A Match Made in Heaven

The Wayne State University School of Medicine Class of 2002 had an outstanding match this year, according to Dr. Jane Thomas, assistant dean for student affairs. The match took place on Thursday, March 21, at Scott Hall, and when the Year IV students ripped open the envelopes to learn where they’d match for their residency training, the din was unmistakably joyful. The match rate for WSU this year was 98.4 percent, compared to 94.1 percent nationally—an exceptional achievement.

Match Day is the day graduating medical students convene in the school’s auditorium and learn, individually and simultaneously, where they have “matched” for their residencies. After four years of medical school, young doctors receiving their medical degrees must continue with several more years of advanced training in a specialty area before they can be fully licensed to practice medicine. After months of selecting and interviewing with programs most suited and desirable, the students submit their top choices. The National Resident Match Program matches these choices with those of the programs. On Match Day, all graduating doctors nationwide find out where they will be heading for the next stage of training.

In summary, of the 248-member WSU class, 36 are going into internal medicine, 28 into family medicine, 25 into emergency medicine and 30 are doing transitional years, in addition to other specialties. By far, the majority of the class is staying in southeast Michigan, with 132 matched to local programs, including 49 who will be staying at WSU/DMC. Those leaving the state are heading to such prestigious programs as Johns Hopkins, University of Massachusetts, Cleveland Clinic and the University of Chicago.

Individual acknowledgement was also given to Geoffrey Crockett who was chosen by his classmates to receive the Penfil Award for outstanding patient care. Crockett, who will pursue emergency medicine training at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich., probably drew upon his own experience as a patient to provide compassionate care. During medical school, he lost his father to melanoma, battled the disease himself, and “never asked for anything,” said Loretta Robichaud, Year IV student counselor. “Geoffrey is dearly respected and greatly admired by his classmates. He is a bright student, a strong human being, and he will surely make an outstanding physician.”

Dr. Goodman, PhD

Morris Goodman, PhD, internationally recognized as a founder in the field of molecular evolution, has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences. Membership in the academy is considered one of the highest honors that can be accorded a U.S. scientist or engineer. Dr. Goodman is the first professor in WSU’s history to receive this most prestigious appointment.

A WSU faculty member for more than 40 years, Dr. Goodman is a distinguished professor of anatomy and cell biology and professor in the Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics.

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Dr. Goodman, PhD
The dangers of the drug, ecstasy.

Dr. Tancer says there is a public outcry for more information about the safety and/or serious medical complications have been reported, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Drug Abuse Warning Network. Manuel Tancer, MD, associate professor and interim chair of psychiatry and behavioral neuroscience, has received funding from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to study “Consequences of MDMA Use in Humans” in collaboration with Dr. Chris-Eilyn Johanson.

“Ecstasy is not physically addictive like cocaine or heroin, but it certainly is a drug that gets abused,” Dr. Tancer said. “Although it is an illegal substance, we need to understand how it works, so we can treat people who show up in hospitals with complications.” Controlled laboratory administration of MDMA will be used to assess its effects on thermoregulation, metabolism, sleep, mood, anxiety and cognitive function.

Of particular interest is the study on thermoregulation, which was prompted by a number of emergency room physicians reporting extremely high core body temperatures in patients who used ecstasy. Animal studies have shown a link between ambient temperature and body temperature in the presence of MDMA. In the laboratory, animal body temperatures were warmer when MDMA was administered in a warm room, and cooler in a cool room. If the same holds true for humans, something as simple as turning up the air-conditioning could save lives at rave parties where people risk dangerous levels of hyperthermia.

Another phenomenon being tested is the “post-ecstasy crash,” which has been reported by users as deep bouts of depression two to three days after using the drug. Dr. Tancer says this syndrome has never been observed in the lab, and will be evaluated against such controls as sleep-deprivation, strenuous exercise, and multiple drug use.

“Is there a true physiological mechanism that causes drops in serotonin levels after ecstasy use?” Dr. Tancer asked. “Or might people be experiencing the obvious consequences of late weekend nights and heavy dancing?” Such studies related to drug use may be somewhat controversial, but in the absence of proven data, both the scientific community and the general public are searching for answers about the safety and/or dangers of ecstasy. Last year, NIDA hosted a sold-out conference with more than 500 people who were anxious to learn more about ecstasy research. Dr. Tancer presented some preliminary data to the audience that consisted of scientists, drug abuse prevention and treatment practitioners, clinicians, educators, high school counselors, and representatives from federal and local public health departments and agencies.

“There is an outcry for guidance on this topic,” Dr. Tancer said. “Our research findings will be applied to develop and test strategies to block the effects or at least minimize consequences,” Dr. Tancer said.
Two Journal Covers Feature Dr. Jena’s Fusion Pore Pictures

Fusion pores are the pits – literally. Dr. Bhanu Jena’s scientific photos of crater-like pits and depressions on fusion pores were featured on the covers of two journals: the January issue of Cell Biology International and the March issue of Endocrinology. The photos show cells and cell membranes with pits and depressions, providing further evidence of these new cellular structures involved in membrane fusion.

Previously, Dr. Jena was the first to document the existence of fusion pores in live pancreatic acinar cells. Now, he has confirmed their presence in the neuroendocrine growth hormone secreting cells of the pituitary gland. Furthermore, his recent studies conclusively demonstrate the structures to be fusion pores where secretory vesicles fuse to release their contents. Using atomic force microscopy (AFM), he was able to provide images of the dynamics of secretion, pointing out the changes in images of the dynamics of secretion, pointing out the changes in the pits and depressions.

He explains, “The polarized pancreatic acinar cell possesses a highly specialized secretory apparatus. At the apical end of this cell, membrane-bound secretory vesicles called zymogen granules (ZGs) are known to dock and fuse with the plasma membrane to release digestive enzymes. Using AFM, we have identified new plasma membrane structures called ‘pits’ and ‘depressions’ at the apical end of live pancreatic acinar cells. Our study suggests the involvement of these structures in docking and transient fusion of secretory vesicles at the plasma membrane.”

He suspected that vesicles dock transiently, rather than fuse completely, because of the limited dilation (from 150 nanometers to 200 nm) of depressions or fusion pores. If a vesicle measuring one micrometer in diameter, to be completely fuse at a depression measuring 0.15 micrometer in diameter, the depression would be completely obliterated. What happens instead is dilation of the depressions by 25-30 percent (150 nm to 200 nm) transiently, followed by expulsion of vesicular contents through the pore at the plasma membrane. Following secretion, the depression or the fusion pore returns to its normal size.

In Cell Biology International, Dr. Jena observed, “Following stimulation of secretion, there was a 35 percent increase in depression diameter that correlated with an increase in measured enzyme release. Thirty minutes following stimulation of secretion, a 20 percent decrease in depression size was observed.”

