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Third-year clinical rotations exceed expectations

Serving as first assistant in an operation to remove a patient's lung is an experience many doctors-in-training wouldn't have until their residency.

But for third-year FSU medical student Julie Gladden, it was all in a day's work.

"We've been getting phenomenal one-on-one mentoring with the surgeons," said Gladden, whose operating room experience during her surgery and obstetrics/gynecology rotations also included assisting with hysterectomies, and using drills, screws and hammers during orthopedic surgeries.

"The clerkship faculty are so excited about teaching us and allowing us to learn and do things with them directly looking over our shoulders," said Gladden, who is completing her clinical training at the medical school's regional campus in Pensacola.

Halfway through her third-year rotations in Orlando, Gladden's classmate Sarah Fein says her clinical training has exceeded her expectations. Like Gladden, Fein is interested in pursuing a career in orthopedic surgery, so she was excited to start the year off last July with her surgery rotation.



THIRD-YEAR FSU MEDICAL STUDENT JASON ROCHA, SECOND FROM RIGHT, ASSISTS TIMOTHY CHILDERS, M.D., SURGERY CLERKSHIP DIRECTOR AT THE MEDICAL SCHOOL'S ORLANDO CAMPUS, LEFT, WITH A THYROID SURGERY.

"I feel very fortunate to have been able to work one-on-one with a surgeon the entire time," Fein said. "There weren't any other medical students or residents on most of the cases I was working on, so it was really just me and the surgeon, and I felt like a very essential part of patient management all the way from when they first came into the clinic, to assisting in their surgery, to seeing them post-op. I really saw the continuity of it."

Similarly, third-year student Michael Hernandez said he's gained excellent outpatient experience by working side-by-side with clerkship faculty on his family medicine, psychiatry, pediatrics and internal medicine rotations.

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Hernandez did his internal medicine rotation with John Agens, M.D., of Capital Health Plan in Tallahassee. Agens focuses on chronic disease management, the goal of which is to keep patients with conditions such as diabetes and heart disease out of the hospital and functioning as well as possible.

Hernandez enjoys the challenge of such preventive medicine.

“If you learn predominantly in the hospital setting, then you learn how to get patients back on their feet and out of the hospital, but you don’t really learn the art of keeping them out of the hospital,” Hernandez said. “Without good outpatient care, chronic disease patients will be back again sometime. It’s almost a guarantee.”

Hernandez’s most satisfying case involved a woman who came to Capital Health Plan as a new patient. Before coming to CHP, the woman had been diagnosed with chronic heart failure and had suffered two strokes.

Working under the supervision of CHP’s Nancy Van Vessem, M.D., who serves as internal medicine clerkship director for the medical school’s Tallahassee campus, Hernandez began taking the patient’s history.

After a while, Hernandez started to suspect that perhaps the woman didn’t really have chronic heart



FSU MEDICAL STUDENT MICHAEL HERNANDEZ, LEFT, EXAMINES EDWARD GAINOUS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SCOTTIE WHIDDON, M.D., IN QUINCY.

failure at all, but rather an adrenal gland tumor, a problem that can be treated surgically.

He and Van Vessem discussed the case, and she agreed that tests for the presence of an adrenal gland tumor were in order. The test results confirmed their suspicions.

“When we took the time to figure it out, there it was – a little tumor in her adrenal gland causing the whole problem,” Hernandez said.

“The hardest part about it was you see a chart with all this history, which is misleading. The key was listening to her story, because had we looked at the chart and not listened to her story, it wouldn’t have come out.”

Physicians who have worked with FSU’s third-year medical students say they have been impressed by the students’ diagnostic and patient communication skills.

Mike Forsthoefel, M.D., has taught three students on

their internal medicine rotations at the Tallahassee regional campus.

“They have a good knowledge base,” Forsthoefel said. “They are very willing and anxious to learn.”

Forsthoefel also noted that FSU’s third-year medical students are exceptionally comfortable with patients, and the patients with them. He attributes this to the extensive exposure FSU’s medical students get to patients in the first and second years of medical school.

“I was impressed that the student shows enough confidence to put the patient at ease,” Forsthoefel said. “I don’t think that would be the same with other medical students. When I was in medical school I had virtually no exposure to patients in those first two years. They’ve done that (at FSU) without compromising academics.”

Pensacola psychiatrist Kevin Sanders, M.D., said

although the third-year rotations are being offered for the first time in the medical school's history, they have been extremely well-organized.

"Everything seems to be working as well as it should be, which you don't expect right off the bat," Sanders said.

Formerly chief psychiatry resident at Duke University, Sanders taught psychiatry to Duke medical students.

"The FSU students I've worked with were very bright and at least on the same level (as the Duke students)," he said. "I have only good things to say about them. They've lived up to or exceeded my expectations."

Tom Mahan, M.D., who teaches general surgery at the Orlando campus,

made a similar assessment of the students.

"Their fund of knowledge is par with what I'd expect with any other medical school – certainly very solid," Mahan said. "Everyone has been very eager and has done a fine job."

He appreciates the value of the one-on-one relationship the students have with their clerkship faculty on each rotation.

"It's definitely rewarding to see their surgical knowledge grow through the short period of six weeks," he said. "It's fun watching that metamorphosis."

And for the students, he adds, "it's nice having a front-row seat."

–N.K.

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MESSAGE FROM DEAN J. OCIE HARRIS, M.D.

When the community-based model for the FSU College of Medicine was first proposed, many skeptics questioned whether a quality program could be built in which practicing physicians in the community were the primary clinical teaching faculty.

Of course, FSU's medical school is not the first to use this model. To date, more than 20 medical schools around the country follow a community-based model.

FSU is proving once again that the distributed, community-based model is a sound one. Its success is based largely on the strong interest many community physicians have in passing on their knowledge to others. In Orlando, Pensacola and Tallahassee, hundreds of physicians have come forward to accept teaching responsibilities and incorporate our medical students into their practices. Likewise, many physicians in Sarasota have expressed their desire to participate once we open our new campus there.

One advantage FSU has is that we have been able to develop our program

using knowledge of the successes and challenges faced by the community-based medical schools that came before us. Now, with our innovative uses of technology to ensure quality and consistency across clinical training sites, we are paving the way for the next generation of community-based medical schools.

