The Dean's Corner

After a delay of many months, this issue of On Rounds at CCHS will be devoted to catching up on the achievements of our medical students, residents, faculty, and staff. All of us in the Dean's Office hope that we can reestablish the schedule of regular publication which was interrupted by the resignation of Sarah DeMellier. Colleen Beall, who is a research assistant in the Center for the Study of Aging, will replace Sarah in this capacity. I think you will enjoy her writing style. Lee Badger will continue her involvement as our representative in the Educational Tower and will continue to write feature articles in addition to her new duties as an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry. Jeanne Long, who is the new Assistant to the Administrator of Capstone Medical Center, has volunteered to be the CMC representative on the Editorial Board.

Senator Kennedy is well informed on issues of health care after his many years in Congress, during which time he has paid special attention to health care for the poor and the elderly. Although this meeting, which brings about four or five thousand medical educators to Washington over the course of the week, is a twelve-ring circus with many acts occurring simultaneously, I was struck by the number of issues discussed which are immediately germane to CCHS. Improving child health care for the underserved, increasing minority admissions to medical schools, and improving medical care for the elderly are all goals to which our program is actively committed. A review of the various federal concerns with health care for rural people brought attention to the fact that, at the national level, there are many informed groups which are willing to improve the maldistribution of physicians and to address the plight of rural hospitals. Despite the major funding constraints of the past seven years which have affected all aspects of education, research and service in health care, many people in Washington are still committed to solving these major societal problems. The college is in a good position to play a part in these solutions if we will aggressively seek support from local, state, and federal sources. These problems can and must be solved but, to do so, will demand the active involvement of the entire faculty and staff.

W.J.C.
Join Us "On Rounds"

It has been almost a year since we invited you to go "on rounds" with us through the well-worn halls of CCHS. On this trip, we will travel through those halls and observe some of the signs and symptoms which describe the current status of our college. During the months intervening since our last visit, much has happened at CCHS. Many familiar faces have disappeared and many eager new ones may now be seen. Other old employees, including your editor, have taken on new tasks and roles. This issue of On Rounds is devoted to catching up on much that has transpired since the last issue was published; however, it will not dwell only on past events. Present and future challenges, including the responsibility of educating future health professionals are equally important. These challenges will require the combined efforts of each of us if we are to realize the promise of the future.

Let me add that it is my pleasure to be asked to work on this newsletter. It is a new and exciting experience for me that I will enjoy, but I will make mistakes, too. From time to time I will ask each of you for help with some aspect of producing On Rounds. I believe that the newsletter is an important way in which we can keep up with the many diverse activities that occur throughout CCHS. In the coming months I am looking forward to exploring many of these activities with you.

Medical Students Enter Residencies

During the spring of each year, senior medical students at CCHS (and other medical schools across the country) end a period of anxious waiting as they learn the results of the National Match Program that links them with medical programs in their selected specialties. For many, it is a period for fulfilling long awaited dreams; for others, there remain some anxieties and unanswered questions. All, however, can celebrate their entry into a new phase in their professional lives.

This year, one-third of CCHS students have elected to remain within the state of Alabama for their residencies. Many others have chosen to continue their training in nearby states. The graduating senior medical students, their residencies, and their specialty choices are:

