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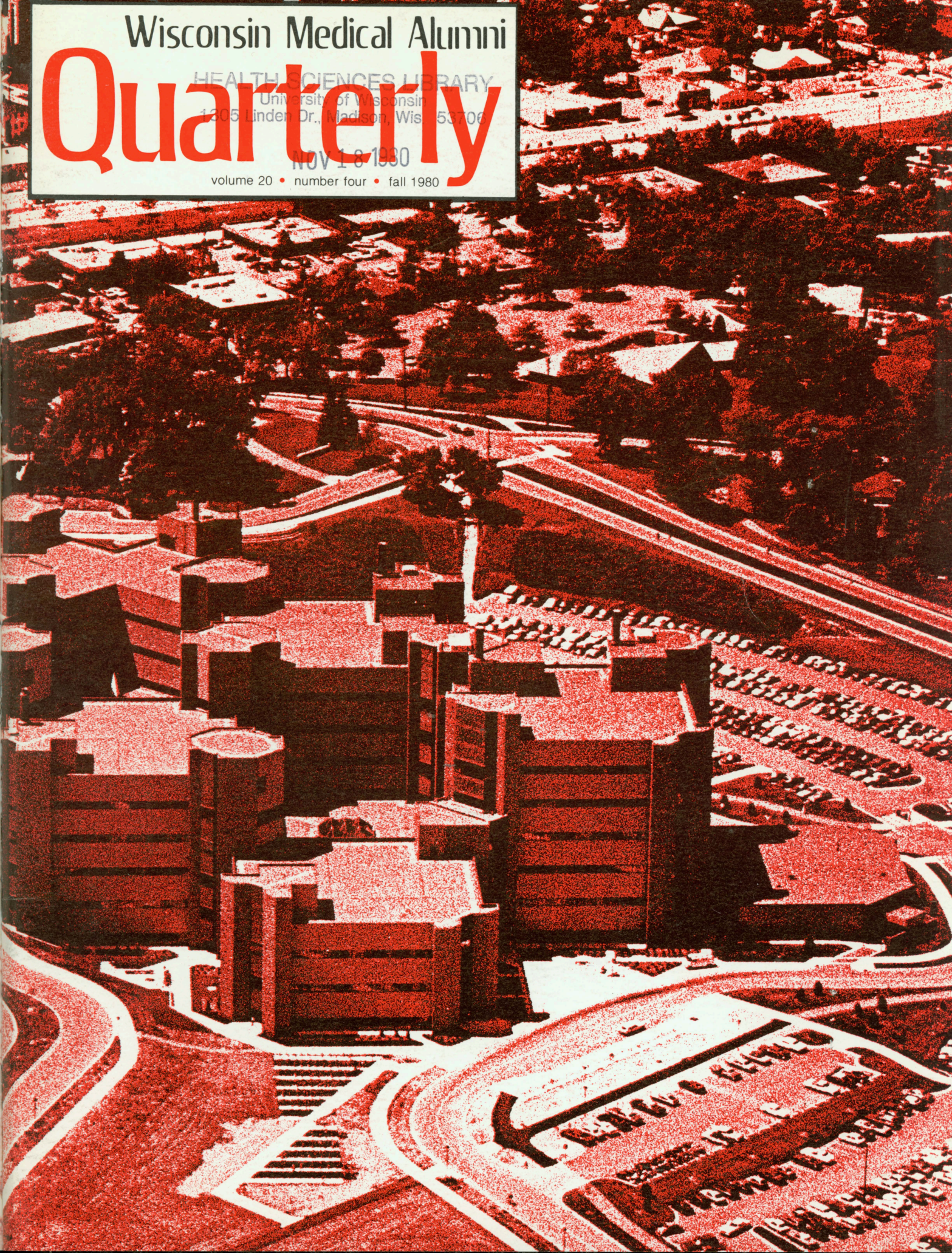
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Department of medicine — a mini medical school

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The fourth chairman of the UW Department of Medicine ended his administrative tenure on September 30 after nine eventful years. David Tredway Graham was succeeded by Dr. Donald Harkness Oct. first. Their predecessors were: Joseph Spragg Evans, 1924 to 1935; Ovid O. Meyer, 1935 to 1964; and Robert F. Schilling, 1964 to 1971.