“Kiss and run” is what biologists have nicknamed transient fusion, because unlike permanent or total fusion, it requires less of a commitment from the membranes and less metabolic energy. In addition to identifying a new cellular structure, Dr. Jena’s work confirms the “kiss and run” mechanism of exocytosis.

Respiratory Problems Linked By Smooth Muscle Cell Deficiencies

By studying how smooth muscle cells form, Lucia Schuger is learning about numerous respiratory diseases, including important new information about a serious condition in infants. “Babies with hypoplastic lungs do not respond to treatment, and nobody knew why,” said Schuger, MD, associate professor of pathology. She explained that hypoplastic lungs do not stretch adequately for normal breathing. “We found that in certain forms of hypoplasia in newborns, the lungs have a deficient amount of smooth muscle cells in the lung. These smooth muscle cells produce and are the main source of a protein substance called elastin, and elastin is needed for lung elasticity.”

Dr. Schuger’s research group discovered the relationship between a deficiency in smooth muscle cells and hypoplasia through basic research. “Overall, we are studying smooth muscle myogenesis, which is the process by which a type of stem cell becomes smooth muscle cell, as well as the genetic program that regulates it,” she said. “In addition, we are applying what we find, so we can better understand certain diseases that are related to smooth muscle cells.”

One disease of particular interest to the group is lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM), which is characterized by abnormal smooth muscle-like cell proliferation in the lung. “It affects young women and is relentlessly fatal. It can take a couple of years or 10 years or more, but eventually it leads to lung destruction, so it is a horrible disease.” Using tissues collected from stricken women during lung transplants, Dr. Schuger’s group has discovered that some genes in the abnormal cells, or LAM cells, are upregulated. “That upregulation causes a mismatch in the proteolytic enzymes in the lungs, and these (excess) enzymes cause tissue destruction.”

The research group is also investigating lung fibrosis. A rather common condition frequently following pneumonia, it involves the formation of scar tissue in the lung’s connective tissue. She said its link to myogenesis traces back to the fibroblast that causes the condition. That seminal fibroblast develops into a myofibroblast, which is a precursor to both muscle and connective tissue. “We are using an animal model that mimics lung fibrosis in the human. We are essentially using the same approach as with LAM, and are looking for genes that are related to myogenesis and may be dysregulated in fibrosis.”

Although the basic research can be laborious, she said it is well worth the effort. “Many times you don’t find the connections in your research, especially in vivo, but when you do, it really is very rewarding.”

Dr. Schuger is conducting her basic and translational work with three grants: two from the National Institutes of Health and one from the Children’s Research Center of Michigan. Her most recent awards are a $1.3 million and a $1.6 million grant from the NIH.

Photo Caption:
Dr. Schuger’s research group discovered a relationship between a deficiency in smooth muscle cells and hypoplasia.

*Pits and depressions* were featured as new cellular structures on these two recent journal covers.
Emergency Physician Prompts New Payment System for Observation Services

Michael Ross, MD, has single-handedly increased survival rates for people suffering from chest pain, congestive heart failure and asthma. How did he do it? He made sure their hospital bills got paid.

As director of the Emergency Center Observation Unit and Chest Pain Center at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich., Dr. Ross led a major campaign urging the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) to provide separate payments for emergency observation services. In 1998, the United States Department of Health and Human Services began issuing bundled payments for emergency room visits. Based on the diagnosis, each patient was issued a lump-sum amount that had little to do with actual time spent in observation, testing, or critical care. This policy was overturned last year, thanks to the tenacity and leadership of Dr. Ross, who, in addition to working at the busiest emergency room in the state, serves as an assistant professor of emergency medicine at the WSU School of Medicine.

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Adrenaline Release Mechanism Controls “Fight-Or-Flight” Responses

Leukemia Cure May Rest in Children with Down Syndrome

Leukemia is the most common form of cancer in children, and the type known as acute myeloid leukemia is the second most frequent culprit. New hope for battling this often-fatal disease is now coming from an unlikely place: children with Down syndrome.

When comparing the cure rate among children with acute myeloid leukemia, those who also have Down syndrome respond much better to the standard chemotherapy treatment, according to Dr. Gary Taub, an associate professor of pharmacology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Taub's research has shown that while children with Down syndrome have a higher incidence of this disease, they also respond better to standard chemotherapy. Specifically, the cure rate for children with Down syndrome is in the vicinity of 35-40 percent, whereas the cure rate in children with Down syndrome can range from 80-100 percent.

“Studies show that children with Down syndrome have a higher incidence of this disease, and that they also respond better to standard chemotherapy,” Dr. Taub said. “This suggests there is something unique about the genetic makeup of children with Down syndrome that makes their leukemia cells more sensitive to the chemotherapy drugs that we use,” he added.

Since children with Down syndrome have an extra copy of one of their chromosomes—three copies of chromosome 21 instead of two—Dr. Taub has centered his efforts over the last eight years on that site. “We look at what genes are on chromosome 21 and focused our attention on one particular gene, cystathionine-β-synthase (CBS),” he said. Based on extensive comparisons of leukemia samples gathered from children across the country, he and his research group found that children with Down syndrome express CBS at higher levels. That heightened expression appears to cause their leukemia cells to become more sensitive to the main chemotherapy drug, called cytosine arabinoside (ara-C), that is used in treatment of this disease.

“Ultimately what we would like to do is see if there’s some way we can take this observation and make the non-Down-syndrome leukemia cells more sensitive to the ara-C drug,” Dr. Taub explained. To that end, the research team is trying to insert the CBS gene into various tumor cell lines to test whether the addition corresponds to an increased sensitivity. If the work shows promise, and he believes it will, the researchers hope to move their testing from the test tube to an animal model.

“Typically, people have theorized that if a child has three copies of chromosome 21, he or she would similarly have three copies of all the genes instead of two, and the levels of gene expression would be 1.5-fold higher. Actually, we found that expression of this CBS gene was 12-fold higher,” he said. “It’s much more than predicted, so we think that there’s something more that’s really turning this gene on. That’s one of the things that we’re curious to find out.”

“Dr. Taub is collaborating in this work with Larry Matherly, PhD, a WSU professor of pharmacology and researcher at the Karmanos Cancer Institute; Yaddanapudi Ravindranath, MD, professor of pediatrics at Children’s Hospital; postdoctoral researcher Yuhin Ge, PhD; Mark Stout, PhD; and technician Tanya Jensen.

“This whole project reflects an interactive research program between both physicians and basic scientists,” Dr. Taub remarked. “It’s also a good example of what is called translational cancer research: going from the clinic to the laboratory for the study of some clinical observation and hopefully finally taking it back to the clinic where we can devise new treatments.”

