The Dean's Corner

The months of May and June represent the peak period of the year for CCHS. The senior medical students graduate in May and move on to the ultimate of their formal education, residency training in the specialty of their choice. This year there were twenty-one graduates. Fourteen of the twenty-one are entering the primary care specialties of family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology, the specialties most needed in Alabama and other southeastern states. The number of students entering primary care specialties is well above the national average for all medical schools. Two of the graduates are entering psychiatry residencies, a specialty projected to have shortages in the next decade.

In late June, the family practice resident graduating class completes a rigorous three years here and enters practice. Seven of the twelve graduates are entering practice in Alabama, three are joining the military to fulfill prior commitments, and two are entering practice in nearby states in the Southeast. All but one of those entering practice will be in small towns where doctors are most needed.

As I write this, we have today welcomed the new beginning group of family practice residents and the twenty-six new third-year medical students, the largest medical school class ever to matriculate here.

And so the cycle begins again.

The career choices of the graduating medical students demonstrate clearly the impact that a community-based university program can have on specialty choices of medical students. The practice locations of the graduating residents demonstrate equally well the success that this program has had in meeting two of its major goals. It was inevitable that educational programs such as this one which set out deliberately to reverse the national trend toward more and more subspecialty physicians and more and more centralization of medical care in urban centers would meet with frustrations in the early years. We have lived through all of that. We are now in the payoff period.

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Majority of Residents Choose Practice Sites in Alabama

Since the first resident was admitted to the program in January 1974, a primary goal of the CCHS Family Practice Residency has been to train physicians for and place them in the small towns and rural areas of the Southeast, especially Alabama. Of this year's twelve graduates, three-quarters will be joining or establishing practices in communities with populations of less than 15,000; almost half in communities of 6,000 or less. Seven of the new graduates will be remaining in Alabama, five in counties with designations as primary care manpower shortage areas:
Dr. John E. HUBBARD will practice family medicine in Linden, Alabama (population 3,000).

Dr. Carol Mitchell JOHNSON is joining a family practice group in Montevallo, Alabama (population 4,000).

Dr. Steve R. LOVELADY has joined a family practice group in Centre, Alabama (population 2,000).

Dr. G. Michael MACHEN has selected a family practice group in Cullman, Alabama (population 13,000).

Dr. Norman G. STEVENS has joined a family practice group in Jackson, Alabama (population 6,000).

Dr. George C. THOMAS will establish his family practice in Greensboro, Alabama (population 3,000).

Dr. Jonathan YODER is joining a family practice group in Albertville, Alabama (population 12,000).

Of the remaining five graduates, three will be practicing as family physicians in the military; the other two will be entering practices elsewhere in the Southeast:

Dr. J. Allen DUNN will be stationed at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi.

Dr. Kimberley E. JONGEBLOED is entering the Army and will be stationed at Fort Polk in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Dr. Robert G. PERSON will be stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Dr. C. Wesley EMFINGER will work in emergency medicine in Nashville, Tennessee, while establishing his private practice in family medicine.

Dr. Robert W. MOORE is joining a family practice group in Pineville, Louisiana (population 12,000).

Senior Medical Student Matches '86

Half of the twenty seniors graduating from the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Tuscaloosa Program, will be remaining in Alabama to receive their residency training; two of these are entering the CCHS Family Practice Residency. Eighteen out of the twenty will be studying in the Southeast.

The graduates, their residencies, and their specialty choices are Dr. Vance G. BLACKBURN, College of Community Health Sciences (Tuscaloosa), family practice; Dr. Scott W. BLUME, University of Tennessee College of Medicine (Memphis), pediatrics; Dr. Mary Jo CAGLE, Greenville Hospital System (Greenville, SC), obstetrics/gynecology; Dr. Elizabeth COCKRUM, UASOM (Birmingham), pediatrics; and Dr. Clifford M. DAVIDSON, Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston), internal medicine.

Dr. Mark L. GRAVLEE, Carraway Methodist Medical Center (Birmingham), surgery; Dr. Vivian G. HAMLET, UAB Montgomery (Montgomery), internal medicine; Dr. Laurie HILLYER, University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals (Salt Lake City, UT), pediatrics; Dr. Keith Anthony JONES, Mayo Graduate School of Medicine (Rochester, MN), anesthesiology; and John Michael KARST, University of South Alabama College of Medicine (Mobile), internal medicine.