In size and complexity of its programs, faculty and budget, modern academic departments of medicine rival the dimensions of our entire medical school 25 years ago. David Graham's tenure was particularly eventful: the new Clinical Science building was occupied; the gushing torrent of federal research and training grants slowed nationally to a gentle stream; a major colony of the department was developed at Mount Sinai

Medical Center in Milwaukee; third-year clerkships were initiated at Marshfield; the subspecialties of medicine emerged as administrative entities; primary care became a departmental priority; the residency programs increased in size; and numerous new research, educational and service programs were initiated.

Dr. Graham presided over an increasingly disparate and dis-

persed faculty with superior skill which, with the support of the department faculty, smoothly brought to fruition many substantial program changes.

The faculty of the department now includes 52 tenured faculty (including those with joint appointments in other departments); 13 probationary faculty on the tenure track; 34 collateral faculty (full time but not on the

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The RESTOR program for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients provides a two-day interdisciplinary program at University Hospital followed-up by the community physician.



tenure track); 21 full time faculty at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Milwaukee; 141 clinical (volunteer) faculty in Madison and the Marshfield Clinic; and 53 clinical faculty at Mt. Sinai. These numbers include the joint appointees with the W. S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital.

The largest growth spurt in faculty numbers occurred when the affiliation for undergraduate medical education was developed at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Milwaukee in the mid-1970s. Associate Dean Dr. Richard Rieselbach heads the Mt. Sinai program.

At present, the department's teaching program makes extensive use of affiliated institutions. In addition to Mt. Sinai Hospital and the Marshfield Clinic these include the three Madison community hospitals: Madison General Hospital, Methodist Hospital and St. Marys Hospital Medical Center as well as the Middleton V.A. Hospital.

When he became department chairman, Dr. Graham established the Council of Clinical Faculty to maintain good communications with the volunteer faculty. This group is made up of representatives of the volunteer faculty at the affiliated hospitals and meets every two months. The volunteer faculty, who donate their services, do an important share of the department's training.

Introduction to Clinical Medicine is the department's major educational endeavor for second year medical students. Last year for the first time in the history of

the medical school tailormade space was available for the course. The "Introduction to Clinical Medicine Learning and Resource Center" was named in honor of Professor of Medicine J. L. Sims (house staff '39-'42). The dedication recognized Dr. Sims' direction for over 30 years of this teaching program, which was formerly known as Physical Diagnosis. Dr. Ann Evers became course director this year, succeeding Dr. Jonathan Elion, who was responsible for many changes and innovations.

For third year medical students a new conference system began this year to make sure students in their clerkships are exposed to all the basics of internal medicine. Joint conferences are held for students at the UW and VA hospitals; students in Marshfield and Milwaukee cover similar topics. The exact format of the conference depends upon the individual faculty member and varies in proportions of lecture and discussion.

Postgraduate Education

The UW Department of Medicine has fellowship programs in all of the medical subspecialties. Dr. Graham noted that in postgraduate education the trend is toward formalization of arrangements for fellowships.

"Fellowships used to be left very much to program directors and faculty members," he said. The future now holds the distinct possibility of accrediting agencies for fellowships which, in turn, will necessitate more departmental documentation.

The department currently has 77 house staff and 28 fellows.

House Staff

There are now two residency tracks in internal medicine: the regular track and the primary care track. The latter involves more time in the internal medicine clinic, which has been greatly expanded in recent years. Nationally, Dr. Graham noted, there is "lots of deep thinking" about the future of relations between the general internist, who typically delivers a great deal of primary care, and the family physician.

Continuing Medical Education

In addition to outreach programs and postgraduate courses, the department has traditionally been available to Wisconsin physicians who want to come to the UW-Madison for a day or more to meet individual needs. Dr. Graham said the department is considering whether to formalize such teaching. The major consideration, he said, are the numbers of patients available for teaching in a system already obligated to large numbers of medical students, house staff, nursing and allied health students.