Another plus for FSU is that we as a medical school can focus on education and research without being encumbered by the operation of a clinical enterprise. Without a big business to run, we can put our energies into maximizing the effectiveness of the community physicians who teach our students through a robust faculty development program. Here, too, the community physicians on our faculty have shown their considerable enthusiasm, coming repeatedly to faculty development sessions so they can learn how to be the most effective teachers they can be. Without the dedication of these excellent physician role models and their willingness to share their expertise with our students,



we certainly would not be enjoying such wonderful success.

The high quality of our students' performance, along with their widespread satisfaction with their clinical rotations, is solid evidence that the community-based model is resulting in an excellent medical education at FSU.

Students experience community medicine

Last December, third-year medical student Karen Miles sat in an intervention session at a Pensacola outreach center surrounded by 20 men who had battered their partners.

More than 400 miles away, Miles' classmate Rob Allison strode through the woods of western Orlando with a nurse, a mental health counselor, and a case manager in search of people in homeless camps who might be in need of medical or substance abuse treatment.

Meanwhile, in Perry, Fla., fellow student Christie Sain felt music fill the room of a dying nursing home resident as his Hospice music therapist played him a soothing melody on the guitar.

These students' experiences were part of a three-week required community medicine rotation designed to broaden their understanding of the role community agencies play in supporting patients and enhancing their quality of life.

Prior to her experience at Favor House in Pensacola, Miles thought the organization was simply a battered women's shelter.

"It's not just a shelter," Miles said at the end of her rotation. "They have victims' programs, batterers intervention programs, and all sorts of counseling, plus they have two shelters."

Likewise, Allison gained a much better grasp of the scope of the work done by Orlando's Health Care Center for the Homeless and the Homeless Outreach Partnership Effort, which seeks to reach the "hard-core" homeless in Orange and surrounding counties.

"The experience has strengthened my desire to work with the underserved and indigent in an inner city,"

Allison said. "In the community where I settle I will certainly be involved in community outreach programs such as the Health Care Center for the Homeless."

Sain received a thorough orientation to Big Bend Hospice during her 13 days there.

"I didn't know that each patient is offered a music therapist, a chaplain, volunteer services, family support services and a social worker," said Sain, who spent a full day working alongside each type of service provider, in addition to making rounds with the medical director of the Hospice House.

"As a future physician, knowing this is available to people at the end of life will help me make better decisions about what to do for my patients in their final days."

For Garrett Chumney, who spent his rotation working under Marjorie Kirsch, M.D., medical director of the Leon County Health Department, the rotation was a chance to participate in the entire scope of the Health Department's services.

One day, he joined a Hazmat team responding to a bomb threat. The next, he helped interview patients with sexually transmitted diseases to make sure their partners were getting treatment. Later that same day, he witnessed the department's directed observed therapy program, in which field workers visit tuberculosis patients to ensure they are taking their medications.

"That was interesting because I didn't know the directed observed therapy program existed," Chumney said.

From a public health perspective, Kirsch said the



THIRD-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT GARRETT CHUMNEY, CENTER, REVIEWS LEON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS WITH MEDICAL DIRECTOR MARJORIE KIRSCH, M.D., RIGHT, AND LYNN MULDOON, R.N.

students' community medicine rotations were providing them with important information and were unlike anything she ever did as a medical student.

"I had no training in public health in medical school," Kirsch said. "In fact, I worked here as a clinic physician for five years and had no idea what the other roles of the Health Department were. I think it's great that they get the opportunity, and I love the company."

At the end of the rotation, students at each regional campus met to share their experiences. Miles appreciated the chance to learn about the agencies to which her classmates were assigned.

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THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE COMPLEX WILL INCLUDE A RESEARCH BUILDING, PART OF WHICH IS PICTURED ON THE LEFT, AN EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, RIGHT, AND AN AUDITORIUM. CONSTRUCTION OF THE AUDITORIUM AND THE REMAINDER OF THE RESEARCH BUILDING WILL BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR.

Move to new College of Medicine complex scheduled for fall

Construction is ahead of schedule on the new 270,000-square-foot building complex for the Florida State University College of Medicine, and students, faculty and the medical school administration are expected to move into the new buildings this fall.

"The buildings are coming along beautifully," said College of Medicine Dean J. Ocie Harris, M.D. "We are looking forward to the move from our transitional facilities into our permanent home, which is perfectly designed to meet all of the college's needs."

Three stories of the infrastructure for the new medical school complex have risen from the ground and are now visible to passersby at the intersection of Stadium Drive and Call Street, on the northwest corner of the FSU campus.

The \$60 million complex will consist of an education and administration building, a research building and an auditorium. The education and administration building and half of the research building will be complete this fall. Construction of the remainder of the research

building and the auditorium will be complete by the end of 2005. The three new medical school buildings will follow the Jacobean architecture of the historic core of the FSU campus and will surround a courtyard.

The new buildings will feature wireless Internet capabilities throughout and classrooms outfitted with state-of-the-art electronics for classroom presentations, videoconferencing and distance learning. The new Clinical Learning Center, a simulated clinic designed for teaching patient communica-

tion and physical exam skills, will be twice the size of the current one, and will feature 14 patient rooms equipped with digital recording equipment and cutting-edge medical information technology resources.

The new medical school complex will house the first- and second-year education program. The education of third- and fourth-year medical students takes place in community settings at the school's regional campuses in Orlando, Pensacola and Tallahassee. A fourth regional campus is scheduled to open in Sarasota in 2005.

VIRTUAL TOUR OF COLLEGE OF MEDICINE NOW ONLINE

Anyone who has ever wanted to see inside the FSU College of Medicine now has the opportunity to take a self-guided tour without ever leaving home.

A newly launched Virtual Tour starts from the medical school's Web site, www.med.fsu.edu, and takes participants through the medical school's classrooms, research labs, library, Clinical Learning Center and many other areas.

The tour is divided into 10 video segments, which can be viewed in any order. Through video, still pictures, narration and student testimonials, online visitors can discover many of the college's unique features, from its extensive outreach programs to its regional campuses and innovative student learning communities.

In each segment, a current student describes – in his or her own words – a different

aspect of the College of Medicine. In addition, a special section titled "Why FSU?" offers insights from nine different students on why they chose to go to medical school at FSU.

Accessing the online tour requires high-speed Internet access, such as a cable modem, as well as Macromedia Flash Player (to see and hear the tour introduction) and one of three streaming media players, all of

which can be downloaded from the Internet.