Dr. Sandra J. KING, UASOM (Birmingham), psychiatry; Dr. Katherine S. LEITER, University of Florida Medical Center-Shands Hospital (Gainesville), internal medicine; Dr. Andreas T. MADUX, Carraway Methodist Medical Center (Birmingham), internal medicine; Dr. Lawrence James PARKER, Jr., Carraway Methodist Medical Center (Birmingham), internal medicine; and Dr. Brenda J. RICHARDSON, Baptist Memorial Hospital (Memphis, TN), internal medicine.

Dr. William R. SCHOOLEY, Tulane Affiliated Hospitals (New Orleans, LA), surgery; Dr. Kenny R. SIZEMORE, Baptist Medical Center (Birmingham), internal medicine; Dr. Jeffrey K. SMITH, Hall Institute/University of South Carolina Medical School (Columbia), psychiatry; Dr. Dale R. STIERWALT, LSU Affiliated Hospitals (New Orleans, LA), surgery; and Dr. Julia G. WEEKS, College of Community Health Sciences (Tuscaloosa), family practice.

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Tenth Annual Honors Convocation

The College of Community Health Sciences Honors Convocation for graduating seniors was held at the North River Yacht Club on May 17, 1986. The distinguished speaker for the event was Dr. John Stone, Professor of Medicine (Cardiology) and Community Health (Emergency Medicine) and Associate Dean and Director of Admissions, Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Stone is also a widely published poet.

Elizabeth L. Cockrum and Katherine S. Leiter shared the CCHS Scholastic Achievement Award, which is presented for the highest grade point average during the clinical years. Each also received individual departmental awards: Dr. Cockrum from the Department of Pediatrics and Dr. Leiter from the Department of Internal Medicine.

Julia G. Weeks received the William R. Willard Award for outstanding contributions to the goals and mission of the college and the Kurt Deuschle Award from the Department of Community Medicine.

Jeffrey K. Smith received the Peter Bryce Award from the Department of Psychiatry. Mary Jo Cagle was the recipient of the award from the Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology.

The Department of Family Medicine presented its award posthumously to Larry R. Mayes in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership.

The award for Student Research went to junior medical student Stephen J. Clark.

Of the awards voted by the senior class for outstanding contributions to medical education, the Faculty Recognition Award for the Junior Year went to Dr. Robert E. Pieroni, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine; the Patrick McCue Award/Faculty Recognition Award for the Senior Year went to Dr. David R. Mauritson, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine; and the Resident Recognition Award was presented to Dr. Steve R. Lovelady.

CCHS Scholastic Achievement Award winners Elizabeth L. Cockrum and Katherine S. Leiter with Dr. Stephen H. Gehlbach, Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Dr. David R. Mauritson, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, receiving the Patrick McCue Award/Faculty Recognition Award from Kenny R. Sizemore and Jeffrey K. Smith.
BioPrep Students Graduate with Honors

In February 1982 University of Alabama President Joab Thomas announced that the university had received the largest foundation grant in its history, $984,399 from the Josiah Macy, Jr., Foundation. The purpose of the award was to establish a project developed by Dr. Harry Knopke, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science and then CCHS Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Robert Northrup, Chief, Department of Community Medicine (currently on a leave of absence from the university), to assist rural high school students in their academic and social development so that they could qualify for admission to college and successfully complete a prehealth college program.

BioPrep, which began with 110 ninth graders in three West Alabama counties, has just graduated its first class of 83 seniors. In five of the participating schools, BioPrep students were both valedictorians and salutatorians of their classes.

At Eutaw High School in Greene County, the valedictorian was Lesia Gaines, who plans to attend Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, and major in premedicine and biology. The salutatorian was Phyllis Purter, who plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in premedicine.

At Paramount High School, also in Greene County, the valedictorian was Cedric Harris and the salutatorian was Valerie Sermon. Both will attend the University of Alabama.

The valedictorian at Greensboro East High School was Allan Pickens, who plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in premedicine. The salutatorian was Selvin Greene, who plans to attend the Air Force Academy.

At Greensboro West, the valedictorian was Shirley Donya Meggs, and the salutatorian was Paula Jeannene Plummer. Both are going to attend the University of Alabama.