The project is receiving support through a $3.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health and a five-year Scholar in Clinical Research Award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Dr. Taub’s work is supported by the NIH. Science Foundation, and a total of $312,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health. She also collaborates with several researchers, including Dr. Clive Paltrey’s lab at the University of Chicago, Dr. Mark Lemmon’s lab at University of Pennsylvania, Thomas Martin’s lab at the University of Wisconsin and Dr. Manfred Lindau at Cornell University.

Dr. Artalejo is conducting her research with the help of a $312,000 grant from the National Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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WSU Researchers Invent Software for Gene Expression Analysis

Months have turned to minutes and manual procedures have turned to automation, thanks to a new software program called Onto-Express” that was described in the February 2002 issue of Genomics. Created by Wayne State University researchers, Onto-Express collects and interprets microarray data and provides gene expression analysis in a biological context in a fraction of the time previously required.

The software correlates gene expression profiles with key biological functions, according to WSU creators who unveiled this technology at the Genome Triangle conference hosted by the Cambridge Healthtech Institute in February.

“From appreciating cellular function within normal or diseased tissue or understand how cells respond to different treatments, an association must be made between genetic profiles and their corresponding biology,” Dr. Krawetz said. “Until now, portraying the functionality of genetic profiles involved using a multitude of public databases to manually identify and categorize the role of individual genes.”

“Creating Onto-Express was also an interesting challenge from a computer science perspective” said Dr. Draghici who is an expert in data mining and machine learning. “The challenge goes well beyond merging information from heterogeneous databases since the results also have to be validated statistically in order to distinguish between false positives and really interesting biological phenomena.”

Version 1 of the software is available free of charge through Open Channel Software, an Internet-based organization that publishes, distributes and commercializes software for advanced scientific applications as well as through the web site of the Intelligent Systems and Bioinformatics Laboratory of the Department of Computer Science (http://vertex.cs.wayne.edu/Projects.html). The researchers are finalizing version 2 of Onto-Express which will be available to commercial users for an annual subscription fee.

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WSU Hosts Brain Awareness Day at the Detroit Science Center

What's on your mind? Many people got a chance to see just that during the Brain Awareness Day celebration. The Wayne State University School of Medicine's Cellular and Clinical Neurobiology Program hosted brain-related activities and demonstrations at the New Detroit Science Center on March 16.

“The Cellular and Clinical Neurobiology Program presents the wonders of the brain and the contribution of neuroscience research to general health and well-being. Brain Awareness Day allows the public to hear and see, first-hand, how the brain works,” said Christian Kreipke, who led WSU's Brain Awareness Day efforts and is a graduate student in Dr. Paul Walker's laboratory. Activities included dissection of real human brains, memory tasks, dyslexia chambers and visual processing activities. Brain Awareness Day is a nationally-recognized event designed to improve the understanding of the brain with an emphasis on neuropsychology, psychiatry and a general understanding of how the brain works. Accenture sponsored the event in conjunction with the science center.

This year, WSU presenters visited more than 4,000 students at schools throughout the community during Brain Awareness Week. In addition, they saw more than 3,000 people on Brain Awareness Day.

“With growing numbers of people diagnosed with neuropathologies such as Parkinson's disease, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and schizophrenia—and with growing concern about drug abuse and dependence, the need for more public awareness about the brain is necessary, Kreipke said.

Faculty Honored with Career Development Awards

Three School of Medicine faculty members have been chosen as recipients of the Wayne State University 2002 Career Development Chair Awards. Cristina Artalejo, MD, PhD, associate professor of pharmacology; Michael Cher, MD, associate professor of urology; and Domenico Gatti, MD, PhD, associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, were honored at the university's Academic Recognition Ceremony on April 17. The award honors promising research and provides recognition and support of outstanding work.

Dr. Artalejo has paved new ground in the field of neurology. She has discovered novel mechanisms of rapid exocytosis and rapid endocytosis in chromaffin cells. Her research program is internationally recognized and she is supported by funding from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Gatti is a structural biologist who uses X-ray crystallography to understand the molecular basis of catalysis. Importantly, he has solved two notable structures, both enzymes important for drug design and resistance. His work has led to two grants from the National Institutes of Health and invitations to present his work to international audiences.

Dr. Cher has recently become recognized nationally as a leader in research involving prostate cancer metastasis to bone. He has developed a unique laboratory model for the study of this phenomenon, involving new techniques for imaging of bone metastasis.
Class of 2002

Congratulations to the Class of 2002 who will pursue post-graduate medical training at the following institutions. Transitional students will begin training at one place and later transfer to another, as indicated by the number after their specialties. Refer to the end of this list for a numbered reference guide to institutions.

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Jason Park and his wife Emilie are thrilled about their move to New York to study orthopaedic surgery.

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James S. DeMeester, Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, Michigan
Trifun Dimitrijevski, Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, Detroit, Michigan
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Gjon G. Dushaj, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Detroit, Michigan
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Joshua B. Evans, Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, Detroit, Michigan
Alberto Farah, Grand Rapids Area Medical Education, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Tiffany R. Farchione, University Health Center of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Michele M. Fliss, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Jennifer L. Foley, William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Michigan
Alison L. Fox, William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Michigan
Alexander P. Franko III, Providence Hospital, Southfield, Michigan
David M. Freccero, Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii
Kari L. Freeman, MidMichigan Medical Center, Midland, Michigan
Wishing each other good luck are Pamela Tomaszewski who will pursue family medicine training at Beaumont, and Amy Neville who is going to the Cleveland Clinic for radiology.

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Columbia, South Carolina  
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Chicago, Illinois  
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Detroit, Michigan  
Anesthesiology

Dafina M. Good  
University Hospital of Cleveland  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Pediatrics

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Detroit, Michigan  
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Orthopedic Surgery

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Tiffany Farchione and Cheryl Bailey were classmates and co-researchers in Dr. David Rosenberg’s laboratory. They pose long enough for Bailey’s parents to snap some candids.

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Anil G. Mathew  Emory University School of Medicine  Atlanta, Georgia  Internal Medicine

Daniel C. McGillicuddy  Israel-Deaconess Medical Center  Boston, Massachusetts  Emergency Medicine

Krystie K. McKinney  Brooke Army Medical Center  Fort Sam Houston, Texas  Pediatrics

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Latania Broyls and Seann Carr compare match results and discuss their pending relocation to Chicago for residency training.