- Robin A. BARTON, Family Practice Residency Program (Tuscaloosa, AL), Family Practice;
- Richard E. BEVERLY, Richland Memorial Hospital (Columbia, SC), Emergency Medicine;
- Robert G. BISHOP, Jr., U.S. Naval Family Practice Center (Pensacola, FL), Family Practice;
- F. Keith BUFFORD, Jr., Family Practice Residency Program (Tuscaloosa, AL), Family Practice;
- Stephen J. CLARK, University of Alabama Medical Center (Birmingham, AL), Internal Medicine;
- Spencer J. COLEMAN, Family Practice Residency Program (Tuscaloosa, AL), Family Practice;
- R. Joseph CROW, Jr., Bethesda Naval Hospital (Bethesda, MD), Transitional;
- Jeffery R. GRIMES, Roanoke Memorial Hospital (Roanoke, VA), Internal Medicine;
- W. Shane LEE, Selma Family Medicine Center (Selma, AL), Family Practice;
- Craig MILLER, Jr., Vanderbilt University Medical Center (Nashville, TN), Surgery;
- John R. MOORE, Baylor University Medical Center (Dallas, TX), Surgery;
- Charles R. MOSTELLER, Ochsner Clinic (New Orleans, LA), Internal Medicine (PGY2, Ophthalmology, also at Ochsner);
- Mark A. MUSSELL, University of Alabama Medical Center (Birmingham), Surgery (PGY2, Orthopedics, also at UAB);
- Charles W. NOLEN, Jr., East Tennessee State University College of Medicine (Johnson City, TN), Internal Medicine;
- D. Keith RATHEL, Montgomery Internal Medicine Program (Montgomery, AL), Internal Medicine (PGY2, University of Arkansas College of Medicine [Little Rock, AR], Anesthesiology);
- Barry A. RIPPS, University of Tennessee College of Medicine (Memphis, TN), Obstetrics/Gynecology;
- Gary J. ROSENTHAL, University of Cincinnati Medical Center (Cincinnati, OH), Surgery;
- John B. WOODS, University of Mississippi Medical Center (Jackson, MS), Obstetrics/Gynecology.
1987 Graduating Residents: Front row from left to right, Drs. Janice Buckley, Sherri Clark, Steve Montgomery, Paul Ashley, Wendy Arthur, and Pamela Tietze; back row from left to right, Drs. David Harding, Don Buckley, Calvin Gibson, Jimmy Tu, Randy Easterling, Robert Snyder, Jr., and Perry Lovely.

Honoring the Class of 1987

On June 25, 1987, DCH Regional Medical Center hosted the Eleventh Annual Graduation Banquet for family practice residents. The guest speaker at the event was Dr. Charles R. Smith, Dean of the School of Primary Medical Care at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Approximately 150 persons attended the dinner.

Seated at the head table with Dr. Smith were Mr. James Ford, Administrator of DCH Regional Medical Center; Dr. Joab Thomas, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Wilmer J. Coggins, Dean of the College of Community Health Sciences, and Dr. Deborah Coggins, former Associate Professor and Acting Chief of Psychiatry; Dr. Russell Anderson, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, and Carolyn Anderson; and Dr. Samuel E. Gaskins, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Family Practice Residency Program, and Susan Gaskins.

After words of welcome were said by Mr. Ford, Dr. Thomas, and Dr. Coggins, Dr. Anderson, who was serving as Master of Ceremonies, introduced Dr. Smith. The theme of the keynote address involved the responsibilities of physicians in our changing medical society. Following this address, special recognition was given to outstanding residents.

The first award to be presented was the William R. Willard Award, annually presented to the outstanding first-year resident. Dean Coggins presented this award to James W. ERVIN, M.D.

Dr. William Winternitz, Professor and Chief of Internal Medicine, presented the Internal Medicine Award to Dr. Perry L. LOVELY. The Psychiatry Award was presented by Dr. Deborah Coggins to Dr. Pamela H. TIEZTE. Dr. Robert C. SNYDER received the Obstetrics/Gynecology Award from Dr. Paul Mozley, Professor and Chairman of Obstetrics/Gynecology. Accepting the Pediatrics Award from Dr. Robert Geller, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, was Dr. Jimmy S. TU. Dr. Russell Anderson presented the Family Medicine Award to Dr. Stephen Q. MONTGOMERY.

The Resident Award for Research and Scholarly Activity was presented to Dr. S. Randall EASTERLING by Dr. James D. Leeper, Associate Professor and Chief of Behavioral and Community Medicine. A special award by the Department of Family Medicine was also presented to Dr. William O. OWINGS of Centreville, Alabama, in recognition of his years of work with the family practice residents. The residents, in turn, presented a special award to Dr. William F. DESHAZO for his years of dedication to the
residents and to the Family Practice Program.

Recipients of the Chief Resident Chairs which bear both the University seal and a brass plaque were Drs. S. Randall Easterling and Jimmy S. Tu. Presentation of these chairs was made by Dr. Paul Tietze in recognition of the services performed by these residents during the 1986-87 residency year.

Recognition, in the form of certificates presented by Martha deShazo, was also given to the wives of the graduating residents for their support of their spouses over the preceding years.