Anita Parker was the valedictorian at Northside High School in Tuscaloosa County, and Denestia Phillips was the salutatorian.

Congratulations to the students, their teachers, and the BioPrep staff for their successes at the end of the first phase of the project.

Incoming Residents, July 1, 1986

Dr. Samuel E. Gaskins, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the CCHS Family Practice Residency, has proclaimed this past recruiting year as one of the most successful ever. The twelve new first-year residents were selected from a group of sixty-four candidates who interviewed for residency positions.

Dr. Vance G. BLACKBURN is from Mobile, Alabama, and received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Samford University and his medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Dr. Blackburn did his clinical years in the Tuscaloosa program. He was president of his freshman class in medical school. He is active in church work and enjoys sports and photography. His wife Karen is an elementary school teacher.

Dr. Johnnie C. CARTER is from Livingston, Tennessee. After his first year of college, he enlisted in the Army as a medical specialist for three years and then returned to his undergraduate studies, receiving his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Tennessee Technical University and his medical degree from the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences. Dr. Carter was in the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity and the Medical Student Executive Council and was president of the Family Practice Student Association. He enjoys sports, woodworking, reading, and hunting. His wife's name is Sherry.

Dr. Terri L. DAVIS is from Monroe, Louisiana, and received her bachelor's degree in general studies from Northeast Louisiana University and her medical degree from LSU, Shreveport, where she was a member of the Family Practice Club. Her hobbies are cooking, sewing, water sports, and camping.

Dr. James W. ERVIN, Jr., is from Crystal Springs, Mississippi; he received his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. Dr. Ervin was in the Mississippi Family Practice Club and Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He has worked as a poison information specialist and an emergency medical technician. He enjoys
intramural sports, hunting, fishing, and racquetball. His wife's name is Joan.

Dr. T. Hudson LAZENBY is from Monroeville, Alabama, and received his bachelor's degree at the University of Alabama and his medical degree from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. He was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta (Premedical Society), was Phi Beta Kappa, and was a recipient of the Donna Ledet Scholarship. His extracurricular activities include tennis, basketball, and racquetball. His wife, Kathy, is a pharmacist.

Dr. T. Bruce LONGEST, from Florence, Mississippi, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He was a member of the University of Mississippi Family Practice Club, was secretary-treasurer of the class of 1986, and was included in Outstanding Young Men of America in 1983. He has worked as a pharmacy assistant at University Hospital in Jackson. He enjoys sports.

Dr. John R. MITCHELL, from Oxford, Mississippi, received his bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Mississippi and his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. Dr. Mitchell was vice-president of the Family Practice Club. He practiced in a pharmacy for two years and entered the U.S. Army as a pharmacy officer. His outside interests are hunting, fishing, camping, canoeing, tennis, and woodworking. He and his wife, Elaine, have two sons.

Dr. Robert L. RUSSELL, Jr. (Bob), is from Huntsville, Alabama. He received his bachelor's degree from Spring Hill College and his medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine. He was a recipient of the Alabama State Medical Scholarship and a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. His hobbies include photography, hunting, water sports, and bicycling.

Dr. Timothy F. THOMPSON (Tim) is from Hickory Flat, Mississippi. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He was vice-president of his class, a member of the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Medical Association, and president of the Family Practice Club. He enjoys sports, hunting, fishing, and farming.

Dr. Julia G. WEEKS is from Northport, Alabama. She received her bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and her medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine. She did her clinical years in the Tuscaloosa program. She was a member of the Medical Student/Faculty Society in Tuscaloosa and the American Medical Association. She enjoys sports, reading, photography, camping, and travel. Dr. Weeks is the daughter of a medical missionary and spent a large part of her childhood in Africa. She served as a health care provider in Zaire, where her husband Steven continues to work.

Dr. Richard S. WHITLOCK, from Jackson, Mississippi, received his bachelor's degree in biology from Belhaven College in Mississippi and his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He was a member of the Mississippi Family Practice Club and the American Medical Association. He has worked as a counselor at a crippled children's camp. Dr. Whitlock's hobbies include woodworking, camping, and fishing. His wife Maura is a medical technologist.

Dr. Walter L. WILLIS (Walt) is from Philadelphia, Mississippi. He received his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He has been employed as an instructor in comparative anatomy, freshman chemistry, and physics labs, and has also worked as an emergency medical technician. He is a triathlete and enjoys hunting, fishing, and intramural sports.