The tour was developed by FSU's Office of Distributed and Distance Learning in cooperation with College of Medicine personnel.

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Vuong establishes Coumadin clinic at NHS

Monitoring patients on the blood-thinning drug Coumadin is a challenging task for physicians everywhere, but especially so in the indigent care setting, where patients may not have a phone or transportation to get them to and from a health-care facility for regular testing.

That's why April Vuong, Pharm.D., established a Coumadin clinic at Neighborhood Health Services, a Tallahassee clinic for the uninsured and underserved, last September. After earning her pharmacy degree at the University of Florida, Vuong worked in three rural clinics outside of Gainesville, and at each one she managed a Coumadin clinic.

Vuong joined the College of Medicine in July 2003 as clinical pharmacy coordinator for the medical school's Area Health Education Centers program. Part of her job involves counseling patients at NHS and providing pharmaceutical consults for the clinic's providers. Before she established the Coumadin clinic, NHS had to send patients' blood work out overnight, then try to reach the patients the next day, sometimes having to leave messages with neighbors who had phones.

"This clinic was something that I thought would improve the quality of care the patients were receiving because they could get the blood work done on the premises, and important changes in therapy could be made immediately," Vuong said.

Coumadin is used to treat patients who are at high risk for having blood clots. It has to be carefully monitored because if a patient's dose is set too low, blood clots can still form, but if it is set too high, the patient can suffer a hemorrhage. Vuong works closely with about 15 Coumadin patients to make sure they understand the importance of routine follow-up visits to monitor and adjust their dosages.

The Coumadin clinic at NHS relies upon a donated Coaguchek-S machine to



IN ADDITION TO MONITORING PATIENTS AND ADJUSTING THEIR MEDICATIONS, APRIL VUONG, PHARM.D., SPENDS TIME COUNSELING THEM REGARDING DIET AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ADHERING TO THEIR MEDICAL REGIMEN.

monitor the blood of Coumadin patients. The \$2,000 machine was donated by Roche Diagnostics and Physician Sales and Service at the request of cardiologist Orson Smith, M.D., who runs his own Coumadin clinic at Southern Medical Group and volunteers at NHS.

"This was all made possible by Dr. Smith," Vuong said. "We owe him a huge thanks."

—M.B.

Center for Medicine and Public Health launched

The College of Medicine's new Center for Medicine and Public Health will seek to bridge the historical divide between medical practice and public health through research, service, education, and the formation of coalitions at the community level.

Leslie Beitsch, M.D., J.D., has been named director of the new center, which is believed to be the first of its kind within a U.S. medical school. Beitsch joined the medical school in December as visiting professor in the Division of Health Affairs. A former state public health official with the Florida and Oklahoma departments of health, Beitsch is board-

certified in preventive medicine.

The Center for Medicine and Public Health was established to research issues related to public health workforce development, professional competencies, and areas of collaboration between medicine and public health, from access to care for the uninsured to bioterrorism.

"The American Medical Association and the American Public Health Association initiated a national effort 10 years ago to bring the houses



LESLIE BEITSCH, M.D., J.D.

of medicine and public health closer together," Beitsch said. "The center will employ several strategies to accomplish the same mission within Florida and the region."

The need for greater collaboration between public health departments and medical practices, where most people first report their symptoms, was underscored by the anthrax attacks that followed on the heels of 9/11.

Community physicians and other private providers, as well as public health officials, have

a role in managing health issues such as bioterrorism, as well as chronic disease and immunization, Beitsch said.

"Partnerships between private and public providers will lead to a more productive system on both state and national levels," he said.

As one of the center's initial research projects, Beitsch intends to examine how medical and public health systems are currently working together, both informally and formally.

"We will catalog current medicine and public health initiatives within Florida, as well as the characteristics that make them successful or not successful," Beitsch said.

Ryerson appointed chair of department of clinical sciences

Gene Ryerson, M.D., has been named chair of the department of clinical sciences at the FSU College of Medicine.

"It's exciting to be associated with a group so dedicated to education," said Ryerson after his first few weeks getting to know the faculty members in his department.

Ryerson came to FSU in January from the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville, where he was professor of medicine in the college's Pulmonary and Critical Care Division and at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

At the University of Florida, Ryerson received more than 30 teaching awards, including Teacher of the Year for the UF College of Medicine eight times, Clinical Science Teacher of the Year Award seven times, Basic Science Teaching Award two times, and the Hippocratic Award for teaching excellence, which is the highest honor a UF

College of Medicine faculty member can receive, four times.

In 1999, Ryerson received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Florida Chapter of the American College of Physicians for dedication to medical education.

Ryerson is currently president-elect of the Florida Thoracic Society and Governor for Florida for the American College of Chest Physicians. In 2002, he chaired the 47th Annual Tri-State Consecutive Case Conference on Lung Disease for the Thoracic Societies of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The department of clinical sciences, one of five academic departments at the medical school, encompasses all clinical disciplines except family medicine and geriatrics, each of which is a separate department. Ed Bradley III, M.D., who had served as acting chair of the department during the search for a



GENE RYERSON, M.D., CHAIR OF CLINICAL SCIENCES, WORKS THROUGH A CASE SCENARIO WITH SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS DANIELLE BASS AND NICK SEELIGER AND STANDARDIZED PATIENT PAT BLANTON IN THE CLINICAL LEARNING CENTER.

permanent chair, will continue his duties as the medical school's education director for surgery.

Ryerson is looking forward to the challenge of working with faculty from a number of different clinical specialties at a medical school that is still in its early stages of development.

"Our priority is to increase clinical training in the second year prior to starting the third-year clerkships," Ryerson said. "There will be renewed emphasis on the introduction to clinical medicine in the Doctoring 2 course."

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ORLANDO CAMPUS RECEIVES GRANT FOR AIDS SERVICES

The FSU Regional Medical School Campus – Orlando received a \$50,000 grant from the AIDS Resource Alliance Foundation, which provides services to patients with HIV/AIDS in Central Florida. The check was presented to Campus Dean Anthony J. Costa, M.D., and Robert Dawson, Ph.D., director of

development for the College of Medicine, by Diana Murray, president of the board of the Alliance. The grant establishes the Robert H. Sherwood Fund, which will be used by the medical school's Orlando campus to provide AIDS education, management and research in the Orlando area.