In all, thirteen graduates were presented with certificates. This brings the total number to 117 family practice residents who have graduated from the program.

Where Are They Now?

It is easy to lose track of residents once they graduate and disperse to a variety of practice settings and geographical locations. It is important, however, to recall that time spent in medical education is preparation for a much longer period of medical practice. Of the thirteen residents who graduated last June, most stayed in the state of Alabama. Of those, four have decided to practice in Birmingham: Drs. Margaret W. Arthur, Don W. Buckley, Janice M. Buckley, and Sherri B. Clark. Two others, Drs. Perry L. Lovely and Jimmy S. Tu elected to remain in Tuscaloosa. Dr. Pamela Tietze will also be in Tuscaloosa at Bryce Hospital.

Dr. Paul W. Ashley will practice in the Northwest Alabama town of Fayette, and Dr. Robert C. Snyder will be working in the north Shelby County town of Alabaster.

Of the remaining graduates, all have elected to remain in the South for the present. Two will practice in Mississippi: Dr. S. Randall Easterling in Vicksburg and Dr. Stephen Q. Montgomery in Pontotoc. Dr. Calvin L. Gibson chose to practice in Orlando, Florida, and Dr. David E. Harding elected Danville, Kentucky.

We wish all of our graduates the best of luck as they begin this new phase of their careers.

New Residents at CCHS

Thirteen new residents entered the Family Practice Residency Program at CCHS beginning July 1, 1987. Of those residents, three are June graduates of the Tuscaloosa Program of the University of Alabama School of Medicine who are returning for family practice residencies. Robin Spoone Barton, a native of Savannah, Georgia, is one of our returning residents. After completing a Bachelor of Music degree at the University of South Alabama, Robin earned a medical degree from the University of Alabama. She is married to John Randal "Randy" Barton. Her varied interests include sports, music, stained glass, and gardening. The second resident returning to CCHS after having spent his clinical years here is Spencer James Coleman. A native of Greensboro, Alabama, Spencer completed both his baccalaureate and medical degrees from the University of Alabama. Spencer's wife is Elizabeth Coleman. His interests include tennis, racquetball, windsurfing, and hunting.

Franklin Keith Bufford is from Auburn, Alabama, where he attended undergraduate school. From there he went to Birmingham where he received his medical degree at the University of Alabama School of Medicine after completing his clinical years at CCHS. Keith was raised on a farm and spent time working in the office of his family's doctor. He is married to Valerie Bufford. Keith enjoys traveling and outdoor sports.

Several other of our new residents are Alabama natives. Brian Wade Elrod is a native of Montgomery. He holds a baccalaureate degree in chemistry from Auburn University and a medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Brian is the son of two educators. He is unmarried and is interested in water skiing, volleyball, volleyball, and the theater. Bob Arvid Grubbs is originally from Northport. After obtaining a degree in chemistry at the University of Alabama, Bob attended medical school at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine.
in Mobile. The son of a career Army officer, Bob was born in West Germany and spent much of his early youth in Okinawa. He had his wife Phylis, a medical technologist, have one child. Bob's interests include running, tennis, and guitar. The final Alabama resident in the class is John Gayle VAN DERWOOD. John may be remembered by some since he spent the clinical years of his medical school career at the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Tuscaloosa Program, after receiving his B.S. degree at the University of South Alabama. He will be entering as a second-year resident, having spent the time since receiving his M.D. degree completing his service obligation with the National Health Service Corps. John and his wife Susan have two daughters. When he is not playing with their children, John also enjoys music and deep sea fishing.

Three of the entering residents hail from Mississippi. James Donald CADY, Jr., is from Jackson. He received both his B.S. and M.D. degrees from the University of Mississippi (Oxford). His wife is Amy Cady. In his spare time Jim enjoys football, basketball, softball, golf, and snow skiing. Thomas Michael MCINTYRE comes to us from Columbus, Mississippi. He earned a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Mississippi State University and his M.D. degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He is married to Wanda McIntyre. Mike's interests include water skiing, woodworking, fishing, and photography. Also from Mississippi is Robert Ellis MAY. A native of Newton, Bob received his B.S. degree in engineering at Mississippi State University and his M.D. degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He and his wife Linda have been married for six years. Bob likes carpentry, water skiing, and softball.