Drs. Randy Easterling and Jimmy Tu
Chief Residents for 1986-87
Twenty-six medical students, the largest class in the history of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, began their clinical training on July 1, 1986:

V. Renee BURDETT (Renee), from Auburn, Alabama, graduated from Auburn University with a degree in premedical chemistry.

Lee Carson CARTER (Lee), a Birmingham native, received his bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Vanderbilt University.

Chris Anthony CLAASSEN (Chris), from Ozark, Alabama, graduated from Huntingdon College with a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry.

Mark Elbert COOPER (Mark), a native of Decatur, Alabama, graduated cum laude from the University of Alabama with a degree in chemical engineering.

Lauren Ruth CRUMP (Lauren), from Mobile, Alabama, received her bachelor's degree in biology from Vanderbilt University.

Donald Joseph DERIVAUX (Don), Huntsville, Alabama, graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in chemistry.

Isadore Keith FLEISHER (Keith), from Birmingham, Alabama, is also a graduate of the University of Alabama. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology.

Roddie Roy GANTT (Rod), an Anniston native, received a bachelor of arts degree in history from Birmingham Southern College.

Harry David GOLDWasser (Harry), from Birmingham, received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Georgia.

Cathy Lynn GRESHAM (Cathy), from Sylacauga, Alabama, graduated from Samford University with a degree in biology.

Darryl Alonza HAMILTON (Darryl), a Montgomery native, attended Auburn University at Montgomery in premed.

Melanie Suzanne HAMNER (Melanie), from Montgomery, graduated cum laude from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in French.

Dur HUANG (Dur) received his bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Taipei Medical College in Taiwan and his master's degree in pharmacology from the University of Mississippi.

Samuel E. JOHNSON (Samuel), from Nigeria, received his bachelor's degree in biology from Tuskegee Institute.

Ed JONES (Ed) received his undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and then a degree in dentistry from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry.

Terry Alan KURTTS (Terry), a Mobile native, received the bachelor of science degree from Davidson College in North Carolina.

Lisa Lynn LARGE (Lisa), Birmingham, received a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Louisiana State University and a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Melanie Ann LEOPARD (Melanie), also from Birmingham, received her bachelor's degree in microbiology from the University of Alabama.

Nancy Hamilton LINDBERG (Nancy) is transferring to UASOM from Georgetown University.

Jeffrey Allen MALONE (Jeff), Tuscaloosa, received his bachelor's degree in microbiology from the University of Alabama.

Stephen Herbert NIGHTINGALE (Steve) received his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Maine and a master's degree in the same field from the Institute of Paper Chemistry.

Taylor King PUCKET (Taylor), from Mobile, received his bachelor of arts degree from Vanderbilt University.

John F. ROBERTSON (John) is returning to the program following a leave of absence.

Steven Michael SANDERS (Steve), Birmingham, graduated cum laude in civil engineering from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Selden Harbour STEPHENS (Harbour) received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Washington and Lee University.

Timothy Wayne WINKLER, from McAlester, Oklahoma, received his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Christian College in Oklahoma City.
DOCLINE

On April 22, the Health Sciences Library began using DOCLINE to send and receive interlibrary loan requests. DOCLINE is the National Library of Medicine's automated interlibrary loan request and referral system. The system was developed to fill the need for improved service to the health professional by the rapid routing of interlibrary loan requests throughout the Regional Medical Library (RML) Network. The routing is determined by a table developed by participating libraries based on current borrowing patterns.

For HSL, the system first checks instate medical library holdings (Lister Hill Library, University of South Alabama, Baptist Medical Center Gadsden, for example). If the request cannot be filled instate, the system next checks the closest out-of-state libraries (Emory University, University of Tennessee), then other Southeastern/Atlantic Region libraries (Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia). If the request is still unfilled, it is routed to the Regional Medical Library at the University of Maryland and finally to the National Library of Medicine.

Previously, library holdings had to be checked manually and the routing done by mail, which could occasionally take weeks. The most important advantage of DOCLINE is that some requests can now be filled in as few as three days.

News Briefs

Appointments, Honors, and Awards

Sarah DEMELLIER, Coordinator of Sponsored Programs and External Affairs, has been appointed chair of the Bylaws Committee and appointed chair of the Conference Evaluation Committee of the Alabama Gerontological Society.