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Internal Medicine
Detroit, Michigan

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Internal Medicine

Matthew R. Steensma
Grand Rapids Area Medical Education
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Orthopaedic Surgery

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Oakwood Hospital
Dearborn, Michigan
Transitional (26)

Mariya V. Suchyta
Oakwood Hospital
Dearborn, Michigan
Family Practice

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Kalamazoo, Michigan
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Hurley Medical Center
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Transitional (27)

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Family Practice

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Grosse Pointe, Michigan
Family Practice

Nadia Tremonti
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Detroit, Michigan
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Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center
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Chicago, Illinois
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Pontiac, Michigan
Transitional

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Dearborn, Michigan
Family Practice

Students will complete training at the following institutions as indicated by the number after their transitional status.

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2) Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Dept. of Anesthesiology, St. Louis, MO
3) Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Detroit, MI
4) Ohio State University Medical Center, Dept. of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Columbus, OH
5) Henry Ford Health System, Dept. of Dermatology, Detroit, MI
6) Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, Dept. of Urology, Detroit, MI
7) Case Western Reserve, Dept. of Neurology, Cleveland, OH
8) Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, Dept. of Dermatology, Detroit, MI
9) University of Florida Program/Shands Hospital, Dept. of Radiation Oncology, Gainesville, FL
10) Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, Dept. of Diagnostic Radiology, Detroit, MI
11) Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, Dept. of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Detroit, MI
12) Johns Hopkins University, Dept. of Anesthesiology, Baltimore, MD
13) University of Michigan Hospitals, Dept. of Anesthesiology, Ann Arbor, MI
14) University of California Irvine Medical Center, Dept. of Anesthesiology, Irvine, CA
15) Rhode Island Hospital/Brown University, Dept. of Diagnostic Radiology, Providence, RI
16) Henry Ford Health Systems, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Detroit, MI
17) Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, Dept. of Otolaryngology, Detroit, MI
18) Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Dept. of Diagnostic Radiology, Cleveland, OH
19) University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Iowa City, IA
20) Cook County Hospital, Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Chicago, IL
21) Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, Dept. of Otolaryngology, Detroit, MI
22) Medical College of Wisconsin, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Milwaukee, WI
23) New York Eye & Ear Infirmary, Dept. of Ophthalmology, New York, NY
24) UCLA Medical Center, Dept. of Neurology, Los Angeles, CA
25) University of Virginia Medical Center, Dept. of Diagnostic Radiology, Charlottesville, VA
26) University of California-Davis Medical Center, Dept. of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Sacramento, CA
27) University of Michigan Hospitals, Dept. of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Ann Arbor, MI
28) Carolinas Medical Center, Dept. of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Charlotte, NC
29) Cook County Hospital, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Chicago, IL

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Notes

Cheryl Bailey, year IV medical student and research assistant in the lab of Dr. David Rosenberg, has received a Medical Student Travel Award to attend the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in May 2002.

William Caplin, MD, associate professor of neurology, moderated and led a panel discussion about temperature management for neurologically impaired patients at the 27th International Stroke Conference.

Bruce Descheres, MD, associate chair of family medicine, has been selected by the United States Figure Skating Association as Team USA physician for the World Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in Rouen, France in mid April. He also assisted at the National Synchronized Skating Team Championships held in Lake Placid, NY, in February and will provide medical coverage for the gold and silver medal senior teams from the Hayden Figure Skating Club in Massachusetts and the varsity team from Miami University of Ohio.

Michael Diamond, MD, the Kamran S. Moghissi Professor and associate chair of obstetrics and gynecology, was an invited speaker at a symposium sponsored by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Rare Diseases, the NIH Office of Research on Women’s Health, and the National Institute of Nursing Research. Dr. Diamond’s presentation was titled “Update on Adhesion Formation and Prevention.”

Tiffany Farchione, year IV medical student and research assistant in the lab of Dr. David Rosenberg, has had an article accepted for publication in the Journal of Child Neurology. Her article, “Hypoplasia of the Corpus Callosum and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder,” is a paper in the February issue of the Archives of General Psychiatry. The study, “Prefrontal Cortical Volume in Childhood Depression” provided evidence that children with major depressive disorder (MDD) may have alterations in the prefrontal cortex, the part of the brain that maintains motivation. This was the first brain-imaging study to examine patients with MDD near-illness onset, before exposure to psychotropic medication. Studying this population helps minimize potential confounders of illness duration and medication treatment.

This study has also caught the attention of Time Magazine. Watch for an article in an upcoming issue. Co-authors on the study include: Gregory Moore, PhD, Rachel Madden, Tiffany Farchione, Maria Bartoi, PhD, Elisa Lorch, Carol Stewart, and David Rosenberg, MD (who also hosted Carla Nolan in his laboratory). Nolan is currently a first-year graduate student at Emory University.

Ananda Prasad, MD, PhD, professor of internal medicine, has been invited to serve on the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council of the National Institutes of Health. His term will last until 2004.

Peter Karpowich, MD, professor of pediatric medicine and director of cardiac electrophysiology services at Children’s Hospital of Michigan, was appointed to the Physician’s Advisory Board of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

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Richard Gallagher, PhD, professor of family medicine, has been elected a fellow of the American Association for Cancer Education. In addition, he was appointed chair of the association’s advisory committee.

Matt Jackson, PhD, associate professor of immunology and microbiology, is presenting a session on interactive learning at the Association of Medical School Microbiology and Immunology Chairs Educational Strategies Workshop in May.

David Rosenberg, MD, professor of psychiatry and behavioral neurosciences, was the keynote speaker at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinics annual research forum at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Herbert Smitherman, MD, assistant professor of internal medicine, was accepted as a Salzburg Seminar Fellow along with 80 other healthcare fellows from across approximately 39 countries.

Tara Washington, MD, assistant professor of radiation oncology and clinical chief of radiation oncology at the Karmanos Cancer Institute’s Sinai-Grace Radiation Oncology Center, has been appointed to the Karmanos Cancer Institute board of trustees.

Muscular Dystrophy Association Funds Two WSU Researchers

The Muscular Dystrophy Association has awarded research grants to two faculty members in WSU’s pediatrics department.

Cylia Acasid, PhD, is studying “Gene Therapy for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA).” The research is aimed to provide experimental evidence that an active form of the gene can be used to “turn on” the gene in the patient’s cells. Dr. Acasid is working on a novel gene therapy approach based on a transgenic mouse model he developed.

Thomas L’Ecuyer, MD, is studying “UTR Binding Protein: Expression and Influence on Differentiation.” He will try to define how a small RNA sequence causes conversion of non-muscle cells into muscle. Both awards are funded through 2004.

Psychiatry Researcher Publishes Report on Cortical Anatomy in Childhood Depression

Carla Nolan, former research assistant in psychiatry and behavioral neurosciences, published a paper in the February issue of the Archives of General Psychiatry. The study, “Prefrontal Cortical Volume in Childhood-Onset Major Depression,” provided evidence that children with major depressive disorder (MDD) may have alterations in the prefrontal cortex, the part of the brain that maintains motivation. This was the first brain-imaging study to examine patients with MDD near-illness onset, before exposure to psychotropic medication. Studying this population helps minimize potential confounders of illness duration and medication treatment.