Sections

When Dr. Graham became department chairman, no section system existed. Today the department has these sections: allergy/immunology, cardiology, clinical pharmacology, dermatology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, general internal medicine, hematology, infectious disease, laboratory medicine, medical oncology, nephro-

logy, psychosomatic medicine, pulmonary medicine, rheumatology and the University Health Service. The faculty at Mt. Sinai are organized separately.

Clinical Services

All of the sections provide clinical services, often in association with projects in clinical research.

Some of the department's programs, especially those in which there have been recent expansions or new developments, are: pharmacotherapy of allergic diseases; insect hypersensitivity reactions; computerized ECG reading; echocardiography; nuclear cardiology; coronary transluminal angioplasty; PUVA therapy for psoriasis; diseases associated with light sensitivity; high-risk pregnancies; care of diabetes with special reference to diabetic retinopathy; gastrointestinal endoscopy; esophageal function; hemophilia; bone marrow transplantation; plasmapheresis; hospital-acquired infections; automatization and computerization of clinical laboratories; chemotherapy of malignant disease; management of end-stage renal disease in general and especially by continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis; hypertension; sleep apnea; RESTOR (a program to assist physicians who have patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease); fiberoptic bronchoscopy; occupational respiratory disease; the Mobile Critical Care Unit (which transports critically-ill patients); pharmacotherapy of rheumatic disease; the Clinical Nutrition

Center (a joint project of several departments in the schools of medicine and agriculture); the General Internal Medicine Clinic and the associated DeForest Clinic; a geriatrics program (a joint project of several schools and departments).

Research

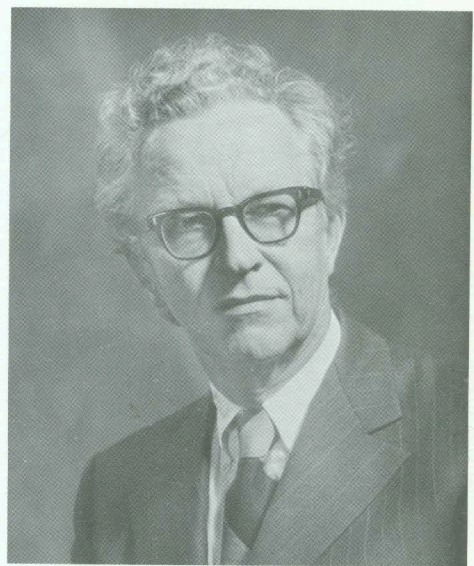
Research is an "enormous undertaking" of the department, Dr. Graham said. There are research programs in all of the sub-specialties. Despite the increased competition for limited extramural funds the department has done well in maintaining its traditional position of research excellence. A number of named professorships and other special awards attest to the quality of the faculty.

Some representative research projects follow:

E. Azen: Molecular cloning of

the human salivary proline-rich protein gene complex;
N. Bittar: Mitochondrial perturbation in myocardial ischemia;

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Dr. Graham



Introduction to Clinical Medicine course director Dr. Ann Evers demonstrates an examination with students.

W. Busse: Mechanisms of virus-induced asthma;
W. Craig: Protein binding of antibiotics;
D. Cripps: Photobiologic mechanisms of photosensitivity;
E. Ehrlich and W. Nolten: Adrenal cortical function in pregnancy;
J. Folts: Platelet plugging in stenosed coronary arteries;
R. Friedman: Computer applications to medicine;
F. Graziano: Regulation of baso-

phils in delayed hypersensitivity;
T. Goodfriend: Hypertension and polypeptides;
D. Maki: Infection control in the hospital;
D. Mosher: Isolation of fibronectin for therapeutic use;
W. Olsen: Intestinal mucosal function in diabetes;
G. Rowe: Cardiac physiology and pharmacology;
E. Shrago: Regulation of bioenergetics;
D. Simpson: Acid-base balance

regulation of renal metabolism;
T. Steele: The spontaneously hypertensive rat kidney;
W. Sundstrom: Leukocyte bactericidal activity in systemic lupus erythematosus;
S. Updike: Extracorporeal respiratory gas exchange (artificial lung);
R. Woodson: Significance of oxygen dissociation curve shifts;
J. Jones: Radio immunoassays for diagnosis of severe candidiasis. **Q**

Harkness named chairman of department of medicine

Dr. Donald R. Harkness has been named chairman of the UW Department of Medicine.