Maguire, Littles named Local Legends

Charlotte Maguire, M.D., a pioneering woman physician and benefactor of the FSU College of Medicine, and Alma Littles, M.D., associate dean for academic affairs, were recognized by Congressman Allen Boyd Jr. as Local Legends from Florida.

The honor is bestowed upon women physicians who have demonstrated commitment, originality, innovation or creativity in medicine. Award recipients will be part of an interactive DVD produced by the American Medical Women's Association and the National Library of Medicine. The DVD, "Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women

Physicians," is designed to encourage women who are pursuing careers in medicine.

Maguire, who began her pediatrics practice in Orlando in 1946, went on to serve as assistant secretary of Florida's Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and as assistant regional director of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Atlanta.

Littles, a family physician from Quincy, Fla., had a solo practice in her hometown for seven years and later became director of the Tallahassee Memorial Family Practice Residency Program. She joined the FSU College of Medicine in 2002.

Crossing the cultural divide: A portrait in community medicine

David Drossner isn't quite sure where his ability to fit in among people of different ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds comes from – maybe it was growing up in the culturally diverse environment of Miami.



DAVID DROSSNER DISCUSSES A CASE WITH TEMPLE ROBINSON, M.D., MEDICAL DIRECTOR AT BOND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN TALLAHASSEE.

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DAVID DROSSNER
SECOND-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT

Whatever the origin, it's a gift he believes will serve him well when he becomes a physician – especially the kind of physician he aspires to be.

“The way I see myself in the future is that I don't want to be a doctor that's confined to a hospital or an office,” Drossner said. “I want to be out in the community. I

want to be active. And I want to be in challenging communities.”

Temple Robinson, M.D., medical director at Bond Community Health Center Inc. on the south side of Tallahassee, believes Drossner possesses the personal qualities he needs to do the kind of work he wants to do.

“David has a quiet manner and a soothing presence,” she said. “He allows people to open up to him, and that affords a clear (medical) history.”

Drossner asked to be assigned to Robinson for his second-year preceptorship, in which he trains under her for a half day every other week at Bond, where 75 percent of patients are uninsured.

Having worked on community service projects in the nearby Apalachee Ridge

neighborhood, Drossner had met Robinson and was impressed by her.

“It turns out that it has been probably one of the most positive experiences I've had here at the medical school because Dr. Robinson really understands what it is to be a medical educator, as a preceptor,” Drossner said.

Drossner also wanted to be placed at Bond because of the clinic's patient population, which is largely made up of the indigent or working poor. He's enjoyed the challenges of working with HIV patients, tapping into community resources to provide care for the uninsured, and working with patients from a culture different from his own.

“I think whenever you go into a different type of community you have to develop a sense of trust, both ways, and part of developing a sense of trust is being able to learn the culture,” Drossner said.

Drossner's understanding of trust grew last summer through an internship program called Medicine as a Profession, which placed him at Fountain House, a community-based self-help center for the mentally ill in New York City.

Medicine as a Profession, which is sponsored by an organization called the Open Society Institute, assigned Drossner to develop a research project involving mentally ill adolescents.

Armed with stacks of notes from his medical school classes, his white coat and stethoscope, Drossner headed down West 47th Street to Fountain House, an imposing brownstone where he would meet his research subjects.

It didn't take long for him to realize he'd probably have to modify his approach.

Known as a Clubhouse, Fountain House, which has a \$15 million annual

budget and serves about 1,300 people, is run largely by its own mentally ill members. The members of the Clubhouse form a distinct culture, and upon his arrival, Drossner was not a member of the club.

Job one, if he was going to accomplish anything, was to find a way to gain acceptance from the youth at Fountain House.

“These are minority kids, mostly,” Drossner explained. “They’re mentally ill. They’re territorial. They’ve lived a very hard life. They’ve all pretty much had some kind of abuse or witness to abuse or violence. Many have been homeless at one time or another. They’ve been to hell and back.”

At his first meeting with the group in the Clubhouse lounge, Drossner quickly put aside his white coat and stethoscope. Instead, he picked up a pool cue.

After handily beating “the biggest, meanest, ugliest guy” in the group at pool, Drossner got an invitation to join a group of six young schizophrenics who were going out to hear slam poetry one evening. During that outing, one of the members began feeling suicidal, and Drossner managed to calm him down until he could get treatment. From that point on, Drossner was in.

Having gained the members’ trust, Drossner was able to talk to them about

some fairly sensitive health issues. He found most were mistrustful of doctors. And while all were under the care of mental health professionals, few had received much attention when it came to their many physical health problems.

“These kids were all unhealthy, physically,” Drossner said. “They were all overweight. They smoked so much. Their teeth looked horrible.”

He decided to focus his research on chronic physical disease among young Fountain House members.

“We looked at obesity, hypertension, cholesterol and glucose metabolism,” Drossner said. “All had prevalence higher than populations without mental health problems. Basically, these kids are knocking on the doors of chronic disease at an age where you don’t see chronic disease.”

Drossner’s research has been accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in New York this May. Meanwhile, his co-author on the paper, a pediatrician who



THE POOL TABLE AT FOUNTAIN HOUSE PROVIDED DAVID DROSSNER WITH A WAY TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE FROM THE ORGANIZATION’S MENTALLY ILL TEENS.

is also a Fountain House member, has succeeded in getting Fountain House and similar Clubhouse programs around the country to budget some new money for programs targeting members’ physical health.

Drossner is glad to see his efforts yield some results.

“It really shows you how a doctor, or anyone really, can have a great impact in the community as far as a medical need,” he said.

“Community medicine is not easy because communities are wary. They don’t want you to get in there and tell them that they’re obese, or that they need to lose weight or they’ll have problems with diabetes. But it’s really great the day that you’re able to find that common ground.”

—N.K.