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An African Americans More Likely to Die From Ovarian Cancer

Although white women in the U.S. are more likely to develop ovarian cancer, African Americans are more likely to die from the disease. This finding was published in the March 15 issue of the journal Cancer by Jill Barnholtz-Sloan, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Epidemiology – Population Studies at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

She determined from a study of more than 15,000 women diagnosed with ovarian cancer between 1980 and 1997 that African-American women with ovarian cancer have a 30% increased risk of death from any cause, as compared with Caucasian women with the same diagnosis.

Technology Is Paramount For Pharmacy and Health Services Facility Officials at Wayne State University’s Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences are getting ready to open “what may be Detroit’s most high-tech building,” according to Detroit Free Press technology reporter, Mike Wendland.

Scheduled to open in May and begin hosting regular classes and labwork in the fall, “The building has been designed to utilize every kind of technology that is available,” said Beverly Scholl, dean of the college. “It will allow our professors and students to access information and engage in simulation instruction like we’ve never been able to do before.”

Among its technological high-lights, the facility features two simulation suites with high-tech teaching mannequins, computer-controlled smart boards, wireless Internet access, Web-based instruction, document cameras and CD and DVD machines to capture class research and data.

The Board of Governors at Wayne State University has elected Leon Atchison as the new chair of the board. Atchison, a lifelong Detroit resident, was elected unanimously and will preside for the 2002 term.

Atchison is vice president of public affairs for United HMO of Michigan, and was first elected to the Board of Governors in 1970. Three other officers were elected to the Board of Governors. They are:

John Kelly, vice chair, who is with the law firm Sommers, Schwartz, Silver & Schwartz P.C. and works as counsel and special assistant to the Attorney General for the State of Michigan.

John Davis, treasurer, is senior vice president of finance and administration at Wayne State.

Julie Miller, re-elected as secretary to the board. In addition, she serves as secretary of the university and executive assistant to the president.

Global Partnerships Expand to Mie University in Japan

Dr. Yasuo Chinzei, dean of the Mie University School of Medicine in Tsu-city, Japan, and Wayne State University President Irvin Reid celebrated the signing of an affiliation agreement between the institutions at a recent event in WSU’s Japan-America Conference Center. Mie University’s relationship with WSU began at Children’s Hospital of Michigan. The agreement signed by Drs. Chinzei and Reid expanded this relationship to the entire university.

President Reid has made expanding the global reach of WSU one of the priorities of his administration. Through the efforts of Office for Global Education, WSU has established affiliations with more than 40 universities worldwide.

Reps of WSU have met with representatives from Mie University meet to solidify a partnership with WSU.
Wayne State University physicians at Children’s Hospital of Michigan have launched the nation’s first pediatric computer-assisted robot-enhanced surgery program. In January 2002, Dr. Scott Langenburg became the first person in the country to operate on a child using the Zeus Robotic Surgical System.

Equipped with a headset, visual screen and hand controls, Zeus senses the surgeon’s hand movements and scales them into precise micro-movements while filtering out hand tremor. The system enables surgeons to use voice commands and manually manipulate the robotic arms. It was developed by Santa Barbara, Calif.-based Computer Motion Inc., which is also a partner at Children’s Hospital with a $5 million commitment.

Researchers are pioneering a whole new class of delicate procedures that were previously thought impossible, from complex brain, chest and abdominal operations to fetal surgery. They are working closely with the United States Food and Drug Administration to secure approval for a broader range of child-specific robot enhanced applications. In addition, the facility is becoming an international teaching center for pediatric robotic surgery. Already, surgeons from overseas have visited the hospital for instruction in the use of this new technology.

The Smart Sensors and Integrated Microsystems Institute headquartered in the College of Engineering is developing smart sensors for the Zeus system, which will enhance the surgeon’s ability to control and receive critical information as they operate. Dr. Langenburg is director of the Maxine and Stuart Frankel Foundation Computer-Assisted Robotic Enhanced Surgery Program, which was established at Children’s Hospital with a $5 million commitment.

**Lights, Camera, Operate:**
Children’s Hospital Acquires Robotic Assistance

**In Memory**

Murray E. Jackson
Wayne State University Governor Emeritus Murray Jackson died in February 2002, after serving on WSU’s Board of Governors for more than 20 years. He had many accomplishments at WSU, from his early years as a student athlete to his later positions as assistant dean of students and assistant to the vice president for urban affairs. He also earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in humanities and taught poetry courses that “reflected both his love for people and for the city that was his home,” said Irvin Reid, WSU president.

According to Dr. Reid, “Murray’s was a life of infinite interests, expressed in both his vocations and avocations.” His service to higher education included a teaching appointment at the University of Michigan, and a position as founding president of Wayne County Community College. He was an enthusiastic civil rights activist, a steadfast advocate for youth, first executive director of the Detroit Council of the Arts, and a mainstay of the Michigan Democratic Party.

He was also a respected poet with two published books and contributions to many publications and anthologies. “We have lost an engaging colleague, and we are all diminished by his passing,” Dr. Reid said.

**Charles H. Wright**

Charles Wright, MD, who died in March at age 83, will be remembered as a Hutzel Hospital obstetrician who delivered more than 7,000 babies, and perhaps one of the most influential African-American Detroiterst of the last half of the 20th century.

He was best known as the founder and namesake of Detroit’s Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History. He was instrumental in the establishment of such museums in the late 1960s and opened his own in the basement of his Detroit home-office, inspired by the collections of artifacts kept by African villagers during his work as a medical missionary.

A physician, art lover, civil rights activist and humanitarian, Dr. Wright said in a 1997 Detroit Free Press interview. “I’d bring healthy babies into the world and I’d see them later and they’d be psychologically scarred. I saw we had to do something about society—and the museum was an effort to do that.”

Born in 1918, Dr. Wright grew up amid poverty in Dothan, Ala. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Alabama State College and a medical degree from Meharry Medical College. In 1946, he started a private practice in Detroit and through the years, served patients at Hutzel Hospital, Harper-Grace and Sinai. Committed to the social and political aspects of medicine, Dr. Wright protested when black patients weren’t given beds beside white patients; served as an attending physician at civil rights marches; and spearheaded the African Medical Education Fund through the Detroit Medical Society so Africans could study in America.