The appointment of Dr. Harkness, 48, was effective Oct. 1. He replaces Dr. David T. Graham, who has returned to research, teaching, and clinical practice in the department.

Dr. Harkness was formerly a University of Miami hematology professor and chief of the Division of Hematology.

"His skills as a teacher, internist, and investigator are widely known and admired. The medical school is fortunate to have a person as distinguished as Dr. Harkness here," said Dean Arnold Brown.

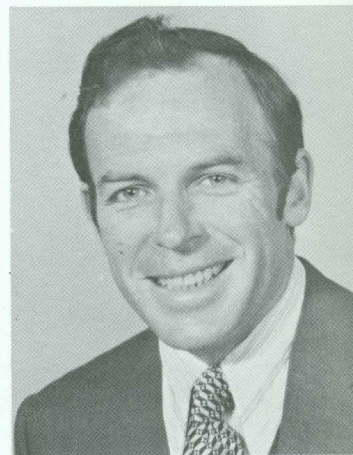
The Department of Medicine is the largest medical school department. It provides clinical services in the following areas: allergy/clinical immunology, clinical pharmacology,

cardiology, dermatology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, general internal medicine, hematology, human oncology, infectious disease, lab and computer science, nephrology, pulmonary medicine and rheumatology.

As the recipient of two fellowships, Dr. Harkness was a research associate at both the National Institutes of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases and at the National Heart Institute.

In addition, Dr. Harkness was a postdoctoral fellow at the American Cancer Society, Inc., from 1963-1964 and held a special research fellowship with the U.S. Public Health Service from 1964-1965. He was a John and Mary Markle Scholar in Academic Medicine from 1966-1971.

Dr. Harkness received his B.A. in zoology with highest honors



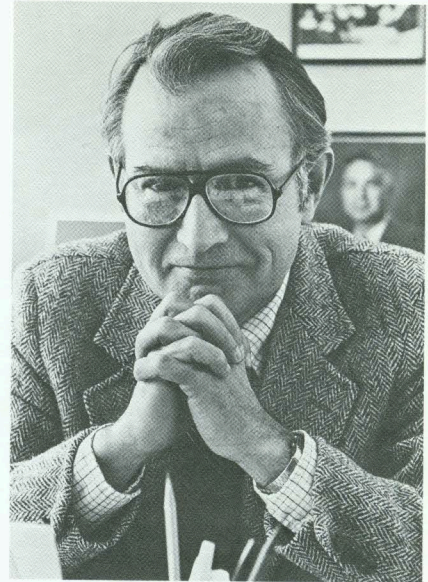
in 1954 from the University of California at Berkeley. He attended the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo., receiving his M.D. magna cum laude in 1958. He also completed his internship and residency there in 1959 and 1960 respectively.

Dr. Harkness was born Aug. 23, 1932, in Mitchell, S.D. He is married to Dr. Mary N. Harkness. They have four children. **Q**

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The dean's column

Arnold L. Brown, M.D.



Money: the crucial variable

There are three matters that occupy the major portion of a dean's waking hours: students, faculty, and money.

While relations with the people who comprise the medical school provide the satisfaction that makes being a dean an enjoyable job, it is in the nature of things that money makes the enterprise go or not go. This being so, it seems that an inordinate amount of time and effort is spent looking for, justifying, distributing, cutting, and spending money. Like every other college and activity at the University, the Medical School does not have enough. Come to think about it, I know of no state agency that does. We are dealing here, it appears, with a universal condition.

In the fiscal year that ended last June 307 the school had an income of just over \$49 million. We are not dealing here with petty cash except, perhaps, from the viewpoint of bureaucrats more seasoned than I am. Fifty-six percent of this comes from extramural sources, most of it from the federal government in the form of research grants.

These funds are made to individual faculty members and are spent by them under the terms of the award. A fair number of our faculty receive substantial portions, sometimes all, of their pay from these grant monies.

