The Dean's Corner

This issue of On Rounds features the accomplishments of the recently graduated class of medical students on this campus and recognizes that for the past two years one of our students has been selected as the highest scholastic achiever in the three-campus University of Alabama School of Medicine system. This is particularly noteworthy because only one-eighth of each class is assigned to this campus for the final two years of medical school. The Tuscaloosa faculty, which includes many of the practicing physicians in the community, should take pride in the accomplishments of these individuals and, equally so, in the accomplishments of the entire class.

As those who have just graduated are well aware, the operational meaning of the M.D. degree has changed markedly in the past two decades. It entitles one to be called "doctor," for what that is worth. For 95 percent of those graduating each year, the principal entitlement is that of being allowed to compete for an increasingly selective array of training programs that are the final stage in the process of becoming a physician who can practice. These programs vary in length from three years to six. Only a handful of states allow the M.D. recipient to practice without these additional years of training, and even in those, few hospitals would grant practice privileges to a physician who had failed to complete an accredited residency training program. Our graduates distinguished themselves this year in the prestige of the residency programs in which they were accepted. All are entering medical school-based programs, where continual evaluation of their performance is assured.

I do not imply that earning the degree of Doctor of Medicine is a small achievement, but I would emphasize that now, and for the future, it is only a necessary stepping stone to the next level of training and to further evaluation of the individual's competence, eventually, to practice medicine.

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Ninth Annual Convocation
Honors the Class of '85

The College of Community Health Sciences Honors Convocation for graduating seniors was held at the North River Yacht Club on May 18, 1985. The distinguished speaker for the event was Dr. William Gerald Rainer, M.D., Director of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Colorado.

Mari Anne McGoff received the CCHS Scholastic Achievement Award for highest grade point average during the clinical years, the Internal Medicine Award, the Surgery Award, and the Outstanding Senior Student Award from her classmates. At the University of Alabama School of Medicine convocation ceremonies in Birmingham on May 19, Dr. McGoff received the Hugh J. Dempsey
Women of the Year

Mari Ann McGoff accepting the Scholastic Achievement Award from Dr. Roland Ficken, Director of Medical Student Affairs; Ann Elizabeth Wade receiving the Obstetrics/Gynecology Award from Dr. Mary Joyce McGinnis, who received the Faculty Recognition Award for the Junior Year.

Memorial Award, the highest award presented to a member of the graduating class. Last year's winner of the Dempsey Award, Dr. Neil Moss, was also a graduate of CCHS.

Ann Elizabeth Wade was presented the William R. Willard Award for outstanding contributions to the goals and mission of the college by Dr. Willard, founding dean of CCHS. Dr. Wade also received the Obstetrics/Gynecology Award and the Pediatrics Award. At the UASOM convocation in Birmingham, she received the J. Marion Sims Award, which is presented to a member of the graduating class who has exhibited outstanding abilities in the study of obstetrics/gynecology.

Dr. Robert Northrup, Professor and Chief of Community Medicine, presented the Kurt Deuschle Award to Slater Benjamin Lowry and the Community Medicine Preceptor Award to Dr. Garry Magouirk, a 1980 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, and a 1983 graduate of the CCHS Family Practice Residency Program, who is now in practice in Berry, Alabama.

Dr. Ralph Jones, Professor and Chief of Psychiatry, presented the Peter Bryce Award to Ellen King Schlefer. The Award for Scholarly Activity went to junior medical student Clifford M. Davidson.

Dean Wilmer J. Coggins recognized the class's Alpha Omega Alpha members: David Norman Bolus, Velimir Anthony Luketic, Michael Scott Manning, Mari Anne McGoff, and Ann Elizabeth Wade.

David Norman Bolus, President of the Study Body, presided over the presentation of awards voted by the senior class for outstanding contributions to medical education: The Resident Recognition Award was presented to Dr. Joe Allen Dunn. Dr. Mary Joyce McGinnis, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology, received the Faculty Recognition Award for the Junior Year. For the fourth time, the Faculty Recognition Award for the Senior Year went to Dr. Patrick McCue, Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine.
Mari Anne McGoff, M.D.

Dr. Mari Anne McGoff, a 1985 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, received the Hugh J. Dempsey Memorial Award at convocation ceremonies in Birmingham on May 19. The award, the highest for a member of the graduating class, is based on cumulative academic achievement during the entire four years as a student of the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Dr. McGoff was one of only two magna cum laude graduates among the 162 members of the Class of '85.