Dr. Wright was an assistant professor of OB-GYN at WSU from 1969 to 1983 and he practiced medicine until his retirement in 1986.
WSU and Neiman Marcus Team Up for Fund-Raising Event

The Wayne State University School of Medicine and Neiman Marcus presented a Spring Fashion Show on February 24 for alumni, friends and current students. Guests mingled while enjoying brunch as they were treated to a sneak preview of fashions for spring 2002.

"Everyone really enjoyed the show," said Linda Ditkoff, wife of Medical Alumni Association President Dr. Thomas Ditkoff. "I was pleased with how well attended it was and at the many creative ideas that were presented."

The event was coordinated by School of Medicine alumni manager, Lori Robitaille. She worked closely with Neiman Marcus vice president, Ariela Shani, who frequently hosts charitable events for the Dallas based retailer. "Ms. Shani was extremely helpful," said Robitaille. "From the moment I contacted her, she was very excited about this project and very eager to support the school. We couldn’t have done it without her."

The show featured practical ideas and displayed looks intended to appeal to all age groups. It presented some trends for this spring that included a "bohemian" sensibility in much of the clothing and a predominant use of the color red.

Neiman Marcus public relations manager, Mimi Strek, was also pleased with the event. "This is the first time we have worked with the School of Medicine," she said. "We feel that Wayne State University is important to the community and a worthy cause."

"I received a lot of positive feedback from this event," said Robitaille. "Many of the women who attended expressed an interest in attending future events. This was our first, true fund-raising event and it was definitely a success."

"This event involved a lot of alumni who aren’t usually involved with the school," said Ditkoff. "It tapped into the interests of many people. The alumni association would like to cultivate this interest and keep people involved. In the future, we would like to expand our corporate ties and relationships within the community and we hope to provide more opportunities for alumni to get together and support the School of Medicine."

Linda Ditkoff welcomes the audience. Enjoying the fashion show are school supporters, Patty Muck, Vesta Dajani and Judy Romady.
School of Medicine Grad is Well Prepared for Challenges

Soniya Hassan, MD, ‘94, a physician in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology’s Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, has no problem handling the volume of high-risk cases that she deals with each day. Dr. Hassan’s entire medical education has been spent in Detroit and with the School of Medicine. Now a practicing physician, she feels that her education has left her well prepared to handle the demands of her current position.

“I was attracted to the School of Medicine because of the volume of cases here. Students can expect a more hands-on approach here than they do at other medical schools,” Dr. Hassan said. She chose to remain in Detroit after graduation and began her residency at Hutzel Hospital in 1994. She felt that she could gain more experience working in Detroit than in other programs.

Hutzel Hospital sees approximately 6,500 births each year and of those, approximately 50 percent are high-risk. Dealing with this amount of high-risk pregnancies can be overwhelming at times, but Dr. Hassan feels that she has the necessary tools with which to handle all that she might encounter. “The School of Medicine really gave me an excellent start. You don’t realize how great the experience was until it’s over.”

Dr. Hassan recently completed a fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine and is currently doing research on some of the causes of pre-term labor, or childbirths that occur before 32 weeks. “We are searching for signs that can assist in predicting weaknesses in the cervix that could cause this problem. By examining patients early in pregnancy, we’re trying to find a marker to aid in predicting pre-term labor cases. We’re using ultrasound to try to see possible opportunities to intervene and correct the incompetent cervix.”

The quality of the work experience wasn’t the only factor that influenced Dr. Hassan to remain with the School of Medicine and at Hutzel Hospital for the duration of her training and to continue on as faculty. The Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine is one of 14 institutions in the United States chosen to be part of a prestigious network called the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Network, created by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. “We were selected again in 2001, for the third time, since 1991, for a renewal of our contract and we hope to maintain that level of excellence,” she said.

The President’s Greeting

Greetings on behalf of the Wayne State University School of Medicine Alumni Association Board of Governors.

This is my final Alum Notes message as president of the Medical Alumni Association. I have, indeed, enjoyed my term as president. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to participate in developing several new programs such as the Neiman Marcus Fashion Show and the redesigned Medical Alumni Reunion Day. It was also a pleasure to lend our support to worthwhile programs, including the incoming student welcome day and the student orientation and welcome ceremony. I hope we can continue to grow and develop additional programs that accommodate the ever-changing needs of our alumni as well as support the Medical Alumni Association.

This past year has been financially challenging for us as it has for many organizations throughout the country. We realize that many of our alumni have been affected by the fluctuating economy and turbulent world events. Unfortunately, these things have made our annual fundraising efforts more challenging.

With this in mind, I would like to remind you that we are still accepting donations for the 2001 Alumni Annual Telefund. Please contact Stacie Gordon in the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (313) 993-4181 if you would like to make a donation.

I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming spring events.

Second-Year Student Awarded Fellowship

Mark Pankonin, a second-year MD/PhD student, has been awarded a National Institutes of Health fellowship grant for his research on the hereditary disorder, Pelizaeus-Merzbacher Disease. The award came as a result of his work under the guidance of Drs. Jim Garbern and John Kamholz in the Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics at the School of Medicine. After he completes his second year of medical school this spring, Pankonin will shift gears and begin work on his PhD and on his research, in earnest, on the disease.

Pelizaeus-Merzbacher Disease, named after the two German physicians who first identified it, is a rare condition caused by mutations affecting the gene for the proteolipid protein. Symptoms of this disease can dramatically affect an individual’s mental and physical development. According to Dr. Garbern, “This condition is caused by mutations affecting the gene that encodes the major protein in brain and spinal cord myelin or white matter. Studies of this disease will enhance our understanding of the normal functions of this enigmatic protein, and we hope it will lead to treatments for this disease as well as treatments for some more common diseases of white matter, such as multiple sclerosis.”

Pankonin’s interest in genetic research was sparked as an undergraduate upon the announcement of the human genome mapping in 1999. “I wanted to get involved in genetic research. It is a booming field and, truly, the next frontier,” he said.

This interest led him to pursue higher education, and, in fact, Pankonin quickly realized that dual MD/PhD degrees were necessary for him to address his interests. “I wanted a great intellectual challenge,” Pankonin explained. “The MD/PhD program allows me to study in a highly specific area.” After his three, or possibly, four years of work on his PhD, Pankonin will return to his MD studies and finish his final two years of schooling. While in his final years of training to become a doctor, he will make the most of his PhD.

“The MD/PhD program allows you to take what you’re doing in the lab and apply that knowledge to your dealings with patients,” he said. “Everyone at the school has been very supportive of my application for this fellowship. Drs. Garbern and Kamholz have helped me an incredible amount, and I am very thankful for this excellent opportunity that I now have.”
Where are these Missing Members of the 2002 Reunion Class?