The school has \$14.4 million, or 29 percent of the total, to allocate to faculty salaries, supplies, secretarial help, the expenses of sending students to clerkships around the state, student financial aids, the Independent Study Program, the education of residents, and all the other things that go into creating physicians.

State tax dollars account for about \$10.6 million of the \$14.4 million that we can budget. The rest comes from tuition, federal capitation funds, the clinical practice plan, and a few other sources.

We spend it all. But to do so requires particular attention to a rather long, and growing, list of variables. This is one of the jobs that is entrusted to Douglas Campbell, Assistant Dean for Administration. We are not allowed to spend one dime over our revenues, but we are limited

in the precision with which we can allocate our money. We must have funds available to make up a faculty salary if a grant is not renewed, or if equipment breaks down, or for a host of other unforeseen problems. Yet, because inflation has constantly diminished our purchasing power, we cannot afford to defer purchases of things we must have, and so we try to end the year at zero.

At the moment, we have 37 vacant faculty positions in the school. With the decrease in tax revenues available to the state, and therefore, to us, we have no idea when these can be filled. Some first-rate research is not being done, student financial aid funds are decreased just when they are needed most; the list goes on.

It is not possible to mark the day or the event that signals the change from a good school to one that is not so good. We are doing our best, however, to stay such events and make a good school better.

I will now return to thinking about students and faculty. Q



The president's page

John Brennan, M.D., '67,
President

A major topic for discussion at our July Board of Directors Meeting was the subject of a permanent home for the Wisconsin Medical Alumni Association. Dean Brown brought us up-to-date on plans for Old Wisconsin General Hospital after it is remodeled. We learned that the Medical School administrative offices and Medical Alumni Association offices, now housed in the W.A.R.F. Building, will be moved to the old hospital building within the next eighteen months.

This information raised questions about whether there will be adequate space for student lounges and whether we should be making plans for a permanent home for the W.M.A.A.

The subject of an Alumni House is certainly not a new one. About 10 years ago the Association evaluated the possibility of adding a floor on top of one of the modules of the proposed C.S.C. for a combined center for continuing education

and Medical Alumni House. Because the project required a million dollars in a very brief period it was not feasible. The subject was again discussed in length about five years ago. The main problem again was funding. Therefore it was determined to pool the many small memorials which alone were not able to finance a specific project. Funds are being accumulated but they will not be sufficient, of themselves, to fund such a project in the near future.

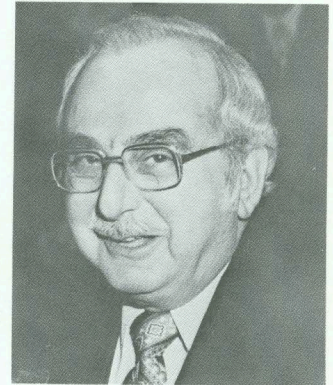
The 1976 gift of the old Phi Chi House to the Wisconsin Medical Alumni Association has had the effect of rekindling the idea of a permanent home for our Alumni Association. The Phi Chi House, now called the MASH House, is providing low cost housing for medical students but is not of adequate size to provide alumni meeting rooms or space for Association offices. Because MASH is located in an area of planned University expansion and in anticipation of

the sale of the house, a committee was appointed to look for a suitable replacement either in a building or building site. We believe that the proceeds from the sale of the existing building plus the memorial funds will be adequate for a significant down payment. We must determine the scope of the project to be pursued. Shall we simply replace the M.A.S.H. House in a more convenient location or shall we raise our sights and plan a combined structure with alumni meeting rooms and offices as well as student housing? An obligation in accepting the old Phi Chi House was the responsibility of continuing to provide some medical student housing at a reasonable rate. This must be kept in mind when and if new permanent quarters are planned.

The board is soliciting views from the membership concerning a permanent residence for the Association. Your comments and suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Q

The student code of ethics

Mischa J. Lustok, M.D., '35
Editor



The Student Code of Ethics developed by the faculty and student body at the University of Wisconsin Medical School is a vital document. Presented at the time the doors to the study of medicine are opened to the supplicant, it strikes a covenant between the neophyte and his induction into the profession of the healing art. Compliance with the code demands not only a prescribed schedule of behavior but also a commitment to a very special way of life.