Margaret GARNER, Assistant Professor and Clinical Nutritionist, Department of Family Medicine, was reelected by the CCHS faculty to serve another term in the University of Alabama Faculty Senate, from August 1986 until August 1988.

Judy HODGES, Staff Assistant to the Assistant Dean for Financial Planning and Management, has been elected to a two-year term as secretary of the board of directors of Parents Anonymous.

Nina HOLLIS, Medical Office Assistant, Department of Family Medicine, received a Five-Year Service Award from the University of Alabama on March 27, 1986.

Terry KURTTS, an incoming junior medical student, has received a Sarnoff Fellowship to spend one year in cardiovascular research in the Division of Cardiovascular Surgery, Boston Children's Hospital, before he begins his clinical years in the Tuscaloosa program.

Dr. Mary Joyce MCGINNIS, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology, received the Golden Stethoscope Award from the family practice residents at the Lampoon on May 10, 1986. Dr. McGinnis has received the Physician's Recognition Award from the American Medical Association for 150 credit hours of continuing medical education in two years.

Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, has been appointed to the editorial review board for Applied Gerontology. He has also been appointed vice-chairman of the Health Sciences Section and a member of the Membership Committee of the Alabama Academy of Science.

Publications and Presentations

Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, presented "Doctor
Dr. James BINDON, Assistant Professor of Behavioral Science and Anthropology, presented "Infant Growth as a Possible Clue to Cardiovascular Morbidity in Samoa" on April 22 as part of the Institute for Social Science Research Brown Bag Luncheon Series. Dr. William DRESSLER, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science, presented "Unemployment and Stress in the Black Community" on March 18 as part of the same series.

Anita CHARLES, Director of Medical Records, served as a faculty member for the full-day workshop "Operations Practicum for Medical Record Departments" sponsored by the Alabama Medical Record Association in Birmingham on May 28.

Margaret GARNER, Assistant Professor and Clinical Nutritionist, Department of Family Medicine, presented "Use of Family Practice Residents in the Development of an Assessment Tool for the Institutionalized Elderly" at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 28.

Janice GILLILAND, Research Assistant, Departments of Behavioral Science and Community Medicine; Dr. James LEEPER, Associate Professor of Community Medicine; Dr. Richard THOMPSON, formerly Research Associate, Department of Community Medicine; Margaret GARNER, Assistant Professor and Clinical Nutritionist, Department of Family Medicine; Jane Eure; and Dr. Hanseek CHOI, Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics, have published "Growth of Low Birthweight Infants in West Alabama" (abstract) in the American Journal of Physical Anthropology 1986; 69(2):205.

Dr. James LEEPER, Associate Professor of Community Medicine, Dr. David Coombs, UAB School of Public Health, and Dr. Howard Miller, Professor of Psychology, presented "Age, Gender, and Race as Changing Risk Factors in Suicide" at the Third National Preventive Medicine Meeting, Prevention '86, in Atlanta, Georgia, April 3-6.

Dr. Paul MOZLEY, Professor and Chair of Obstetrics/Gynecology, presented "Prediction and Management of Postpartum Depression" at the Second Annual McKay–Dee Hospital Center Congress in Ogden, Utah, on April 24. He also presented a two-day workshop on "Psychoendocrinology of Menopause" and "Psychoendocrinology of Infertility" at the Annual Clinical Meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in New Orleans, Louisiana, May 5-8.

Dr. Robert PIERONI has published Specialty Board Review: Internal Medicine, 2nd ed. (Norwalk, CT: Appleton Century Crofts, 1986) and "Another Smokeless Danger" (letter) in the Physician and Sportsmedicine 1986; 14:47. He edited the spring/summer edition of the Alabama Society of Internal Medicine Newsletter.

At the Alabama Gerontological Society Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, March 5-7, Dr. Pieron presented "Tetanus and the Elderly" (poster session) and participated in the workshop "Medical, Social Work, Legal, and Sociological Perspectives on Elder Abuse," with Dr. Forrest Scogin, Assistant Professor of Psychology (moderator), Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, and Carol Wallace, Staff Attorney, Law School Clinical Program.