Facts about mental illness

Mental disorders are common

More than 54 million (or nearly one in five) Americans have a mental disorder in any given year. (Surgeon General’s Report on Mental Health, 1999)

Depression and anxiety disorders — the two most common mental illnesses — each affect 19 million American adults annually. (National Institute of Mental Health, 1999)

Mental illnesses can be fatal

Major depressive disorders account for between 20 percent and 35 percent of all deaths by suicide. (Surgeon

General’s Report on Mental Health, 1999)

Suicide is the single largest cause of premature death among individuals with schizophrenia. (Fenton WS, et al: Am J Psychiatry 154:199-204, 1997)

People can and do recover

Recovery rates for mental illnesses surpass the treatment success rates for many other physical illnesses. Recovery rates include: schizophrenia, 60%, bipolar disorder, 80%, major depression, 65% to 80%. (Report of the National Advisory Mental Health Council, March 1998)

Stigma is a barrier to treatment

Nearly two-thirds of all people with diagnosable mental disorders do not seek treatment. Stigma surrounding the receipt of mental health services is among the many barriers to treatment. Concern about stigma appears to be heightened in rural areas. (Surgeon General’s Report on Mental Health, 1999)

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On Course: Year 1

Mastering the intricacies of the human body

During their first semester, first-year FSU medical students can focus exclusively on a single course that serves as the foundation for what they'll learn throughout medical school.

Clinical Anatomy, Embryology and Imaging enables students to master the intricacies of the human body and apply their knowledge to clinical problems.

Andrew Payer, Ph.D., professor and Year 1 director, directs the anatomy course and serves as chair of the medical school's Curriculum Committee. Payer, who has been involved with medical education for 30 years, came to FSU two years ago from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

In his course, students study and dissect a human cadaver and produce a cadaver autopsy report at the end of the semester. Payer said being able to touch, feel and dissect a human body is important in preparing students for their role as physicians.

"They're handling a patient where most people would never let anyone touch them, and this is their first introduction into the culture of medicine," Payer said.

Through dissection, students observe the variations among different human bodies, the effects of aging, and the results of pathologies and surgeries. They also learn to relate their observations to causes of death, and they discuss the impact of death and dying on individuals and families.

In addition to lab and lecture sessions, each week students are divided into small groups and presented with a clinical case designed to help them discover the underlying anatomical causes responsible for the patient's symptoms.

First-year medical student Robin Albritton appreciates these clinical case

explain the clinical relevance of the topics they are discussing.

In addition, he hires second-year medical students who excelled in the course during their first year to serve as teaching assistants. This gives the first-year students the chance to ask questions they may hesitate to ask faculty.

The 10-week course, which starts in

June, also covers human embryology and how abnormal development can lead to clinical problems after birth or later in life. Through the course's imaging component, students learn to relate normal radiologic imaging with human anatomy. In small-group sessions, students review CT and MRI scans, as well as radiographs from the clinical cases they are studying.

Along with imaging technology, students use Internet and computer-based resources via their wireless

laptops to help them study the anatomy they are learning in the course.

Although a big advocate of technology, Payer believes computers are still a long way from replacing cadavers.

"You take all of that richness in an anatomy lab where there are 15 to 20 cadavers, and there is an opportunity for a student to see a lot of different anatomies and see how different we all are," Payer said. "No one has come up with anything that has the touch and feel or the three-dimensionality and variability of 15 different cadavers."

—M.B.



COURSE DIRECTOR ANDREW PAYER, PH.D., LEADS A SMALL-GROUP SESSION IN THE ANATOMY, EMBRYOLOGY AND IMAGING COURSE.

sessions.

"These sessions allow the student on a weekly basis to apply the anatomy they have learned in lab and lecture to real-life clinical scenarios," Albritton said. "The groups are not designed to reward the students who ultimately diagnose the problem, but rather to introduce the first-year medical student to critical thinking necessary to treat patients."

To enrich the course further, Payer brings practicing surgeons, urologists, geriatricians, family physicians and other clinical faculty into the class to raise issues of clinical importance and help

Regional Campuses

Board members, dean sought for Sarasota Campus

The College of Medicine will begin assembling a community advisory board for its regional campus in Sarasota this spring, and one of the board's first responsibilities will be to choose a dean for the campus.

Board members, who are appointed by FSU President T.K. Wetherell, will serve as the search committee for the campus dean, who will be responsible for overseeing third- and fourth-year clinical education for all students assigned to Sarasota.

"We hope to have a campus dean in place by July," said Mollie Hill, director of community clinical relations. "That's when the medical school's inaugural class will begin fourth-year electives."

Initially, six fourth-year electives will be offered in Sarasota – clinical geriatrics, nephrology, cardiothoracic surgery, clinical orthopedics, and ophthalmology, as well as an elective in clinical infectious disease, hyperbaric medicine and wound care.

"Since we'll have fourth-year students for the first time, it will give us an opportunity to place some students in Sarasota, where

the physicians have really been anxious to get started," Hill said.

Sarasota Memorial Hospital and Doctors Hospital of Sarasota have both signed affiliation agreements with the College of Medicine, so students will be able to train at both hospitals, as well as in local doctors' offices and outpatient facilities.

In July 2005, a group of about eight third-year students will be assigned to Sarasota, where they will complete their required third- and fourth-year rotations. Eventually, about 20 third-year students each year will be placed in Sarasota, where they will remain for two years. Including fourth-year students, the campus will have a maximum enrollment of 40 students.

The medical school is searching for a 5,000-square-foot building in Sarasota to house the campus dean and staff, and provide classroom and meeting space for students. Medical school officials also are seeking to identify affordable housing in the Sarasota area for those students who will be placed there for two years to complete their clinical education.

–N.K.

PIMS alumni gather at series of reunions



PIMS ALUMNUS RUSSELL LOCKE, M.D., OF OCALA, SECOND FROM RIGHT, AND (LEFT TO RIGHT) HIS CHILDREN MILES AND MAREN, AND WIFE LAURIE, ATTENDED THE PIMS ALUMNI REUNION IN ORLANDO FEB. 7, WHERE THEY MET COLLEGE OF MEDICINE DEAN J. OCIE HARRIS, M.D., RIGHT.

PIMS ALUMNUS STEVE SPENCE, M.D., OF MARIANNA, LEFT, AND HIS SON STEVE, TALK WITH FORMER PIMS DIRECTOR MYRA HURT, PH.D., AT THE TALLAHASSEE REUNION JAN. 24. A THIRD PIMS REUNION IS SET FOR PENSACOLA MARCH 27.



WYETH PHARMACEUTICALS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTED A \$5,000 EDUCATIONAL GRANT TO THE FSU COLLEGE OF MEDICINE REGIONAL MEDICAL SCHOOL CAMPUS – PENSACOLA DEC. 16. PICTURED, LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE PAUL MCLEOD, M.D., PENSACOLA CAMPUS DEAN, AND WYETH REPRESENTATIVES JEFF HUGHES, TODD BILLS, LEANN NOWAK, TONY HILL AND RYAN SELLARS.