At the CCHS Honors Convocation on May 18, Dr. McGoff received the Scholastic Achievement Award for highest grade point average during the clinical years, the Internal Medicine Award, the Surgery Award, and the Outstanding Senior Student Award, which is presented by the senior class for dedication to the art and science of medicine.

Dr. McGoff, one of eight children, was raised in Decatur, Georgia. She graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor of science degree in medical technology. She entered medical school in 1981, and at the end of her basic science years, made the highest score ever at UASOM on Part I of the National Boards (775).

In July, Dr. McGoff will enter the surgery residency at Barnes Hospital, Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis, Missouri). She says that she liked the idea of surgery before she entered medical school, but then considered other fields, especially family medicine and obstetrics/gynecology. However, Dr. William Shamblin, Associate Professor and Chief of Surgery, supported and encouraged her choice; at one point, he arranged for her to talk with Dr. Lucie King, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, to show her that a woman can be successful and happy as a surgeon. Dr. McGoff says that the one-to-one relationship with practicing surgeons in the CCHS program provides medical students with the best training in the system.

Dr. McGoff likes to teach and be taught and was, therefore, especially attracted to the seven-year residency at Barnes Hospital because it includes two research years in preparation for academic surgery. If Dr. McGoff's performance and achievements to date are any indication, Alabama would indeed be fortunate if she, like many others, returns to the state where she received her medical training to practice and to teach.

The Incoming Junior Class

The following students will enter the Tuscaloosa program for their third year of medical school on July 1, 1985:

Richard E. BEVERLY (Richard), a native of Warner Robins, Georgia, graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry.

Robert G. BISHOP, Jr. (Bo), from Franklin, Tennessee, graduated with honors from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

Franklin Keith BUFFORD, Jr. (Keith) is another Auburn University graduate with a degree in biology. He also lists Auburn, Alabama, as his hometown.

Stephen J. CLARK (Steve), a resident of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, received his bachelor of arts degree in English and then attended the University of Massachusetts on a graduate fellowship.
Spencer J. COLEMAN (Spencer), from Greensboro, Alabama, received his bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Alabama.

Robert Joseph CROW, Jr. (Joe), a native of Gadsden, Alabama, graduated from the University of Alabama with a bachelor of science in biochemistry.

Teresa K. FINNEY (Teresa), from Reform, Alabama, was a President's Merit Scholar at the University of Alabama. She received her bachelor of science degree in chemistry.

Jeffery R. GRIMES (Jeff), from Birmingham, Alabama, graduated cum laude from Birmingham-Southern College with majors in biology and religion and philosophy.

William Shane LEE (Shane), a native of Hueytown, Alabama, graduated from Auburn University with a major in chemistry.

Charles S. MOSTELLER (Charles), from Mobile, Alabama, graduated cum laude from the College of Charleston (South Carolina) with a major in biology.

Mark A. MUSSILL (Mark), also from Mobile, Alabama, was a Dean's Roll of Honor graduate of Spring Hill College with a major in biology.

Charles W. NOLEN, Jr. (Chuck), whose hometown is Fayette, Alabama, graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts in history and a law degree from the University of Alabama.

Denford Keith RATHHEL (Keith) was a Dean's List graduate of Huntington College with a major in chemistry. He is from Dozier, Alabama.

Barry A. RIPPS (Barry), from Mobile, Alabama, was a Dean's List graduate of Vanderbilt University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

John F. ROBERTSON (John), a native of Clayton, Alabama, received his bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Alabama.

Gary J. ROSENTHAL (Gary), from Birmingham, Alabama, graduated cum laude from the University of Alabama with a degree in microbiology.

Robin A. SPOON (Robin) received her bachelor's degree in music from the University of South Alabama; she is from Mobile, Alabama.

John B. WOODS (John), from Phenix City Alabama, received his bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Auburn University.

Practice Sites of 1985 Residency Graduates

Of the eleven residents completing the CCHS Family Practice Residency Program on June 30, 1985, ten plan to practice as family physicians. Eight of the eleven will be located in counties with full or partial designations as Primary Care Health Manpower Shortage Areas; three of the four remaining in Alabama will be in shortage areas. Also of interest, ten out of eleven will be in practice in their home states, which in nine cases were the states where they attended medical school.