Ray Hallum BROWN comes to CCHS from Dallas, Texas. He received a B.S. degree in zoology from Texas A&M University and a medical degree from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. His wife Becky is a mechanical engineer and test engineer for Bell Helicopter. His father is also a family physician. Ray is active in church work and enjoys sailing, golf, racquetball, writing, and classical music. Another native of Texas in our residency program this year is Thomas Paul WINKLER of Fort Worth, Texas. Tom, who is unmarried, is the son of a businessman and a clinical dietitian. He received a B.S. degree from Oklahoma Christian College and his medical degree from the University of Texas, Southwestern in Dallas. Interests include church activities, intramural sports, golf, tennis, and racquetball.

Michael Clifford SWANSON, the son of a retired pharmacist, comes to Tuscaloosa from Punta Gorda, Florida. He earned his B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of Florida and his medical degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine. Michael, who is not married, enjoys sports, music, scuba diving, boating, and fishing.

Brian Edward INGALLS is from Paris, Illinois. After receiving a B.S. degree in biology from Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana, he earned a medical degree at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Brian's interest in medicine is not surprising in view of the fact that his parents are both health professionals; his father is a physician and his mother a registered nurse. Brian's wife is Jill Ingalls. His interests include golf, backpacking, bicycling, and swimming.

We want to offer a belated welcome to our new residents. We are honored to have each of you at CCHS.

Yule Festivities

On December 9, CCHS held a Christmas luncheon in the Educational Tower of DCH Regional Medical Center for faculty, staff, and students. This buffet, which was well attended, was made more festive by the appearance of Santa Claus and the singing of Christmas carols. We would like to thank all of the people involved in planning this celebration: Sheree CYR, Director of Nursing, CMC; Melissa HIGGINBOTHAM, Collections Clerk, CMC; Sharena R. SANDERS, Director of Medical Records, CMC; Jean THOMAS, Secretary III in Family Medicine, CMC; Bobby SELWYN, Audiovisual Circulation Manager, Health Sciences Library; and Madeleine PASSERINI, Executive Secretary, Dean's Office.
Junior Class Arrivals

We also wish to welcome the twenty incoming juniors who will be spending their clinical years in the Tuscaloosa Program of the University of Alabama School of Medicine. The incoming students, their prior degrees, their prior schools, and their hometowns are: Lynn BARRETT, B.S., University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL; Michael BLUM, R.N., St. Vincent's School of Nursing (Birmingham), Alexander City, AL; Cindy BONNER, Medical Technologist, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL; Stan BRASFIELD, B.S., University of Alabama, Demopolis, AL; Nick BRASWELL, B.S., University of Alabama, Montgomery, AL; Beth BRYANT, B.S., Auburn University, Auburn, AL; Alan CALHOUN, B.S., Birmingham-Southern College, Crossville, AL; Lori GROSS, B.S., University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL; Andrea HATAWAY, B.S., Auburn University, Lapine, AL; Gary HOLLAND, B.S., University of Alabama, Hueytown, AL; Terry KURTTS, B.S., Davidson College (Davidson, NC), Mobile, AL; Pat O'REILLY, B.S., Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.), Montgomery, AL; Richard OYLER, D.M.D., University of Alabama School of Dentistry, Mobile, AL; Lamar PEACOCK, B.S., Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN), Atlanta, GA; Lee PRIDE, B.S., University of the South (Sewanee, TN), Carmel, IN; Ken RICHARDSON, B.S., Birmingham-Southern College, Haleyville, AL; Nickie SPEARS, B.S., Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN), Tullahoma, TN; Brice WHETSTONE, B.S., University of Alabama, Monroeville, AL; and Fred YERBY, B.S., University of Alabama, Fayette, AL.

News Briefs

Our Newest Department

The College of Community Health Sciences has, since its inception, been dedicated to teaching a well-rounded medical curriculum. The goal of this commitment has been to graduate medical students who have, in addition to basic medical competencies, an orientation toward promoting the health of persons within their own communities. In August of this year, a decision was made to strengthen this commitment by forming a new Department of Behavioral and Community Medicine.

