega County
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Rural Medical Scholars Get Headstart on Medical School, Insight into Primary Care Practice

The Rural Medical Scholars Program (RMSP) at the University of Alabama School of Medicine College of Community Health Sciences selects ten outstanding rural scholars each year to prepare for Family Medicine or primary care practice in Alabama. The RMSP selects Rural Medical Scholars a year early, enrolls them in preparatory courses on the University of Alabama campus in Tuscaloosa in the year prior to matriculation to medical school, and provides a track of primary care instruction supportive of rural practice.

Each Rural Medical Scholar will complete a year of general or graduate college study at the University of Alabama including two courses, Rural Issues in the Fall and Introduction to Rural Medicine in the Spring. Rural Medical Scholars will study at UAB for two years to complete Basic Medical Sciences in the University of Alabama School of Medicine. They will return to the School of Medicine branch campus in Tuscaloosa, the College of Community Health Sciences, to complete Clinical Clerkships (two years). Starting in the Summer prior to enrolling at UAB, Rural Medical Scholars will be involved in special medical experiences, including rural Preceptorships, Research, and Community Health Fairs.

Scholars are selected for admission based on characteristics -- including academic, personal, teamwork, and self-motivation -- that predict their abilities to become outstanding rural physicians. The RMSP Admissions Committee will be composed predominantly of primary care practitioners in rural practice and Tuscaloosa campus faculty with representation from the larger Admissions Committee of the School of Medicine at UAB.

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CCHS Hosts Research Seminars on Rural Health

The College of Community Health Sciences joined this spring with the Capstone College of Nursing, the School of Social Work, and the Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR) to present a series of three research seminars. Dr. John Wheat, who organized the conferences, said the purpose was to stimulate interdisciplinary research in rural health. Funding was provided by CCHS and the UA Provost's office.

Henry Francis, M.D., Chief of the Clinical Medicine branch of the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), was the first speaker. He discussed AIDS and drug abuse with regard to rural impact from an international perspective. At a second luncheon seminar, Dr. **Dennis Frate**, who is Research Professor at the University of Mississippi, spoke on rural environmental health research there and how the program is branching out. Dr. **Frank Farmer**, Professor of Rural Sociology at the University of Arkansas, concluded the series with information on rurality, race, and infant mortality.



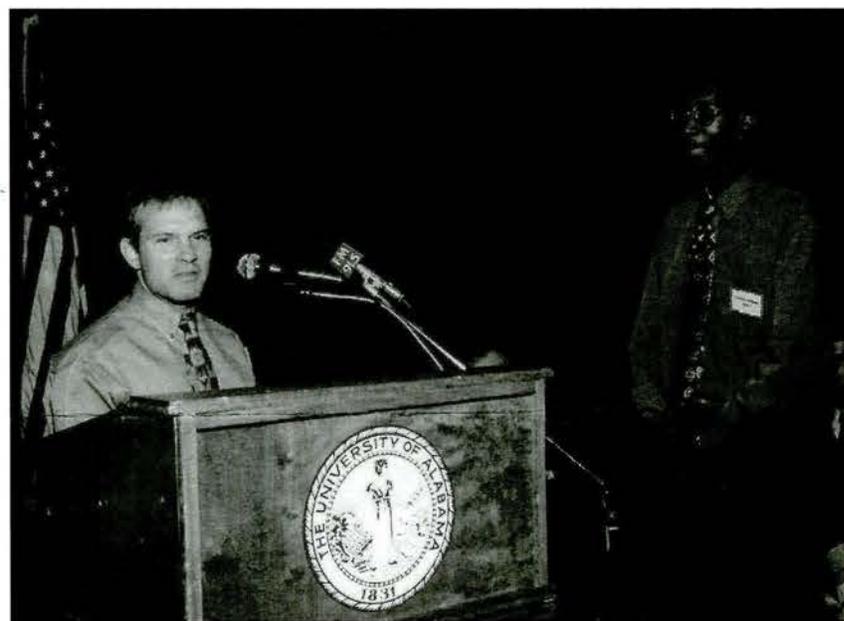
Above: Dr. Debra McCallum, Director of the Institute for Social Science Research; Dr. Susie Spence, Associate Professor, School of Social Work; Dr. Henry Francis from NIDA, the first research seminar speaker, and Dr. John Wheat, CCHS. Left: Dr. Dennis Frate addresses an interdisciplinary audience interested in rural research at the second seminar.

CME Presents Emergency Medicine Series in July and August

The Emergency Medicine Series, which was initiated by the CCHS Continuing Medical Education Committee in 1982, was designed to provide physicians in training and practicing physicians with the latest information on diagnosing and treating illness and trauma. The Emergency Medicine Series is presented by experts in most medical specialties and is designed for physicians in training, but it is a concise review and update for practitioners or personnel in all medical fields.