OF NOTE:

BYRON THAMES, M.D., A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REGIONAL MEDICAL SCHOOL CAMPUS – ORLANDO, WAS RECENTLY ELECTED TO A SIX-YEAR TERM ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AARP.

Student Activities

Interest Groups

Aaron Nordgren and Jason Buseman attended the "Sports Medicine for Primary Care Physicians" conference in Williamsburg, Va., in December with **Sports Medicine Interest Group** advisor Edward Shahady, M.D.

Last fall, Shahady began volunteering as team physician for the North Florida Christian High School football team in Tallahassee. Members of the SMIG attended football games with him and assisted in treating injuries. In addition, SMIG members have begun participating in presentations on health and anatomy at North Florida Christian and have established a counseling group to address students' health concerns. SMIG also has begun to work with the Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic on extracurricular preceptorships to provide first- and second-year medical students exposure to orthopedics and sports medicine.

Over the holiday season, the **Pediatric Interest Group**, **Family Medicine Interest Group** and **FSUCares** visited pediatric patients at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. To spread holiday cheer, they dressed as Santa and his elves, took pictures with the kids, and used the photos in an arts and crafts project.



THIRD-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT DAVID BOJAN RAN THE 2004 DISNEY MARATHON IN 3: 37:04, IMPROVING ON HIS 2003 TIME BY MORE THAN AN HOUR. ALSO RUNNING FROM THE FSU COLLEGE OF MEDICINE WERE FIRST-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT COURTNEY NALL, AND DENNIS MAYEAUX, M.D., FAMILY MEDICINE CLERKSHIP DIRECTOR, PENSACOLA.

FSUCares expands spring break medical mission to include Haiti and Panama

With a \$103,000 gift from the Pfizer Foundation and the \$10,000 proceeds from October's FSUCares 5K race, FSUCares plans to send 16 students to Panama and 11 to Haiti (pending security concerns) for its third annual Spring Break Medical Mission, March 6-13. Several faculty members, including physicians, nurse practitioners and psychologists, will accompany the students. The mission

targets those with little or no access to health care. For the past two years, FSUCares has provided primary-care services to rural communities in Panama during spring break. FSUCares, which also provides local medical outreach services, is seeking donations of medical supplies. Those wishing to contribute can contact FSUCares faculty advisor Elena Reyes, Ph.D., at (850) 644-5066.



FSU MEDICAL STUDENTS MELISSA SMITH, LEFT, AND DANIELLE STEWART, SECOND FROM LEFT, WERE AMONG THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE 2003 FSUCARES SPRING BREAK MEDICAL MISSION IN PANAMA.

FAMILY MEDICINE INTEREST GROUP SPONSORS SECOND ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

The Family Medicine Interest Group will present its second annual Health Fair March 20 at the Center Court of the Tallahassee Mall. The free "Shop for your Health!" fair will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include screenings for blood pressure, blood glucose, osteoporosis, body mass index and more. In addition to the screenings, the medical students will provide infor-

mation regarding tobacco use, obesity, depression, diabetes, aging, breast cancer and skin cancer.

Visitors to the fair will be given the chance to win prizes from merchants at the Tallahassee Mall. For more information, contact Kartik Pandya at: kartikey.pandya@med.fsu.edu.



FSU MEDICAL STUDENT LENSEY SCOTT HELPS JOSEFA NUNEZ WITH A GLUCOSE SCREENING AT THE 2003 FAMILY MEDICINE INTEREST GROUP HEALTH FAIR AT THE TALLAHASSEE MALL.

Outreach Programs

Rural students explore science education

At age 12, Jimmy Smith has almost figured out what he wants to be when he grows up, and it's looking like a toss-up between a virologist and a kidney specialist.

The latter occurred to him after learning some interesting facts about the kidneys.

"I didn't know they play a big role in your body, how they filter the waste in your blood," Smith said. "And I thought the kidneys were somewhere in front of you, but they're really in the back."

A seventh grader at Madison County Central School, Smith learned about the kidneys and many other organs in the school's Rural SSTRIDE program.

SSTRIDE, Science Students Together Reaching Instructional Diversity and Excellence, is an outreach program of the College of Medicine that offers science education, tutoring and extracurricular experiences for students interested in medical careers.

"I think the SSTRIDE class is pretty neat because you learn facts about how the body and the cells work together to make your body healthy," Smith said. "The class is good and everybody cooperates with one another."

The Madison County course is taught by middle school resource teacher Lynne Sapp, who earned a master's degree in science education at FSU and has been an educator for 23 years. When the Madison County School Board approved the program last spring, Curriculum Coordinator Julia Waldrep invited Sapp to teach the course. Sapp then attended SSTRIDE training at the College of Medicine last summer.

Sapp said the program's strengths include an ample supply of teaching

materials, strong parental involvement and small class size — educational advantages she had dreamed of for years.

"Here I am with 14 kids whose parents support and value education, and I have all the materials I could ever want," she said. "My dream has come true."

SSTRIDE provides all the materials for the course, granting the students the opportunity to perform experiments and activities with their own microscopes, beakers and stopwatches, instead of just watching the teacher perform the experiment for them.

Student Kristen Campbell, 13, said the SSTRIDE class takes science to a higher level than most middle school classes. For example, students use a college-level textbook.

"We use more advanced vocabulary," Campbell said. "The class just goes a lot deeper into the curriculum."

The students have participated in activities ranging from assembling a disarticulated skeleton to dissecting fetal pigs. In many middle school science classes, Sapp said, dissection has become a thing of the past because of budget constraints, but SSTRIDE provided the tools and specimens needed.

Part of the goal of the program is to encourage students to continue their science education. After this year, the seventh-grade students will move into an eighth-grade SSTRIDE course that will



MADISON COUNTY SSTRIDE STUDENTS CAITLIN GRIFFIN, LEFT, AND KRISTEN CAMPBELL, CENTER, VIEW CELL STRUCTURES UNDER THE MICROSCOPE WITH SSTRIDE MENTOR JENNY ALEGRE.

prepare them for the medical health professions course offered at the local high school.