Half of the graduates will be joining family practice groups of more than two persons: Dr. J. Trent Beaton in Wynne, Arkansas; Dr. David W. Bennett in Birmingham, Alabama; Dr. Gloria J. Butler in Port Gibson, Mississippi; and Drs. Randall R. Hankins and Robert L. Walker in Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

Drs. Daveta Best Dozier and Frank L. Dozier plan to establish a new two-person practice in Thomasville, Alabama. Dr. Robert E. Lahasky will be in a two-person group in New Iberia, Louisiana.

Dr. Jerry T. McKnight is joining a multispecialty group in Decatur, Tennessee. Dr. Grady A. Thompson will be working with the Maude L. Whatley Health Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Dr. Mark T. Simpson will practice as an emergency medicine physician in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Ninety-two physicians have now completed the CCHS Family Practice Residency Program; forty-four graduates are practicing in Alabama.
Dr. Northrup Goes to Washington

Dr. Robert NORTHUP, Professor and Chief of Community Medicine, has been granted a two-year leave of absence from CCHS to accept the position of technical director of the PRITECH project, which is based in Washington and funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). PRITECH's purpose is to combat child mortality through initiating or strengthening national oral rehydration programs and other effective technologies in a number of developing countries. The project is run by a consortium headed by Management Sciences for Health, a Boston-based nonprofit consulting firm well-known in international health, and including the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. The project's budget is expected to be approximately $18 million for five years.

USAID's Office of Health, which supervises the project, has also requested that Dr. Northrup provide technical advice to that office as a regular function of his PRITECH position. Therefore, he will be participating in USAID program review from the inside although administratively placed outside the government. A third major function of the PRITECH director will be to assist the major private voluntary organizations (CARE-MEDICO, Catholic Relief Services, etc.) in designing and monitoring their projects in this area. Overall, he will be involved with the planning, implementing, and/or evaluating of perhaps $175 million or more of activities in child health worldwide.

The request from USAID that he serve in this position, based as it is on his long involvement with diarrhea and oral therapy as well as his international experience, has come as a personal call to service and is an enormous tribute to his standing in the international community.

HSL News

Personal Access to Health Science Databases: End-User Searching

End-user searching makes it possible for personal computer users to conduct their own literature searches. Until recently, a trained librarian had to perform computerized literature searches on a fee-for-service basis. In response to the burgeoning interest in end-user searching that accompanied the personal computer boom, several companies have developed software for the microcomputer. These systems, which allow novice searchers to access a number of databases, are usually menu-driven, prompting the user with choices. They can be searched using natural language rather than special controlled vocabulary terms.

Large or complex searches still require the special training and experience of the library staff, but the availability of this new software means that simple computer searches may be performed instantly, at the user's convenience, in the home or office.

In addition to developing software for general personal computer users, some vendors are producing databases tailored to the information needs of health professionals. These include GTE MINET, BRS/Saunders Colleague Medical, PaperChase, and PDQ.

Databases often contain more than bibliographic citations and abstracts. Some include the full texts of medical books and journals, and others are comprehensive banks of information on a topic, kept up to date by experts in the field. Nomenclature, patents, regulations, summaries of on-going research, names of resource people, and telephone numbers are examples of other information that can be retrieved "online."

For a list and description of the companies and products of special interest to the health practitioner, call the Health Sciences Library Reference Department, 348-4950, Extension 364.
The Lister Hill Society

The Lister Hill Society welcomes the following new members:

Aaron Aronov
Thomas A. Bartlett, Ph.D.
W. Reid Bell III, M.D.
Phillip K. Bobo, M.D.
Marcia J. Chesebro, M.D.
Wilmer J. Coggins, M.D.
William A. Curry, M.D.
Shirley P. Florence
Brent B. Goodwin
William A. Hill, Jr., M.D.
John A. Mantle, M.D.
David R. Mauritsen, M.D.
Charles T. Nevels, M.D.
Beverly C. Phifer
James M. Row, M.D.
Robert L. Snow, M.D.
W. Larry Tucker, M.D.

The Lister Hill Society, in conjunction with the University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences, is dedicated to the support and advancement of family medicine and community health throughout Alabama and the nation.

Mandated by the Alabama Legislature in 1971 to address the scarcity of practicing physicians in small towns and rural areas, the College of Community Health Sciences has marshalled the university's total resources toward this end.

Members of the Lister Hill Society provide an invaluable source of private support for the College of Community Health Sciences by underwriting new programs, purchasing urgently needed equipment, and strengthening established programs in family medicine. In addition, the society serves as a steering committee to provide the college with evaluations and recommendations for meeting community medical needs and to assist it in recognizing and responding to proposed future directions for the college.