The new department was produced by combining the existing Departments of Community Medicine and Behavioral Science. One goal in combining the faculty and resources of the two departments was to strengthen the leadership position of the college in the area of research and to develop an ongoing interest in research in the college and among the students. A second important goal involved the emphasis of the behavioral and community aspects of medical education, both of which recognize that health and illness result from a complex interplay between the human system and its environment. Under the leadership of Dr. James Leeper, we are confident that this department will achieve these goals.

Appointments, Honors, and Awards

Dr. Lee BADGER has been promoted to the position of Assistant Professor of Psychiatry.

Regina CROFT, Medical Office Assistant, Shirley FLORENCE, Coordinator of Administrative Affairs, Nikki MOORE, Staff Assistant, Madeleine PASSERINI, Executive Secretary, Jill STEWART, formerly Medical Group Practice Coordinator, and Mary Leta TAYLOR, Coordinator of Academic Services, were appointed to the CCHS Staff Development Advisory Committee. This committee, which seeks to enhance interpersonal relationships, encourage individual personal and career development, and develop a spirit of cooperation has planned and begun implementation of a series of developmental workshops.

Dr. Roland P. FICKEN, Director of Medical Student Affairs and Associate Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine, was named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Judith W. HODGES has been promoted from Staff Assistant to Coordinator of Fiscal Affairs.
Denise D. KELLY, Purchasing Expeditor, CMC, has been promoted to Secretary III, Financial Planning and Management, Dean's Office.

Nikki MOORE, Staff Assistant, Department of Surgery, received her EMT-B license from the Alabama State Board of Health on December 29, 1986.

Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, received an award from Syntex Laboratories for having submitted the best diagnosis of a clinical problem at the World Congress of Cardiology in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Pieroni has been elected chairman of the Health Sciences Section of the Alabama Academy of Science, 1987-1989; he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for contributions to the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee from 1984 to 1986; Dr. Pieroni has been reelected to membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) through 1989; and he has received the American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award, valid through 1989.

Dr. Elizabeth H. RAND, Assistant Professor and Acting Chief of Psychiatry, has been appointed Region VII Coordinator for the Association for Academic Psychiatry for 1987-1989.

Lisa Rains RUSSELL, Assistant Professor and Chief Medical Librarian, and Barbara DOUGHTY, Assistant Professor and Medical Reference Librarian, have been awarded recertification by the Medical Library Association for 1988-1993.

Dr. Paul TIETZE, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Director of the Family Practice Residency Program, was recently recertified as a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice. He joins all of the faculty members of the Department of Family Medicine who have been certified or recertified within the last seven years.

Presentations and Publications

Dr. Russell L. ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, presented the results of his research project on "Due Process in Family Practice Residency Programs" at the Noon Conference on February 13, 1987. Dr. Anderson also has recorded an audio tape for the American Academy of Family Physicians Home Study Self-Assessment Program on the subject "Geriatrics: Bowel Care in the Elderly."

Drs. Lee W. BADGER, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Roland P. FICKEN, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of Medical Student Affairs, James D. LEEPER, Associate Professor and Chief of Behavioral and Community Medicine, and Russell L. ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, have published "Inside the Mental Health Network: Examining Mental Health Care Delivery of Primary Care Physicians" in General Hospital Psychiatry, 1987.

An article by Dr. Lee W. BADGER, Dr. Marcia CHESEBRO, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, and Julia A. HARTMAN, Co-Assistant Director, Biomedical Sciences Preparation Program, has been accepted for publication in the Family Practice Research Journal. The article is titled "First-Year Residency Stress: Sources and Mediators."

Dr. Johnny R. BATES, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and a 1983 graduate of UASOM, Tuscaloosa, presented "Interpretation of Automated Blood Counts" to the Alabama Society of Medical Technologists on April 7, 1987. On April 30, he presented a workshop "Computer Application in Automated Hematology" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists in San Francisco, California.

Dr. Lorin A. BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, presented a paper "Evaluating Alabama's Community-Based Long-Term Care Program Under the Medicaid Waiver" at the Twelfth National Institute on Social Work in Rural Areas held in Pensacola, Florida, August 3-5, 1987. Dr. Baumhover also presented "State Evaluation Projects: The Alabama Elderly/Disabled Waiver" at the Fifth Annual National Home- and Community-Based Services Conference in Mobile, Alabama, October 13-16.