At the Southern Gerontological Society Meeting in Norfolk, Virginia, April 28-May 1, Dr. Pieron presented "Longevity: How Long Will I Live?" (poster session); "Immunization Needs of the Elderly" (poster session), with Gaye HARBIN, Medical Assistant, Capstone Medical Center, and Anita CHARLES, Director of Medical Records; "Abusive Caregivers: Intervention Strategy" (paper), with Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, Nicole MAXWELL, Research Associate/Project Coordinator, Center for the Study of Aging, and Dr. Forrest Scogin, Assistant Professor of Psychology; and "DRG-Related Premature

Shopping: Perspective on Career Patients" at the Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the National Council on Aging, Washington, D.C., April 9-12. His coauthors were Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, Catherine Browder, doctoral intern, and Nicole MAXWELL, Research Associate/Project Coordinator, Center for the Study of Aging.
Hospital Discharges: A Form of Elder Abuse?" (panel), with Dr. Baumhover.

At the Alabama Academy of Science meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, on April 2-5, Dr. Pieroni presented "Attempted Germ Warfare During the Civil War?: Role of Luke P. Blackburn, M.D." and co-authored the following: "Coffee in the Coronary Care Unit: Helpful or Harmful?", Frances Breslin, Department of Psychology; "Utility of Abdominal Ultrasound in Asymptomatic Subjects," Katherine LEITER, senior medical student, and Mary Jo CAGLE, senior medical student; "The Clinical Spectrum of Hypercalcemia," Dr. Steve LOVELADY, third-year resident, and Dr. Samuel GASKINS, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the CCHS Family Practice Residency; "Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS): Case Report and Update on Infectious Complications," Dr. Mark WOODS, first-year resident, Richard BEVERLY, junior medical student, and Robert MOORE, third-year resident; "Marasmus and Ogilvie's Syndrome Secondary to Laxative Abuse," Dr. Wes EMFINGER, third-year resident and Keith RATHEN, junior medical student; "Thymoma as a Cause of Fever of Undetermined Origin," Dr. J . MUSS, junior medical student, Dr. Clay DEDMON, first-year resident, Dr. Kimberley JONGEBLOED, third-year resident, and Dr. Donnie SMITH, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine; "Vaccine Needs of the Elderly," Gaye HARBIN, Medical Assistant, Capstone Medical Center, and Dr. Steve LOVELADY, third-year resident; "Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever in the South," Dr. S. Randall EASTERLING, second-year resident, Dr. Kimberley JONGEBLOED, third-year resident, and Dr. Allen DUNN, third-year resident; "Alcoholism in the Elderly," Dr. James Meherg, Druid Oaks, DCH Rehabilitation Pavilion, Dr. William Weissinger, Druid Oaks, DCH Rehabilitation Pavilion, and Nicole MAXWELL, Research Associate/Project Coordinator, Center for the Study of Aging; "The Varied Presentations of Elder Abuse," Robert SNYDER, second-year resident, Nicole MAXWELL, Research Associate/Project Coordinator, Center for the Study of Aging, and Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging; and "The Spectrum of Lithium-Induced Renal Insufficiency: Case Report and Literature Review," Dr. Mark WOODS, first-year resident, and Charles MOSTELLAR, junior medical student.

Lisa Rains RUSSELL, Assistant Professor and Chief Medical Librarian, moderated a paper session on "end user" online literature searching as part of the Eighty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 22.

Dr. William R. SHAMBLIN, Associate Professor of Surgery, and Dr. James R. Shamblin, his brother, presented "Vertical Staple Gastroplasty: A Safe and Effective Procedure in the Surgical Management of Morbid Obesity" at the Southeastern Surgical Congress Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, March 16-19. Dr. William Shamblin also presented "Silastic Ring Vertical Gastroplasty: A Safe and Effective Technique in the Management of Morbid Obesity" at the American College of Surgeons, Alabama Chapter meeting in Point Clear, Alabama, on May 15-18.

Dr. Donnie SMITH, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, presented "Delta Hepatitis in Alabama" at the Alabama Academy of Science meeting in Montgomery on April 2-5.

Grant and Contract Activities

The BioPrep program has received a new $1.1 million, four-year grant from the Josiah Macy, Jr., Foundation to continue and expand its efforts to enhance the curricula for selected students in rural high schools. Dr. Harry KNOPKE, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science and Executive Assistant to the President, is the principal investigator.