The Lister Hill Society offers five classes of membership: Corporate, $10,000 and more; Life, $5,000; Patron, $250; Sustaining, $100; and Active, $50. For additional information and membership cards, please contact David E. Lewis, Ed.D., College of Community Health Sciences, University of Alabama, 348-7942.

Appointments, Honors, and Awards

Dr. William DESHAZO has been promoted to Professor of Family Medicine, effective August 16, 1985.

Dr. David HEFELFINGER, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, has been awarded tenure as of August 1985. He has also received an appointment as Adjunct Clinical Professor in the Capstone College of Nursing.

Judy HODGES, Staff Assistant to the Assistant Dean for Financial Planning and Management, has been elected to the board of directors of Parents Anonymous.

Dr. Stephen IKARD has been appointed Clinical Assistant Professor by the Department of Surgery.

Catherine JACKSON, Staff Assistant, Department of Psychiatry, has been elected president of the Capstone Civitan Club for 1985-86.

Dr. H. Gordon KING, Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, received the Golden Stethoscope Award from the family practice residents at the Lampoon on May 11, 1985.

Greg LEDET, part-time Circulation Clerk, Health Sciences Library, has been promoted to full-time Library Clerk II.

The new chief residents for 1985-86 are Dr. Steve LOVELADY and Dr. Norman STEVENS.

Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, has been appointed to the Northeast Gerontological Society Awards Committee; he has been elected vice-chairman of the Clinical Science section of the Alabama Academy of Science; he is president-elect of the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine for 1985-86 and has been reappointed editor of the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine Newsletter; he has been appointed to the Group for Interdisciplinary Education in Geriatrics/Gerontology for the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education; and he has been elected a fellow of the American Geriatrics Society.
The following employees of CCHS received Service Awards from the University of Alabama during the 1984-85 academic year:

For 15 years: Shirley CULP, Assistant to the Dean.

For 10 years: Deborah CAUSEY, Medical Transcriptionist, CMC; Sarah DEMELLIER, Coordinator of Sponsored Programs and External Affairs; Shirley FLORENCE, Staff Assistant, Office of Education; Dr. Riley LUMPKIN, Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education and Professional Relations; Carolyn MOBLEY, Case Review Clerk, CMC; Eva PATE, Medical Transcriptionist, CMC; Bernice PRICE, Manager of Budgets and Accounting, Dean's Office; Barbara SELP, Business Office Manager, CMC; Carol SUTTON, Medical Assistant, CMC; and Mary Leta TAYLOR, Coordinator of Academic Services, Office of Medical Student Affairs.

For 5 years: Theresa BOWDEN, Departmental Secretary, Department of Community Medicine; Mary CHAMBERS, Administrative Secretary, CMC; Sue CHRISTIAN, Secretary II, Dean's Office; Jackie CLARK, Insurance and Collections Supervisor, CMC; Jan GOWER, Secretary III, Family Practice Residency Program and Office of Medical Student Affairs; Glenda HALL, Secretary, Business Office, CMC; Gaye HARBIN, Medical Assistant, CMC; Judy HODGES, Staff Assistant to the Assistant Dean for Financial Planning and Management; Ellen JONES, Receptionist, CMC; Brenda LAWRENCE, Accounting Clerk III, Dean's Office; Janelle LYONS, Medical Office Assistant, Department of Pediatrics; Mary MCAULF, Secretary III, Office of Education; Nickole MOORE, Staff Assistant, Department of Surgery; Sharon PECK, Executive Secretary, Dean's Office; Antoinette PIERCE, Project Data Analyst, Office of Education; Naida SAUNDERS, Secretary III, Department of Family Medicine; Bobby SELWYN, Audio-Visual Circulation Manager, Health Sciences Library; Marie SMITH, Keypunch Operator, Department of Community Medicine; Thayne TAYLOR, Receptionist, CMC; Linda TURNER, Secretary III, Department of Community Medicine; and Frances WILLIAMS, Office Assistant, Health Sciences Library.