Dr. Wilmer J. COGGINS, Dean, served as a platform speaker during the dedication of
the new Ambulatory Care Facility at the Tuscaloosa Veterans Administration Medical Center last spring. Dr. Coggins also addressed the opening session of the Fall Conference on Elder Abuse sponsored by the Center for the Study of Aging at Lake Guntersville State Park.

Dr. William DESHAZO, Professor of Family Medicine and Program Director of Athletic Medicine, presented "Physical Aspects of Sports Medicine" at the annual meeting of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians in Destin, Florida, June 1-5.

Dr. William W. DRESSLER, Associate Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine, has published "The Stress Process in a Southern Black Community: Implications for Prevention Research" in the journal Human Organization, 1987. With Alfonso Mata, Adolfo Chavez, and Fernando E. Viteri, Dr. Dressler has coauthored "Arterial Blood Pressure and Individual Modernization in a Mexican Community," which was published in Social Science and Medicine, 1987. Dr. Dressler, Jose Ernesto Dos Santos, Philip N. Gallagher, Jr., and Fernando E. Viteri coauthored an article entitled "Arterial Blood Pressure and Modernization in Brazil," published in the American Anthropologist, 1987. With G. A. C. Grell, Philip N. Gallagher, Jr., and Fernando E. Viteri, Dr. Dressler presented "Arterial Blood Pressure Levels and Social Class in Jamaica" at the Thirty-Second Annual Meeting of the Commonwealth Caribbean Medical Research Council in the British Virgin Islands, April 22-25, 1987. On October 20, Dr. Dressler made an invited presentation on "The Social Production of Cardiovascular Disease" at the fall conference of the Association of Behavioral Science and Medical Education in Lake Tahoe, California. He also made two presentations on "Stress, Nutrition, and Chronic Diseases: A Combined Biomedical and Anthropologic Approach" to the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of California, Berkeley, and the Koret Center for Human Nutrition, San Francisco General Hospital, on October 22 and 23 respectively.


Dr. Geller presented two seminars to emergency room nurses at Huntsville Hospital on January 13 and 20 regarding nursing care of the potentially poisoned patient, a noon conference on February 27 entitled "Symptomatic Therapy for the Common Cold: Of What Value?", and a research conference on April 10 entitled "Evaluation of Regional and Nonregional Poison Center Services." A presentation at pediatric grand rounds on April 3 for the University of Alabama-Huntsville family medicine residents was entitled "Toxicology Today" and a noon conference for those residents concerned "Organophosphate and Hydrocarbon Poisonings."

Dr. James F. HOOPER, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, presented "Mental Illness" to probate judges at the Alabama Law Institute on January 30, 1987.

Dr. Harry J. KNOPKE, Executive Assistant to the President and Associate Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine, and Dr. L. Ralph JONES, former Professor and Chief of Psychiatry, had their article "Educating Family Physicians to Care for the Chronically Mentally Ill" published in the Journal of Family Practice, 1987.

William R. KRAUSE, Director of Laboratory and X-ray Services, CMC, Drs. James D. LEEPER, Associate Professor and Chief of Behavioral and Community Medicine, and Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, coauthored the paper "Correlation Between Two Methodologies for Testing Rubella Immunity With Results in a Family Practice Center," which was presented at the Alabama Academy of Science Annual Meeting in Florence, March 25-28.

Dr. James D. LEEPER, Associate Professor and Chief of Behavioral and Community Medicine, presented a paper entitled "Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow: A Discriminant Analysis Dilemma" to the Alabama Chapter of
the American Statistical Association's Spring 1987 meeting in Tuscaloosa.

Drs. Leeper and M. Christine NAGY, Research Associate, Department of Behavioral and Community Medicine, presented "The Rural Alabama Pregnancy and Infant Health Program: Prenatal and Twelve Month Outcomes" at the Ford Foundations' Child Survival/Fair Start Researchers meeting November 3-4 in New York. They also presented a paper "Predicting Level of Participation in a Home Visiting Program at the Mid-South Education Research Association's annual meeting in Mobile, Alabama, on November 11.