Begun in Leon County under the FSU Program in Medical Sciences, SSTRIDE has now expanded to Taylor, Madison and Okaloosa counties, with plans to expand to Gadsden and Jackson counties in 2004 and 2005, respectively. The College of Medicine recently hired Rodney Reeves as a rural outreach coordinator to assist with the programs in Madison, Gadsden and Jackson counties.

Stephanie Sapp, a sophomore at North Florida Community College in Madison, is one of two mentors for the seventh-grade class in Madison County and wishes she had the same opportunities when she was their age.

"They are learning so much that I didn't learn until high school or even in my college anatomy class," Sapp said. "They're learning a lot of things that will stay with them, and they're learning it at an early age."

—N.K. & M.B.

Faculty Achievements

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Publications

David Balkwill, Ph.D., co-authored "Patients with Biliary Cirrhosis React Against a Ubiquitous Xenobiotic-Metabolizing Bacterium" in *Hepatology*; "Enumeration and Characterization of Iron(III)-Reducing Microbial Communities from Acidic Subsurface Sediments Contaminated with Uranium(IV)" in *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*; and "Temporal Shifts in the Geochemistry and Microbial Community Structure of an Ultradeep Mine Borehole Following Isolation" in *Geomicrobiology Journal*.

Ken Brummel-Smith, M.D., co-authored "National Institutes of Health Consensus Development Conference Statement: Geriatrics Assessment Methods for Clinical Decision Making," which was recently selected as the "Best paper of the 80's" by the *Journal of the American Geriatric Society*.

Art Clawson, M.S., co-authored "The Cost of Trauma Center Readiness" in *The American Journal of Surgery*.

Robert Glueckauf, Ph.D., co-authored "Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Online: Overview, Lessons Learned, and Future Directions" in *NeuroRehabilitation* and "Development and Exploratory Analysis of the Neuro-rehabilitation Program Styles Survey" in the *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*.

Myra Hurt, Ph.D., her colleague Hank Bass, Ph.D.,

(department of biological science) and her graduate student Maroun Beyrouthy, co-authored "The Yin Yang-1 (YY1) Protein Undergoes a DNA Replication-Associated Switch in Localization from the Cytoplasm to the Nucleus at the Onset of S Phase" in the *Journal of Cell Science*.

Edward C. Klatt, M.D., authored the chapter "Cardiovascular Pathology in AIDS" for the monograph "HIV Infection and the Cardiovascular System," as well as the cases, "Dilated Cardiomyopathy and Cholangiocarcinoma," "Rhabdomyosarcoma," and "von Hippel Lindau Disease" for the College of American Pathologists Anatomic Pathology Education program.

Nir Menachemi, Ph.D., M.P.H., authored the section, "Medical Errors," in the *Encyclopedia of Health Care Management*.

Janet Shepherd, M.D., co-authored "Gonadal Steroids, Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors, and Mood Disorders in Women" in *The Medical Clinics of North America*.

Jeffrey Spike, Ph.D., authored "Developing a Medical Humanities Concentration in the Medical Curriculum at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, New York" in the October issue of *Academic Medicine*.

Presentations

Dennis Baker, Ph.D., Nancy Clark, M.Ed., Barbara Shearer, M.L.S., Sarah Sherraden, R.N., M.S.N., and David Steele,

Ph.D., co-presented "Opportunities, Innovations and Challenges at a New College of Medicine" at the Generalists Conference in Washington, D.C.

Nancy Clark, M.Ed., Andrew Payer, Ph.D., Sarah Sherraden, R.N., M.S.N., Barbara Shearer, M.L.S., David Steele, Ph.D., and Rebecca Shivelor, M.A., M.F.A., co-presented the poster, "Creating the 21st Century Medical School: Technology Across the Curriculum," at the Association of American Medical Colleges annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Nancy Clark, M.Ed., also co-presented the panel presentation, "What Issues Need to be Considered to Effectively Integrate Technology into the Medical School Curriculum," at the AAMC annual meeting.

Patrick F. Dial, M.D., presented "Radiofrequency Ablation of Liver Tumor-1st 70 cases" at a meeting of the Florida Surgical Society in Orlando.

George F. Ellis, M.D., presented "Collaboration between the Primary Care Access Network and the Health Council" at the State of Florida Health Council District VII annual meeting in Orlando.

Adam Golden, M.D., co-presented "Integration of a Geriatric Curriculum into a Community Hospital's Intranet-based Patient Information System" at the annual scientific meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.

Steven Grossman, M.D., participated as a faculty mentor in the American Medical Student Association's Circle of Healer's National Retreat in Ben Lomond, Calif.

Anne Gunderson, R.N., M.S.N., A.P.N., presented "Clinical Management of Co-Morbid Mental Health Issues in

Rehabilitation Patients" and "Ethics and Clinical Decision Making in Rehabilitation" at the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses annual national conference in New Orleans.

Gerry Maitland, M.D., presented "Optic Disc Swelling" and "Positive Visual Phenomena, from Sparks to Hallucinations" at the Southern VitreoRetinal Association's Symposium on Systemic Diseases in the Eye.

Santiago Martinez, M.D., presented "Que Pasa Doctor: Medical Spanish for the Non-Spanish Speaker" at the annual meeting of the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology in New Orleans. He also was reappointed to the organization's Pediatric Committee and obtained a grant for research on pediatric skin testing.

Nir Menachemi, Ph.D., M.P.H., presented "Patient Safety: IT is the Future of Healthcare" at the Glimpse of the Future of Health Care in America Conference in Ft. Lauderdale.

Nir Menachemi, Ph.D., M.P.H., with colleague Darrell Burke, Ph.D., (School of Information Studies) co-presented "CIOs & the Corporate Ladder: Life in the Spotlight," at the Health and Information Management Systems Society.

Paula Montgomery, M.D., gave two presentations on "Pain and Palliation" at the Florida Hospices and Palliative Care Symposium in Tampa. She also presented "How We Die: The Physiology of Dying" for the Florida Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Volunteer Conference in Daytona Beach.

Philip Posner, Ph.D., co-presented the poster, "Effects of Diabetes on Astrocyte GFAP and Glutamate Transporters in the CNS" at the Society of Neuroscience annual meeting.