Publications and Presentations

The following presentations were made by CCHS faculty and staff at the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society in Tampa, Florida, May 28-31, 1985: "Osteoporosis: Prevention and Treatment," Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science; Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine; Dr. Olivia Walden; and Pam Liles. Dr. Baumhover also served as a forum moderator for "The Southern Gerontological Society in the Mid-Eighties: Which Way to the Future?" as session moderator for "Aging and Health," and as a judge for the student paper finalists. "Use of Nasogastric Tubes to Feed the Aged: Problems and Solutions," Dr. Samuel GASKINS, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Family Practice Residency Program; Dr. Paul LOVELY, first-year resident; and Dr. Robert PIERONI. Dr. Gaskins moderated the session "Granny Battering: Elder Abuse From Medical, Legal, and Sociological Perspectives"; the panelists were Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Dr. Robert PIERONI, and Carol Wallace. "Large Scale Implementation of the 'Vial of Life' Program Among Retirees at an Ambulatory Clinic" Gaye HARBIN, Medical Assistant, CMC; Rebecca BURNS, formerly Director of Medical Records, CMC; and Dr. Robert PIERONI. "Anemia in the Elderly: A Neglected Area," Dr. John HUBBARD, second-year resident, and Dr. Robert PIERONI. "Health Fraud and the Elderly," Dr. Robert PIERONI.

Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science, presented the Keynote Address "Older Persons as Clients in a Long-Term Care System" at the Clinical Meeting of the Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare on April 23; he served as workshop leader on "Myths About the Elderly" at the Alabama Conference of Social Work in Montgomery on April 17-19; and he participated in Problems of Aging in World Societies, an International Issues Seminar at the University of Montevallo on April 13.

At the annual meeting of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee, on May 13-15, Dr. Marcia CHESEBRO, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, presented "Mental Health Status in First-Year Family Practice Residents," and Dr. Bradley WARE, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Community Medicine,
presented "Teaching and Use of a Specific Negotiation Process Within the Physician/Patient Relationship." Lee BADGER, Coordinator of Research, Department of Psychiatry, assisted with both presentations.

Dr. Terence COLLINS, formerly Associate Professor of Community Medicine, Sarah DEMELLIER, Coordinator of Sponsored Programs and External Affairs, Dr. James LEEPER, Associate Professor of Community Medicine and Director of the Research Consulting Laboratory, and Tamar MILO, formerly Data Analyst in the Department of Community Medicine, have published "Supplemental Food Program: Effects on Health and Pregnancy Outcome" in the Southern Medical Journal 1985; 78(5):551-555.

Dr. William DESHAZO, Professor of Family Medicine and Project Director of Athletic Medicine, presented "Drug Testing of Athletes" at the Ethics and Athletics Conference sponsored by Louisiana State University May 7-10 in Baton Rouge; as a result, he was interviewed by the local media, including television, radio, and newspaper coverage. Dr. deShazo also presented "Drug Use and Abuse" at the UAB Sports Medicine Conference in Birmingham on May 13.

Dr. William DRESSLER, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science, and Lee BADGER, Coordinator of Research for the Department of Psychiatry, have published "Epidemiology of Depressive Symptoms in Black Communities: A Comparative Analysis" in Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases 1985; 173:212-220. Dr. Dressler has also published "Extended Family Relationships, Social Support, and Mental Health in a Southern Black Community" in the Journal of Health and Social Behavior 1985; 26:39-48. He presented "Stress and Hypertension" to the Department of Preventive Medicine, University of Sao Paulo, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, on May 6.


Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, presented "Geriatric Medicine" to the DCH Rehabilitation Pavilion medical staff on May 9 and "Recent Advances in Allergy and Immunology" at the VA Medical Center on May 16.

Lisa RAINS, Assistant Professor and Chief Medical Librarian, presented "Consortia Development in West Alabama" as part of the symposium Allied Health and Bio-Medical Information Services at Auburn University at Montgomery on May 10.

Grant and Contract Activities

Dr. Lorin BAUMHOFER, Professor of Behavioral Science, has submitted "A Proposal to Evaluate Alabama's Medicaid Plan to Provide Reimbursable Home and Community-Based Services for Elderly and Disabled Alabamians" to the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

As of July 1, Dr. David HEFELFINGER, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, will assume the directorship of the Perinatal Care Program with a budget of $380,000.

Dr. James LEEPER, Associate Professor of Community Medicine and Director of the Research Consulting Laboratory, has received a contract to analyze data related to health cost containment for United Technologies.