Drs. Leeper, M. Christine Nagy, Robert S. NORTHRUP, Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine, and Sandral HULLETT, Clinical Assistant Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine and Family Medicine, presented a paper "The Rural Alabama Pregnancy and Infant Health Program: Prenatal Outcomes" at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 19-22.

Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, presented "How to Differentiate Abuse/Neglect from Normal Age-Related Changes" as part of a workshop on Medical Indicators of Elder Abuse at the First Annual Conference on Elder Abuse Prevention held February 2-3, 1987, in Mobile, Alabama, and co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Aging, CCHS, under a grant from the Administration on Aging. Dr. Pieroni presented "Controversies in the Treatment of Stroke" on February 19 at the Tuscaloosa Veterans Administration Medical Center.

At the Alabama Academy of Science annual meeting in Florence, Alabama, on March 25-28, Dr. Pieroni presented and coauthored the following: "Vitiligo as a Clue to Endocrine Disorder," G. D. DeRocher; "Controversies in Management of Subarachnoid Hemorrhage," Ed JONES, junior medical student, and Dr. Robert L. RUSSELL, first-year resident; "Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Infection in Adults: Current Considerations," Drs. Sabi SHATILA, former Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, and Cornelius J. P. SULLIVAN, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine; "Causes and Preventions of Falls in the Elderly," Mamie L. Collins, Pam Liles, J. Neille; and "An Unusual Case of Measles," Drs. Robert SNYDER, third-year resident, and Samuel E. GASKINS, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Family Practice Residency Program. Dr. Pieroni was also the coauthor of "The Toxins of Pertussis Vaccine: Biological Implications" with Dr. Alvin L. Winters, Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Biochemistry; "Lloyd Noland: An American Innovator" with Dr. P. J. Breslin; and "The Many Faces of Pulmonary Embolism."

At the Sixth Annual Meeting of the
Alabama Gerontological Association in Mobile, Alabama, on February 4-6, 1987, Dr. Pieroni, Dr. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, Nicole MAXWELL, formerly Research Associate/Project Coordinator, Center for the Study of Aging, and Dr. Forrest Scogin, Assistant Professor of Psychology, presented the paper "Developing and Evaluating a Statewide Elder Abuse Prevention Program."

At the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 13-16, Drs. Pieroni, Lorin BAUMHOVER, and Forrest Scogin presented "Breaking the Cycle of Violence Against Elders: The Alabama Experience."

Dr. W. Larry RAINEY, Project Director of BioPrep, presented the paper "A University-Secondary School Collaborative Model for Improving Science Instruction" at the National Science Teachers Association in March 1987. Another of his papers "A University-Secondary Collaborative Staff Development Model for Rural Schools" was published in the fall 1987 issue of The Rural Educator.

Dr. Elizabeth H. RAND, Assistant Professor and Acting Chief of Psychiatry, made a panel presentation at a research conference on "Mental Disorders in General Health Care Settings" in Seattle, Washington, on June 24-25, based on the article "Recognition of Mental Disorder by Family Practice Residents: The Effect of GHQ Feedback," which she coauthored with Dr. Lee W. BADGER, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry.


Dr. Debbee S. SMITH, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, along with colleagues E. P. Paganini, K. Suhnoza, G. Eisele, S. Swann, and S. Nakamoto, published "Non-Heparin Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy is Possible" in Artificial Organs, 1986.

Dr. Bradley R. WARE, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Behavioral and Community Medicine, presented "Medical Aspects of Asbestos" for an Asbestos Abatement Supervisor Seminar sponsored by the University of Alabama's College of Continuing Studies on June 24. He also presented "The Overview and Prevention of AIDS" at the Emergency Medical Service Conference on June 24 and "Medical Management of AIDS" at the University of Alabama AIDS Conference held on campus on July 2, 1987.

Grant and Contract Activities

The Administration on Aging has awarded the Center for the Study of Aging $145,000 for a second year continuation of its Elder Abuse Prevention Project. Drs. Lorin BAUMHOVER, Professor of Behavioral and Community Medicine and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging, and Forrest Scogin, Assistant Professor of Psychology, are the co-principal investigators. The Center for the Study of Aging has also submitted an application to the Alabama Medicaid Agency for $380,000 over four years for a Statewide Assessment of the Alabama Medicaid Waivered Services Program.