Dr. Russell ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine, has been notified of the receipt of a new three-year residency training grant totalling $158,439 from the Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

Lee BADGER, Coordinator of Research, Department of Psychiatry, has received $2,155 from the CCHS Research Grants program for the study "Sources of Role Stress Among Working Women."

Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, has submitted an
application for a Geriatric Leadership Academic Award to the National Institute on Aging. The proposal requests $239,978 over three years.

Dr. William DRESSLER, Associate Professor of Behavioral Science, has submitted the application "Psychological Distress and Resistance Resources in the Community" to the National Institute of Mental Health; the application requests $56,298 over eighteen months.

Margaret GARNER, Assistant Professor and Clinical Nutritionist, Department of Family Medicine, has received a $400 CCHS Research Grant for the project "Food Selection, Nutrient Intakes, and Growth of High Risk Infants."

Meetings, Workshops, Consultations

Dr. Russell ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, and Dr. Samuel GASKINS, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Family Practice Residency, attended the UASOM Family Practice Directors meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, on February 4. Dr. Gaskins attended the conference Clinical Management of the Elderly Patient sponsored by the American Geriatrics Society at Lake Buena Vista, Florida, March 12-15.

Dr. William DESHAZO, Professor of Family Medicine and Project Director of Athletic Medicine, visited the People's Republic of China May 2-20 under the auspices of the People to People Citizen Ambassador program.

Nina HOLLIS, Medical Office Assistant, Naida SAUNDERS, Secretary III, and Jeannie THOMAS, Secretary III, attended the University of Alabama Second Annual Seminar and Fashion Show, which was held in conjunction with National Secretaries Week, on April 22 and 24.

Dr. David LEWIS, Assistant Dean for Financial Planning and Management, attended the Association of American Medical Colleges General Business Administrators meeting in San Diego, California, April 26-29.

Dr. Robert PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, attended the American College of Physicians/Alabama Society of Internal Medicine Scientific Meeting in Destin, Florida, May 8-10. I was an invitee and discussant at the Pacific Conference on Social Services and Aging Policies in Taiwan and Hong Kong May 12-25. During the month of May, Dr. Pieroni also reviewed manuscripts for a research award for the Northeastern Gerontological Society.

Lisa Rains RUSSELL, Assistant Professor and Chief Medical Librarian, and Barbara DOUGHTY, Assistant Professor and Medical Reference Librarian, attended a workshop on consumer health information sponsored by the Health Sciences Librarians Roundtable during the annual meeting of the Alabama Library Association in Montgomery, Alabama, April 10-11. Ms. Russell and Loretta PERKINS, Library Assistant III, attended a workshop on DOCLINE sponsored by the Alabama Health Libraries Association in Montgomery on May 9.

Barbara SELF, Business Office Manager, and Jill STEWART, Medical Group Practice Coordinator, attended the spring meeting of the Alabama Medical Group Management Association in Birmingham on March 20-22.

Bobby SELWYN, Audiovisuals Manager, and Greg LEDET, Library Acquisitions Clerk, received certificates of recognition for completing the seven-week Interaction Management Support course offered by the University of Alabama Staff Training and Development Office.

Dr. John L. SHAMBLIN, Jr., Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, and Dr. James H. THOMAS, Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery, attended the American College of Surgeons, Alabama Chapter, meeting in Point Clear, Alabama, May 15-18.

Dr. Paul TIETZE, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Director of the Family Practice Residency, attended a family practice review sponsored by the University of Florida in Orlando, Florida, March 24-28.

Dr. Bradley WARE, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Community Medicine, attended the Duke-Watts Family Medicine Faculty Development Workshop, titled
Administrative Skills I: Power, Leadership, and Authority, in Durham, North Carolina, March 16-19. He also attended the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Predoctoral Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, February 5-8.

Guests and Special Events

As part of the Frank Pitts, Jr., Visiting Scholar Series, CCHS presented, on May 16, a public lecture titled "The Physician as a Writer" by Dr. John Stone, Professor of Medicine (Cardiology) and Community Health (Emergency Medicine) and Associate Dean and Director of Admissions, Emory University School of Medicine.

Family Medicine Update '86 was held in conjunction with the Residents' Lampoon on May 10. Dr. Randall Ayers, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, lectured on arthritis. Former residents in attendance included Drs. Jerry McKnight (1985), Randall Hankins (1985), Patricia Hubbs (1981), Edward Walker (1980), Robert Lahasky (1985), and Larry Tucker (1981).