Meetings, Workshops, Consultations

Dr. Russell ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, attended the annual meeting of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee, May 10-15. He and Dr. Samuel GASKINS, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and
Director of the Family Practice Residency Program, attended the residency directors meeting at UAB on May 23. Dr. Gaskins also attended the American Association of Family Physicians Workshop for Directors of Family Practice Residencies on June 2-5 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Lorin BAUMHOWER, Professor of Behavioral Science, consulted with the Mississippi Council on Aging in Jackson, Mississippi, in March and May and with the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Tuscaloosa, on an evaluation of their geriatric unit in April, May, and June.

Anita CHARLES, Director of Medical Records, CMC, attended a "Legalities Seminar for Health Record Professionals in Alabama" on May 29 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Dr. Deborah COGGINS, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, served as an examiner for the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in Atlanta, Georgia, April 1-2.

Dr. William DESHAZO, Professor of Family Medicine and Project Director of Athletic Medicine, and Dr. Riley LUMPKIN, Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Dean for Continuing Medical Education and Professional Relations, attended a Medical Association of the State of Alabama meeting in Mobile, April 17-19. Dr. Lumpkin visited the U.S.S.R. from May 16 through June 11 with a group from the University of Alabama.

Dr. William DRESSLER, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science, consulted with the faculty of the Department of Medicine, University of Sao Paulo, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, April 29-May 8, concerning their ongoing study of hypertension. Dr. Dressler was an invited participant to the conference Construction of Primary Data in Cultural Anthropology, which was sponsored by the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C., April 24-25.

In connection with his appointment to the UASOM Admissions Committee, Dr. Roland FICKEN, Associate Professor and Chief of Behavioral Science and Director of Medical Student Affairs, interviewed premed students at the Universities of North Alabama, South Alabama, Auburn, and Auburn at Montgomery during May.

Margaret GARNER, Assistant Professor and Clinical Nutritionist, Department of Family Medicine, attended the American Dietetic Association Standards of Education Evaluatior Workshop in Chicago, Illinois, May 9-10. While in Chicago, she attended a special group session for physicians and dietitians on "Diabetes and Dietary Fiber, Carbohydrates, and Lipids" May 13-14.

Dr. Robert GELLER, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, is consulting with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency Hazardous Materials Response Team concerning medical management of toxic exposures.

Dr. Nicholas GREEN, Associate Professor of Child Psychiatry, attended the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in Dallas, Texas, May 18-22.

Dr. David HEFELFINGER, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, attended the Tenth Annual Symposium on Care of the Sick Newborn at the Memorial Medical Center, Long Beach, California, April 17-19. He also attended a meeting on General Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School May 20-25.

Dr. James LEEPER, Associate Professor of Community Medicine and Director of the Research Consulting Laboratory, attended the North American Primary Care Research Group meeting April 14-17 in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Leeper is consulting with the Alabama Medicaid Agency on an evaluation of the West Alabama Health Services Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).

Dr. David LEWIS, Assistant Dean for Financial Planning and Management, attended a meeting of the Group on Business Affairs of the Association of American Medical Colleges in Nashville, Tennessee, June 10-12.

Dr. Paul MOXLEY, Professor and Chairman of Obstetrics/Gynecology, attended a workshop on Medical Malpractice Prophylaxis in Hamilton, Bermuda.

Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, attended the American Board of Family Practice Item Writers' Conference at Amelia Island Plantation, Florida, April 2-5. Dr. Pieroni selected publications for awards as a member of the Northeast Gerontological Society's Research Committee.
Lisa RAINS, Assistant Professor and Chief Medical Librarian, completed a one-day course on "Teaching Basic Skills to Hospital Librarians" at Jekyll Island, Georgia, on April 24. The course certified Ms. Rains to teach courses sponsored by the Southeastern Atlantic Regional Medical Program. Ms. Rains and Barbara DOUGHTY, Assistant Professor and Medical Reference Librarian, attended the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association in New York May 24-30, during which they completed a continuing education course on the "Literature of Mental Health."

Dr. William SHAMBLIN, Associate Professor and Chief of Surgery, attended the American College of Surgeons-Alabama Chapter meeting at Point Clear, Alabama, on May 9-12. He attended the American Society of Bariatric Surgeons meeting in Iowa City, Iowa, June 12-14.

Dr. Jerry SHULMAN, Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology, attended the annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists at Point Clear, Alabama, in April.

Dr. Arthur STAMLER, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, attended the National Council for International Health meeting in Washington, D.C., June 3-5, and the Baylor College of Medicine Symposium on Acute Care Pediatrics in Hilton Head, South Carolina, June 10-14.