The Department of Family Medicine has received notification from the Department of Health and Human Services for the second year of its Graduate Training in Family Medicine Program. Dr. Russell ANDERSON, Associate Professor and Chief of Family Medicine, is project director.

Arrivals and Departures

Anita CHARLES resigned her position as Director of Medical Records, CMC, on December 31, 1986; she has been replaced by Sharena R. SANDERS.
Dr. Deborah R. COGGINS resigned as Associate Professor and Acting Chief of Psychiatry on August 31, 1987.

Sarah Teal DEMELLIER resigned her position as Coordinator of Sponsored Programs and External Affairs on February 13, 1987, to accept a position at Carraway Methodist Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama.

Melissa HIGGINBOTTOM is the new Collections Clerk at Capstone Medical Center.

Brenda M. HORTON has joined the Dean's Office as an Accounting Clerk IV in Financial Planning and Management.

Dr. Mark D. KELLEY has joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine.

Debbie MATTISON has joined CMC as a licensed practical nurse in Occupational Health.

Elaine WALTERS, Registered Nurse for Clinical Support at CMC, resigned on February 27, 1987, to accept a position at F. Goodrich.

Dr. Michael R. WATKINS has joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology.

Tammy WEEKS, Collections Clerk, CMC, has resigned to move to Georgia; she has been replaced by Joey FIELDS.

Susan WRIGHT joined the Department of Emergency Medicine on April 27, 1987, as Secretary II.

Dr. David C. HEFELFINGER, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, met with Alabama's Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House concerning increases in funding for perinatal care.

Dr. Robert E. PIERONI, Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine, served as a preceptor for the Student Coalition for Community Health's Health Fair to provide free comprehensive medical screening for residents of Mosses (Lowndes County), Alabama.

Dr. Debbee S. SMITH, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, is working with the Tuscaloosa County Health Department's Hypertension Clinic which provides free medication to patients with hypertension.

The Center for the Study of Aging sponsored a Fall Conference on Elder Abuse at Lake Guntersville State Park, October 29-30, 1987. The conference, which was approved for continuing education credits for social workers and nursing home administrators, had over 400 registrants.

The Residency Program is in the process of interviewing candidates for the 1988 National Resident Match Program. To date, candidates have been interviewed from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Texas. Interviews should be completed by the end of January, 1988.
College Calendar

January 11
"Tobacco and Smoking Abuse," Dr. Glen D. Heggie, Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine (Hematology/Oncology), CCHS. Room 101 Educational Tower, DCH Regional Medical Center, 12:30 p.m.

January 12
"Marijuana Abuse," Dr. Daniel A. Dansak, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of South Alabama College of Medicine. Room 101 Educational Tower, DCH Regional Medical Center, 12:30 p.m.

January 13
"Cocaine Abuse," Dr. Roger D. Weiss, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, and Director, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center, McLean Hospital, Belmont, Massachusetts. Room 101 Educational Tower, DCH Regional Medical Center, 12:30 p.m.

January 14
"Alcohol Abuse in the Elderly," Dr. Gerald Globetti, Professor of Sociology, University of Alabama/Tuscaloosa. Room 101 Educational Tower, DCH Regional Medical Center, 12:30 p.m.

January 15
"Physician Substance Abuse," Dr. G. Douglas Talbott, Director, Ridgeview Institute Alcohol and Drug Program, Smyrna, Georgia. Room 101 Educational Tower, DCH Regional Medical Center, 12:30 p.m.

January 19
Grand Rounds, "Current Management of Congestive Heart Failure," Dr. William J. Rogers, Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Disease, University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham. Room 101 Educational Tower, DCH Regional Medical Center, 12:30 p.m.

January 20
General Faculty Meeting, 12 noon, Carrel Room, Capstone Medical Center.

January 26
Resident Case Presentation. "Dermatology for the Family Practitioner," Dr. Curtis E. McLemore, third-year resident, CCHS Family Practice Residency Program. Room 101 Educational Tower, DCH Regional Medical Center, 12:30 p.m.

January 29
"Fluid and Electrolytes," Dr. David C. Hefelfinger, Professor and Chief of Pediatrics, CCHS. Room 101 Educational Tower, DCH Regional Medical Center, 12:30 p.m.