Dr. Frank has been involved with the student-produced Lampoon for many years and has acquired a special appreciation of the shows. “The best shows use a lot of real lampooning,” Dr. Frank said. “The students are exposed to the quirks and eccentricities of teachers and faculty every day. When they accurately point out these aspects — actions that the students recognize — it’s really great.”

Each year, the show is judged by a faculty committee that includes Dr. Frank. “The committee selects the best class on a basis of pure talent and merit,” he explained. “This year, the first and second-year classes had very good shows. They often have more time to put into the shows than the other classes.”


The Office of Alumni Affairs has been unsuccessful in locating the following members of these special classes. Please contact the alumni office at (313) 877-WSU-MED1, if you have any information regarding the whereabouts of our missing colleagues:

- 1952 Frederick H. Lucas, MD
- 1957 John J. Zane, MD
- 1962 Evelyn F. Baugh, MD Daniel R. Guyot, MD
- 1967 Robert G. Casten, MD James E. Lipton, MD
- 1972 Kenneth A. Foon, MD Dorothy Kelly, MD Commodore T. Mohley, MD Robert W. Orzechowski, MD David B. Sperry, MD Jeffrey J. Stevens, MD Lawrence J. Timek, MD
- 1977 Robert P. Bauman, MD Douglas C. Cable, MD Clarissa A. Cowles, MD Wallace J. Gastelowicz, MD Carol F. Morris, MD Wayne S. Wahl, MD Daniel E. Wallach, MD
- 1982 James T. McGriff, MD Ronald Miller, MD Danita L. Peoples-Peterson, MD Ronald M. Suprenant, MD Steven M. Zoeller, MD
- 1987 Eric S. Baron, MD Jeffrey H. Berent, MD Conlin W. Elliot, MD Michael B. Fairthans, MD Randall T. Forsch, MD Alan H. Friedman, MD Joseph P. Lazos, MD Norma C. Vivot, MD
- 1992 Shelly Bade, MD Erik M. Borgnes, MD Maria Victoria C. Cano, MD Creg A. Carpenter, MD James J. Dietz, MD Dawn M. Flaherty, MD Louis A. Furcichia, MD Teresa L. Gurin, MD Mary E. Haddad, MD Robin M. Hisbitt, MD Susan A. Ivanovic, MD Timothy J. Jarvi, MD Dennis S. Klebba, MD Curtis O. Longs, MD Mark J. Lytk, MD Mark G. Mainwaring, MD Reinhard W. Motte, MD

- 1997
  - Arif Ali, MD
  - Kevin E. Anderson, MD
  - Jocelyn A. Andrews, MD Lorena R. Brown, MD Julie A. Church, MD Jon R. Conti, MD Neha P. Dave, MD Andrea M. Demrick, MD Adele R. Fowler, MD Sabina Gandhi, MD Henri Goddu, MD Paul J. Holman, MD Steven J. Kernis, MD Vikram S. Khantaria, MD Lisa R. Markman, MD Alan M. Millman, MD Tahasum M. Mir, MD Azadeh Pakideh, MD Gladys E. Palomino, MD Alan C. Parent, MD James M. Park, MD David M. Pegouke, MD Howard W. Robinson, MD Tejal Shah, MD Karin L. Vadelund, MD Sameena M. Zahoor, MD

Come Learn More About Planned Giving

A free planned giving dinner and seminar for alumni and friends will be held Thursday, May 23, at 5:30 p.m. at Morels in Bingham Farms, Mich. Seating is limited. Please contact the development office at (313) 995-4181 for more information or to make reservations.

Planning to Give

Early Tips for Saving Taxes in 2002

Working on your 2001 income tax return may have been just the right inspiration to put your tax bill on a diet for 2002. The earlier you implement tax-saving strategies, the slimmer your tax bill will be when you file your 2002 return. Consider some of these ideas:

- **Make tax-free gifts to younger family members.** Beginning this year, the amount you can give free of gift tax increases from $10,000 to $11,000 ($22,000 for married couples). Not only will a gift reduce your gross estate and possibly save estate taxes, but if you give income producing assets early in the year, you’ll shift that income to a family member who may be in a lower income tax bracket.

- **Fully fund retirement plans.** The maximum contribution to IRAs and other qualified retirement plans has increased in 2002. Even those over age 70 can contribute to a Roth IRA if they have earned income, subject to income limits.

- **Convert from taxable to tax-free investments.** A municipal bond earning 3 percent interest is equivalent to a taxable investment of 4.28 percent for a tax bracket. A municipal bond earning 3 percent interest is equivalent to a taxable investment of 4.28 percent for a tax bracket.

- **Consider a gift to Wayne State University School of Medicine.** You can secure an income tax charitable deduction for 2002 by making a gift to the School of Medicine and keeping a fixed or variable income for the rest of your life or the lives of you and another. —Excerpted from the “Modalities” planned giving newsletter, spring 2002. If you are not already receiving “Modalities” and would like to be added to our mailing list, or would like more information on how making a gift can bring satisfaction and lower taxes, please contact Susan Miller, Wayne State University School of Medicine, 111 W. Alexander, Detroit, MI 48201.

Phone: (313) 577-0078 Fax: (313) 577-1330 Email: smiller@med.wayne.edu
Alumni Get Together in Fort Lauderdale

In February, 35 alumni and friends of the School of Medicine gathered at the California Café in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for a luncheon and update on the School of Medicine. Dr. Robert Frank, ’73, associate dean for academic and student programs, provided a very informative report on the school. He then entertained questions from Florida alumni about all of the new programs taking shape. There was a great deal of interest in the library addition project that is underway, as it will greatly enhance the school’s ability to provide state-of-the-art learning environments for students. In fact, the medical alumni association has already pledged the lead gift of $1 million for the library addition.

Dr. James Harvat, ’45, newly appointed medical alumni association regional representative for the state of Florida, announced that he is planning an event for alumni that will take place in Orlando, Fla., this October or November. Florida alumni will be notified of this event as it draws near.

Please contact Claude Jackson, development officer for the School of Medicine, at (313) 577-2830, if you would like more information regarding the library addition project. Feel free to contact the Medical Alumni Affairs office at (313) 577-3387 if you are interested in attending or participating in the planning of the reception in Orlando this fall.

Notes

Class of 1952
William E. Rush, MD, reports: “After several years working as a consultant, I have returned to full-time employment as medical director for the Medicare HMO at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia in Atlanta.”

Class of 1962
Drake Duane, MD, reports that he has recently delivered the Geschwind Memorial Lecture to the International Dyslexia Association and has also written a lead editorial entitled “Defining Dyslexia” for the Mayo Clinic proceedings. He was selected as the Dystonia Doctor of Excellence by the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation and will give an opening address at the European Dyslexia Congress in Uppsala, Sweden.