George TULLI, CMC Administrator, and Jill STEWART, CMC Group Practice Coordinator, attended a meeting of the Association of Clinic Managers for University Family Practice Centers at the Ambulatory Care Center of the School of Primary Medical Care, UAH, in Huntsville, Alabama, May 17.

The following CCHS faculty and staff participated in the workshop "Introduction to Microcomputers," which was sponsored by the University of Alabama College of Continuing Studies on April 18-19, 25-26: Margaret GARNER, Assistant Professor and Clinical Nutritionist, Nina HOLLIS, Medical Office Assistant, Naida SAUNDERS, Secretary III, and Jean THOMAS, Secretary III, Department of Family Medicine; Barbara DOUGHTY, Assistant Professor and Medical Reference Librarian, Ioretta PERKINS, Library Assistant, Lisa RAINS, Assistant Professor and Chief Medical Librarian, Bobby SELWYN, Audio-Visual Circulation Manager, and Frances WILLIAMS, Office Assistant, Health Sciences Library; and Nickole MOORE, Staff Assistant, Department of Surgery.

Guests and Special Events

Family Medicine Update '85 was held at the Stafford Inn on May 10-11 in association with the Residents' Lampoon. Topics and speakers for the update were "Overview of Geriatrics," Dr. Lorin BAUMHOFER, Professor of Behavioral Science; "Hypertension in the Elderly," Dr. Russell ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine; "Functional Assessment of the Elderly," Dr. Alan MAXWELL, Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine; "Immunizations for Adults," Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine; "Risk Management for the Family Physician," John Walker, Director of Risk Management and Insurance, UASOM; "Diagnosis and Treatment of Common Eye Diseases Seen in the Physician's Office," Dr. George KUDIRKA, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery; "Bites, Mites, and Lice," Dr. David HEPFELFINGER, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics; "Recognition of Common Fractures and Treatment by the Family Physician" and "Demonstration of Various Casting/Splinting Techniques," Dr. John BUCKLEY, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery.

Former CCHS family practice residents registered for the conference were Dr. Brent ALLAIN (1979), Dr. Colin BAILEY (1983), Dr. David BARNES (1983), Dr. Reid BELL (1984), Dr. David CALDERWOOD (1984), Dr. Martha CRENSHAW (1981), Dr. Bobby HILL (1980), Dr. David HOPPER (1982), Dr. Patricia HUBBS (1981), Dr. Catherine HUGGINS (1982), Dr. Sandral HULLETT (1979), Dr. Garry MAGOUIRK (1983), Dr. Richard MATIS (1979), Dr. Michael MCREEARTY (1976), Dr. Howard MCNEELEY (1984), Dr. Roger MOSS (1983), Dr. Vernon SCOTT (1981), Dr. Larry SKELETON (1980), Dr. James TAKACH (1984), Dr. Robert THORNTON (1982), Dr. Larry TUCKER (1981), Dr. Eugene WADE (1984), Dr. Edward WALKER (1980), and Dr. Bradley WARE (1983). Dr. Ware, now Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Community Medicine at the University of Alabama School of Medicine, was the primary organizer and moderator for the event; he has already begun work on the program for Update '86.
On April 27, CCHS and DCH Regional Medical Center cosponsored the full-day workshop "Flexible Sigmoidoscopy for Primary Care Physicians." Speakers for the workshop were Dr. A. B. REDDY, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine; Dr. Arthur Freeman, President, Alabama Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy; Dr. S. B. Sundar; Dr. Stephen L. Coleman; and Dr. Alan J. Greenwald.

The Alabama Emergency Management Council Annual Conference was held at the Stafford Inn in Tuscaloosa on June 11-12.

**Community Service**

The Capstone Medical Center was represented by a booth at the 1985 Arthritis Fair at University Mall on May 18-19. CMC nursing staff took blood pressures and distributed handouts on center services.

Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science, was a panel member on "Talking it Over: Aging" for the Alabama Public Television Network in March.

Dr. David HEFELFINGER, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, prepared a news release on Hemophilus flu vaccine for children for release to Health Matters (CMC), University Relations, the Tuscaloosa News, and the DCH Regional Medical Center newsletter.

Catherine JACKSON, Staff Assistant, Department of Psychiatry, worked as a volunteer representative of the Capstone Civilian Club at the Alabama Special Olympics, which was held at the University of Alabama on May 18.

Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, spoke on "The Physical Effects of Drug Abuse" to sixth graders at Westlawn Middle School. Mary Jo CAGLE, third-year medical student, assisted with the presentation.

Dr. Bradley WARE, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Community Medicine, and Margaret GARNER, Assistant Professor and Clinical Nutritionist, Department of Family Medicine, in conjunction with Stillman College, participated in two programs for public television on hypertension and cancer.

Faculty of CCHS serving on the West Alabama Regional Perinatal Advisory Council Project Planning Subcommittee are Dr. Kenneth AVOCOCK, Clinical Professor of Community Medicine and Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Obstetrics/Gynecology, Dr. David HEFELFINGER, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, Dr. James LEEPER, Associate Professor of Community Medicine and Director of the Research Consulting Laboratory, Dr. Robert NORTHUP, Professor and Chief of Community Medicine, and Dr. David PARTLOW, Jr., Clinical Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology.

**Arrivals and Departures**

Sharon BARTON is the new L.P.N. at the CMC in Occupational Health and Surgery.

Earnestine KAMIL has resigned as Medical Office Assistant in the Department of Behavioral Science; she has been replaced by Regina CROFT.

Dr. Ralph JONES, Professor and Chief of Psychiatry, resigned from CCHS July 1 to accept the position of Chief of Psychiatry, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia.

Salabha RANGANATHAN has joined the staff of the CCHS Research Consulting Laboratory as a half-time research assistant; she is also working on her doctorate in biology.

Dr. Donnie Ray SMITH, a 1980 graduate of UASCM, Tuscaloosa, joins the faculty July 1 as Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Paul TIEDE is also joining the faculty July 1 as Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Director of the CCHS Family Practice Residency Program.

**Vital Statistics**

Eric Anthony Hollen, birthweight 6 lbs. 6 oz., was born to Robin and JOE HOLLEN, a 1978 graduate of UASCM, Tuscaloosa, on April 13. Dr. Hollen completed an emergency medicine residency and is currently practicing in Reno, Nevada.

Jillian Diane Howard, birthweight 4 lbs. 5 oz., was born to Teresa and MARTIN HOWARD,
a 1985 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, on May 18.

College faculty and staff extend their sympathy to Mary MCALPIN, Secretary III in the Office of Education, on the death of her father.

Dr. Jerry MCKNIGHT, a third-year resident, married Mary Elizabeth Tucker in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on April 27.

Kristin Beth Yoder, birthweight 6 lbs. 9½ oz., was born to Dawn and JONATHAN YODER, second-year resident, on May 13.

Miscellany

More residency changes in the Class of 1984, effective July 1: Dr. Angela H. BENNETT, from pathology to family practice, Anniston Family Practice Residency Program; Dr. William L. LENAHAH, from transitional to obstetrics/gynecology, Carraway Methodist Medical Center, Birmingham; and Dr. Elizabeth STEVENSON, from transitional to family practice, Carraway Methodist Medical Center Family Practice Residency Program. Drs. Lenahan and Stevenson attended the CCHS Honors Convocation on May 18, as did Dr. Garry MAGOUIRK, a 1980 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, and a 1983 graduate of the CCHS Family Practice Residency Program. Dr. Magouirk, who is in private practice in Berry, Alabama, received the Community Medicine Preceptor Award for 1985.

Five visiting medical students will be taking the Department of Family Medicine's senior elective this summer and early fall: Jerry Smith and Denise Carter from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport; Lynn Yonge and Hudon Lazenby from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine; and Greg Hickman from East Tennessee State University, the Quillen-Dishner College of Medicine.

College Calendar

July 10
General Faculty Meeting, 12 noon, Carrel Room, Capstone Medical Center.

July 13
Symposium on Mild and Moderate Hypertension, Room 101 Educational Tower, DCH Regional Medical Center, 9:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Speakers: Dr. Richard H. Grimm, University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis; Dr. William W. Dressler, CCHS; Dr. Harriet P. Dusant, UASCM, Birmingham; and Dr. J. Caulie Gunsmells, Duke University School of Medicine. Sponsored by CCHS, DCH Regional Medical Center, and Pfizer Laboratories.

August 14
General Faculty Meeting, 12 noon, Carrel Room, Capstone Medical Center.

Noon Conferences in July and August are dedicated to Medical Emergencies. First Friday Conferences on Letters, Science, and Medicine, Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, and the series Current Research at CCHS will resume in September.