The CCHS Family Practice Residency participated in a reaccreditation site visit from the American Council on Graduate Medical Education on April 3; the site visitor was Dr. Christopher Pack.

Community Service

Dr. Mary Joyce McGinnis, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology, spoke to the Skyland Elementary School PTA on "How to Answer Your Child's Questions About Sex."

On March 1, Dr. Robert Pieroni, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, as a deputy examiner of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, conducted oral examinations of candidates for Alabama licensure. He addressed students at Sylacauga High School on various topics in medicine and related fields as part of the Visiting Scientist Program of the Alabama Academy of Science on March 25. An interview with Dr. Pieroni and Dr. Lorin Auver, Professor of Behavioral Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, on overmedication of the elderly was published in the May 15 Tuscaloosa News.

Arrivals and Departures

Armandina Arona and Linda Harless, Graduate Assistant Reference Librarians, left the college on May 30; both graduated from the University of Alabama in May with master's degrees in library service.

Jim Bailey, Research Assistant, left the Department of Community Medicine at the end of May to enter medical school at UASOM. He is being replaced on the department's RAPITH Project by Bob Stephens.

Susan Copeland, L.P.N. in Obstetrics/Gynecology, CMC, resigned June 27 to enter nursing school.

Betty Lovelass, Insurance Clerk, CMC, resigned April 4; she has been replaced by Gloria Gilliland.

Elaine Walters is now the Registered Nurse for Clinical Support at CMC.

Vital Statistics

Stephen Bennett Cope, Jr., birthweight 8 lbs. 1 oz., was born to Mary and Stephen Cope, a 1984 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, on March 11 in Memphis, Tennessee, where Dr. Cope is a resident in orthopedics at the Campbell Clinic.

Sara Beth Dedmon was born to Mark and Cindy Dedmon, first-year resident, on March 15.

Megan Elizabeth Easterling, birthweight 6 lbs. 9 oz., was born to Janie and Randy Easterling, second-year resident, on May 19.

Lesli Nichelle Johnson was born to Juan and Carol Mitchell Johnson, third-year resident, on March 2.

Stephanie Meagan Peters, birthweight 6 lbs. 7 oz., was born February 17 to Fritz and Deborah Peters, a 1984 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa. Dr. Peters is currently in the family practice residency at Carraway Methodist Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama.

College faculty and staff extend their sympathy to John Robertson, junior medical student, on the death of his mother in Clayton, Alabama, on March 12.
Ashley Jean Smith, birthweight 6 lbs. 5 oz., was born on May 14 to Jean and GEORGE SMITH, a 1983 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa.

Our sympathy is extended to Dr. Norman STEVENS, third-year resident, on the death of his grandfather in Picayune, Mississippi, on March 18.

Elizabeth Danner Summerford, birthweight 9 lbs. 13 oz., was born on February 19 to LeeAnn and JOHN SUMMERFORD, a 1984 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa.

Dr. Jimmy S. TU, second-year resident, married Anita W. Brewer at the Indian Lake Baptist Church in Northport, Alabama, on May 16.

College faculty and staff extend their sympathy to George TULLI, CMC Administrator, on the death of his father.

Miscellany

Dr. David BOLUS, a 1985 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, is enjoying his neurosurgery residency at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

Dr. William R. (Ricky) BONNER, a 1983 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, completed his pediatrics residency at Boston Children's Hospital on June 30 and then entered Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta for an anesthesiology residency.

Dr. Jerry CRUMP, a 1985 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, who is in the obstetrics/gynecology residency at the University of Texas (Houston), reports that he has had 240 deliveries and performed 40 cesarean sections.

Dr. Anne LEWIS, also a 1985 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, plans to undertake a fellowship in cardiology or intensive care after completing her internal medicine residency at Louisiana State University, Shreveport.

The announcement of the birth of Meghan Heather Whalen (On Rounds at CCHS, March/April 1986) failed to note that Dr. Barbara WHALEN is also a 1978 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa.

College Calendar

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 will resume in September.

July 9
General Faculty Meeting, 12 noon, Carrel Room, Capstone Medical Center.

August 13
General Faculty Meeting, 12 noon, Carrel Room, Capstone Medical Center.