Lisa Russell, Director of the Health Sciences Library, chairs the CME Committee, and members are **Bobbi Adcock, M.D.**, Family Medicine; **Ashley Evans, M.D.**, Pediatrics; **Roger Lacy, M.D.**, and **Eugene Marsh, M.D.**, Neurology/Psychiatry; **Thomas McHattie, M.D.**, OB/GYN; **Mike Robards, M.D.**, Internal Medicine; **Timothy Winkler, M.D.**, Surgery; **John Wheat, M.D.**, Behavioral and Community Medicine; **William Winternitz, M.D.**, Internal Medicine; **Robert Eaton, M.D.**, and **Zohra Khambatti, M.D.**, Family Practice Residents; and **Vicki Johnson**.

Jackson Receives RAHA Scholarship Honoring Harold Reed



Derrick Jackson (r), a premed student from Perry County near Greensboro, Alabama, received the Harold Reed scholarship this year from the Rural Alabama Health Alliance (RAHA). Presenting the scholarship award honoring Harold Reed of Fayette County is RAHA Board member Blane Schilling, M.D., a family physician in Carrollton. The scholarship is awarded to encourage students from rural areas to continue their studies in medical/health care fields and return to rural areas to practice. RAHA members practicing in small towns serve as preceptors for CCHS students and residents, and RAHA works closely with CCHS and other organizations interested in rural health care to initiate and implement programs to recruit and assist students from rural counties who are interested in medicine and returning to small communities and underserved counties to provide medical care.

Emergency Medicine Series 1997

July

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| 1 | Michael Robards, M.D. | "Acute Rental Failure" |
| 3 | David Hefelfinger, M.D. | "Fluids & Electrolytes" |
| 8 | George Nunn, M.D. | "Trauma to the Chest" |
| 10 | Keith DeBell, M.D. | "DKA & Related Emergencies" |
| 11 | Stephen Ikard, M.D. | "Orthopaedic Emergencies" |
| 15 | Philip Bobo, M.D. | "Airway Management" |
| 17 | Ob/Gyn topic | TBA |
| 18 | David Rice, M.D. | "Respiratory Failure" |
| 22 | Charles Nevels, M.D. | "Psychiatric Emergencies I" |
| 24 | Charles Nevels, M.D. | "Psychiatric Emergencies II" |
| 25 | Albert White, M.D. | TBA |
| 29 | Omar Smith, M.D. | "Urological Emergencies" |
| 31 | Robert Centor, M.D. | "Congestive Heart Failure" |

August

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| 1 | TBA | |
| 5 | Philip Bobo, M.D. | "Trauma w/ Multiple Injuries" |
| 7 | Ashley Evans, M.D. | TBA |
| 8 | James Shotts, M.D. | "ENT Emergencies" |
| 12 | A. B. Reddy, M.D. | "Upper GI Bleeding" |
| 14 | George Kudirka, M.D. | "Eye Emergencies" |
| 15 | TBA | TBA |
| 19 | John Mantle, M.D. | "Renal Vascular Hypertension" |
| 21 | S. B. Sundar, M.D. | "Lower GI Bleeding" |
| 22 | William Rogers, M.D. | "Treatment of AMI" |
| 28 | Anne Lewis, M.D. | "Arrhythmias" |
| 29 | Barry Darden, M.D. | "Acute Abdomen" |

CME lectures begin at noon in the Willard Auditorium at DCH Regional Medical Center. For more information, call Vicki Johnson, CME Coordinator, (205) 348-0093.

Please send alumni news to **OnRounds** to share with your former classmates and faculty. Be sure to include the date of your CCHS graduation from medical school or the family practice residency program and your current address and phone numbers. We are interested in where you are practicing and other personal or professional updates since you left the college (articles published, community service, local newspaper clippings about you, presentations or courses taught, honors, elected positions, career changes, etc.) Send pictures.

Notes from Alums

Barbara Geater, M.D. (Family Practice Residency graduate, 1996), has returned to Memphis where she received her M.D. degree at the University of Tennessee School of Medicine. She is half of a partnership, Rentrop and Geater. Her office phone is (901) 948-5558. She recently made a generous gift to the Lister Hill Society.

Rick Graves, M.D. (FPR grad, '96) has joined former graduates Brian Elrod and Jeff Mathis in family practice in Montgomery.



Lister Hill Society Seeks Highest Standards for Medical Education

The Lister Hill Society was established to provide private support and community involvement to accomplish the highest level of excellence in medical education, research, and outreach at the College of Community Health Sciences (CCHS).

The mission of CCHS - the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Tuscaloosa Program- is to equip physicians to provide primary care to families, with particular emphasis on the needs of rural and underserved areas. CCHS, founded in 1972, has had significant success in supplying primary care physicians to Alabama families. More than 200 physicians have completed their family practice residencies here, making this program one of the largest family medicine training programs in the Southeast.

CCHS also provides clinical training to third and fourth year medical students completing the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Our students consistently score above the national average on board examinations and win admission to prestigious residencies.

The standards and achievements of CCHS are high -- but not without cost. The support of alumni and friends of the college is vital, especially as funding for education continues to erode. We need the help of those who have a stake in making sure that quality medical education and primary care training continue. Please join us in this critical effort to ensure that physicians of the future get the best possible training today.

-Will Coggins, M.D.

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Contributions from alumni and friends to the Lister Hill Society fund cash awards to recognize outstanding medical students and residents, special projects to enhance medical education curriculum or facilities, student travel to professional meetings, alumni publications, research expenses, and library information.

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