Randolph Rill, Ph.D., gave the presentation, "One and Two Dimensional Slab Gel Electrophoresis for the Separation of Tryptic Peptides in Liquid Crystalline Polymer Gels of Pluronic F127," and a poster presentation, "Micro-Preparative Electrophoresis with Quantitative Recovery of Nucleic Acids and Peptides Using Liquid Crystalline Polymer (Pluronic F127) Gels," at the 23rd International Symposium on the Separation of Proteins, Peptides & Polynucleotides in Delray Beach.

Janet Shepherd, M.D., presented "Preventing Unintended Pregnancy: Advances in Contraception" at the James W. Wiggins Lectureship in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Albuquerque, N.M., and to the Albuquerque Obstetrics/Gynecology Society.

Janet Shepherd, M.D., presented "Advances in PMS Management" at the annual meeting of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health in Savannah, Ga.

Jeffrey Spike, Ph.D., presented "Clinical Ethics Consultation: Past, Present, and Future" at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville at a conference on Ethics in Healthcare Institutions sponsored by the UVA Center for Biomedical Ethics and the Virginia Healthcare Ethics Network.

Nancy Wright, M.D., presented "Type 2 Diabetes in Childhood: Hyperglycemia vs. Noncompliance" to the Southern Pediatric Endocrine Society in Charlotte, N.C.

Service

Jerry Boland, M.D., was re-elected chairman of the board of the Big Bend Rural Health Network and was elected chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Florida Academy of Family Physicians.

Steven Claus, D.O., has accepted a position on the board of trustees of the Rehabilitation Foundation of Northwest Florida. He recently completed his one-year term as chairman of the Department of Medicine at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, having also served as vice-chairman from 2001-2002.

George F. Ellis, M.D., was appointed to the Florida Medical Association Council on Public Health.

Anne Gunderson, R.N., M.S.N., completed two consecutive terms on the board of directors of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses and was recognized for four years of leadership and service.

Edward C. Klatt, M.D., has been appointed to serve as a member of the Medical Informatics Resource Council of the American Society for Clinical Pathologists for 2003-2004. This council develops educational resources and programs in pathology informatics for students, residents and physicians.

Edward C. Klatt, M.D., has been reappointed to the USMLE Step 1 Pathology Committee of the National Board of Medical Examiners, and has been reappointed to the Autopsy Committee of the College of American Pathologists for 2004.

Nir Menachemi, Ph.D., M.P.H. and Robert Brooks, M.D., assisted the Florida Senate with an interim report on health-care information technology and Computerized Physician Order Entry in Florida.

Philip Posner, Ph.D., served on the Developmental Neurobiology and Neuronal Glial panels for the National Science Foundation, and on the Veterans Administration Cardiovascular Research

Review Panel. Posner and Carol Van Hartesveldt, Ph.D., also served as consultants to the Pennsylvania Department of Health in developing review guidelines for research projects.

Charles Price, M.D., served as the Frank H. Stelling Visiting Professor at the University of Georgia, Augusta.

Joseph L. Torres, M.D., completed his tenure as Chief of Staff at Osceola Regional Medical Center and now chairs the Bylaws Committee.

Eugene Trowers, M.D., M.P.H., served as conference co-chair for "Innovations in Clinical Applications of Minimally Invasive Devices and Techniques, BIOS 2004 – Photonics West" in San Jose, Calif. This is one of the largest national biotech meetings held annually in Silicon Valley.

Nancy Wright, M.D., was re-appointed to the Pediatric Liaison Committee for the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists.

Honors & Awards

John Bailey, D.O., was elected a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association by the board of trustees.

Ken Brummel-Smith, M.D., Gene Ryerson, M.D., and Curtis Stine, M.D., have been chosen for Best Doctors in America 2003-2004 based on consensus support of their peers.

Nir Menachemi, Ph.D., M.P.H., received Best Paper Award for "The Structure of Internal Medicine Residents' Perceptions of Medical Errors," presented at the Southern Management Association (Healthcare Track) annual meeting.

Grants

George F. Ellis, M.D., chairman of the Primary Care Access Network, a collaborative of public and private agencies addressing the needs of the uninsured in Orange County, was the recipient of a federal *Healthy Communities Access Program Grant* for \$806,024 from the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Mary Gerend, Ph.D., and Jan Shepherd, M.D., were winners in the Council on Research and Creativity competition for planning grants. Their grant is titled, "Translating Scientific Evidence into Medical Practice: An Investigation of Patients' and Physicians' Reactions to the Women's Health Initiative Study of Hormone Therapy."

Robert Glueckauf, Ph.D., was awarded a \$153,600 grant from the Florida Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute for the project, "Alzheimer's Caregiver Education Support System." He is also co-investigator for the project, "HeArts & Hope," which was awarded a \$1,368,770 U.S. Department of Commerce Technology Opportunity grant. The purpose of the project is to evaluate the impact of a Web-based hospital and community art and music development program on the emotional and psychosocial functioning of children with cancer.

Choogon Lee, Ph.D., was a recent winner in the Council on Research and Creativity competition for planning grants for the grant, "The Molecular Basis for Mammalian Circadian Rhythms."

Edward J. Shahady, M.D., was principal investigator on the Diabetes Master Clinician Project for a \$50,000 grant from the Florida Academy of Family Physicians.

Calendar/Events

RURAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Friday, February 27
FSU Center for Professional Development (Turnbull Center)
Contact: Art Clawson
(850) 644-3454

PIMS ALUMNI REUNION PENSACOLA

Saturday, March 27
12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
FSU Regional Medical School Campus - Pensacola
8880 University Parkway
To RSVP or for more information, call (850) 494-5939

END-OF-YEAR GALA

Friday, April 30
7-10 p.m.
University Center Ballroom
Contact: Becky Bowen
(850) 644-0492

ORIENTATION CLASS OF 2008

June 1-4

WHITE COAT CEREMONY CLASS OF 2008

Saturday, August 21
Location TBA
6:30 p.m.



SEN. DURELL PEADEN, CENTER, VISITED THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CONSTRUCTION SITE IN DECEMBER. WITH HIM WERE (L-R): DARYL ELLISON OF FSU FACILITIES PLANNING; MYRA HURT, PH.D., ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE; JOHN BEIDLER, FACILITIES MANAGER, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE; AND RON DRAPEAU, PROJECT MANAGER FOR CENTEX/ROONEY. FOR MORE ON THE NEW COLLEGE OF MEDICINE COMPLEX, SEE PAGE 5.

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