Joel Kriegel, MD, ended a 2-year term as chief of staff at St. Joseph Mercy Macomb Hospital in Sterling Heights, Mich. His practice is now known as The Urology Center, P.C.

Class of 1973
Edward Dunn, MD, recently completed a year as a RWJ Health Policy Fellow and legislative staffer on Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee in Washington, D.C., where he worked for Senator Kennedy.

Lawrence Leichman, MD, was named chief of medical oncology and associate director for clinical affairs at the Albany Medical Center in Albany, NY.

Class of 1977
Cynthia Leichman, MD, was appointed to head the gastrointestinal oncology program at Albany Medical Center in Albany, NY.

Class of 1978
Don Spivak, MD, a psychiatrist from Bloomfield Township, Mich., recently graduated from the Michigan Psychoanalytical Institute training program in child/adolescent psychoanalysis.

Class of 1981
Susan Bland, MD, reports that she is married to fellow classmate Richard Ruffing. They have four children—three girls and one boy. They are living in Gaffney, S.C., and working for Mary Black Health Systems. She would love to hear from former classmates: alblnd@maryblack.org.

Class of 1984
Jerry Sobieraj, MD, published his first book in November 2001 about some of the issues confronting primary care providers. The book is titled, A Difficult Time, and was published by iUniverse. It may be viewed at www.DifficultTime.com. Dr. Sobieraj remains in practice at Boston University while studying for a masters degree in computer science.

Class of 1985
Nitin Damle, MD, has joined Northeast Orthopedics in New York and is specializing in foot and ankle surgery.

Class of 1986 and 88
Gary (1986) and Heidi (1988) Swanson are living in the Pittsburgh area with their eight children. Baby Isaac was born at home in June 2001, and was welcomed by all of his older siblings: Nathanael (14), Jacob (13), Benjamin (10), Caleb (8), Elizabeth (6), Luke (4), and Seth (2). Gary is a child and adolescent psychiatrist and is also the director of residency training for general and child psychiatry at Allegheny General Hospital. Heidi is practicing pediatrics part-time in a private office and is active in breast-feeding promotion.

Class of 1989
Mark A. Rolian, MD, of Pontiac, Mich., was awarded a 2001 Young Ophthalmologist of the Year Award.

Class of 1993
Arezo Amirikia, MD, of Bloomfield, Mich., was awarded a “2001 Young Ophthalmologist of the Year Award.”

Class of 1995
Kevin Markham, MD, has joined the medical staff at Northern Hospital in Petoskey, Mich.

Class of 1996
Matthew Steffes, MD, has joined the staff of Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn, Mich., and specializes in general orthopedics.

Class of 1997
Michael Danto, MD, completed a residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Stanford Medical Center. He relocated to Orange County, Calif., with his wife and two sons, and has joined a 14-surgeon orthopedic group in private practice. He specializes in sports medicine and interventional spine care.

Mike McCracken, MD, has just moved to San Diego to begin his gynecology fellowship. Recently, he married his long-term sweetheart from residency—Laura. They are expecting their first twin in April. He is learning to surf and is perfecting the Excalibur.

Class of 1998
Christa Malinak, MD, has been appointed to the medical staff at Monongahela Valley Hospital and Regional Cancer Center in Carroll Township, Penn.

Class of 2001
Eric Rop, MD, is completing a residency in family medicine at Bayfront Medical Center in Saint Petersburg, Fla.

Rebeccah Shierson, MD, is completing a residency in emergency medicine at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

We’re on the web
Visit the Medical Alumni Association Web site located at:
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Thomas A. Tenaglia, MD, ’37

Thomas A. Tenaglia, a family physician who practiced in Ecorse and Lincoln Park, Mich., for 63 years, died on February 22, at the age of 91.

Dr. Tenaglia, the first American-born child of Italian immigrant parents, was born on December 20, 1910. He was raised in a family of 12 in Dunbar, Pa., and later moved to Detroit. After being double promoted twice, he graduated at the top of his class from River Rouge High School in 1927. He went on to study at the University of Detroit where he graduated in 1935 then enrolled at Wayne State University School of Medicine and graduated in the class of 1937.

As he began his private practice, he remained closely linked with his medical school and served as an assistant clinical professor for several years. As Dr. Tenaglia began to practice medicine, house calls were the norm. He delivered hundreds of babies, and many patients stayed with him until their elderly years. In WWII he served as chief of radiology at the 1,000-bed 104th General Hospital in England, until being discharged in 1946 with the rank of major. He witnessed tremendous advances in medicine, and compiled thousands of credits in continuing medical education. An early passion for medicine and a belief in God formed his philosophy of life. As a dedicated physician and educator, he immensely enjoyed his patients and in later years, when asked about his profession, his response was often: “I take care of the skin and all of its contents.”

Dr. Tenaglia’s achievements include being awarded Phi Alpha Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha. He served as chief of staff at Outer Drive Hospital, and in 1978 was selected as the Michigan Family Physician of the Year by the American Academy of Family Physicians, of which he was charter diplomat.

Never actually “retiring,” Dr. Tenaglia practiced medicine until the end. His inspiration throughout the years was his 59-year marriage to Christine Kalbfleisch and his relationship with his two daughters. He was deeply loved by his family and by his patients. He will be missed in many ways.

Written by: Samuel Rosenblat, MD, ’35

Alphonce Walter Baran, MD, ’38

Dr. Alphonce Walter Baran did everything from delivering babies to taking out tonsils to making house calls. He died on March 21 at age 89, after running a family practice in Detroit for more than 50 years and working on staff at Old St. Mary’s, Mt. Carmel, Crittenton and Providence hospitals until his retirement two years ago.

“Medicine was his life. He was a dedicated family physician and surgeon who did it all,” said Bob Baran, his son, in a Detroit News article.

Dr. Baran earned a bachelor’s degree from Alliance College in Pennsylvania and his medical degree from the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He was a member of the Wayne County Medical Society and the Polish Medical Dental Arts Club.

His most compelling passion outside of medicine were hunting and fishing in northern Michigan. “He was a sportsman,” his son said. “For a week to 10 days every year, he loved to deer hunt. It was a sacred time of the year...a passion.” Survivors include his wife, Kathryn; a son, Bob; four daughters, Donna Fante, Gayle Canner, Deborah Truesdale and Patricia Laytner; two step-daughters, Christina and Elizabeth Dudek; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Wayne State University School of Medicine, Department of Anatomy, 540 E. Canfield, Detroit, Mich. 48201.

Our Apologies

We regret that we incorrectly listed John Temple, M.D., ’71, as deceased in the last issue of Alum Notes. We are happy to report that he is alive and well. Our sincere apologies for the error.
Send us your news

Let your classmates know what you’ve been doing.

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