It would be prudent for the mature physician to carefully review and contemplate the Student Code of Ethics. Those of us who are involved in student contact at the satellite medical campuses and preceptorships are particularly vulnerable to student emulation. We should understand the essence of the code and adopt it as our own. Our sublimated resentment of the intrusion by the medical student into the personalized circumscribed relationship between the physician and his

private patient will thus become more palatable.

The code falls short of perfection and is not without its frailty and humor. Belatedly, it recognizes that communication between doctor and patient must generate confidence and trust, and that attire, the first impression received by the patient, is indeed a form of communication. As stated, the

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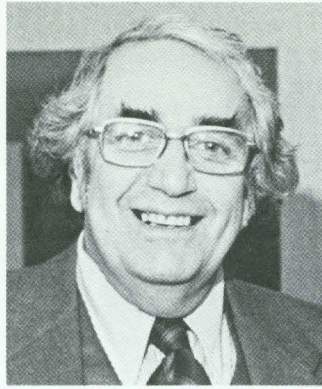
watered down version blandly implores: “. . . a personal appearance appropriate for the situation.” I would have preferred a more thunderous mosaic commandment: Thou shalt not wear a scrub suit outside the surgical suite; Thou shalt not display unkempt hirsute appendage; Thou shalt

keep thy shirt buttoned; Thou shalt wear a white coat and name tag; Thou shalt always express reverence to the privacy and person of the patient; Thy demeanor and dress shalt do honor to the glorious tradition of thine profession. Self discipline leads to self respect. Humble pride in the chosen calling cultivates the spirit. Lackadaisical permissiveness stifles it.

Despite the gentle vagaries and almost apologetic directives, the Student Code of Ethics is a meaningful document worthy of our endorsement. It is not a new discovery but a restatement of long honored virtues, relevant to today and vital to tomorrow. It is not an anachronistic monolith. The wisdom expended in the current design will serve amendment as befits the future. The Student Code of Ethics deserves the courage inherent in enforced compliance. Q

Let them eat cake!

Bernard I Lifson, M.D., '49



I have always believed that if one has the patience, right will triumph. That if one can survive the many years of pain and adversity life burdens us with, hope and faith will carry us through. It is eternal hope and faith that can make life worthwhile. Let me explain.

For 20 years I have officed in the Old Orchard Professional Building, a part of a lovely shopping center with many trees, lovely flowers and man made ponds with small arched bridges. Wooden seats allow the tired to sit and rest. It is an outdoor cathedral of nature for rest, thought and complacency, totally devoid of bike trails, jogging lanes and tennis courts. It is truly a man's (or woman's, for that matter) paradise.

When the medical building first opened, they installed a pharmacy on the ground floor. Although the pharmacists were pleasant and helpful, they were lacking in judgment. There was no candy or ice cream counter . . . no consideration for the weary, the lame or the hungry . . . no appreciation for the caloric needs of a people under stress . . . total lack of empathy for one's fellow man . . . and this, a medical building!

The situation was intolerable and 10 years later the pharmacy closed. The will of the people was not to be ignored. A drug store opened in its place with a small candy and gum counter. This contained anemic 1.2

ounce candy bars of meager variety and dietetic gum: again, a total inconsideration of the oral needs of people under stress; a mere crumb to appease a growing demand. After a few years this, too, closed. Now, I believed, we were finally being heard.

To my surprise, a flower shop opened in its place. There were lovely, colorful, fragrant flowers and plants. None of them were edible, nor were there any fruits or vegetables. Nothing to diminish the internal stress of the people entering the medical building. After a couple of years this, too, closed.

They began remodeling and a sign appeared with the following: "Boulangerie, Patisserie and Fine," probably the names of three French physicians. Apparently this was to be a French medical clinic. It seemed inappropriate for doctors to office on the ground floor, but then the French have been known at times to do things differently.

I watched the daily progress of the construction. It seemed bizarre. There were angled large plate glass windows on the outside, a floor of large ceramic tiles and French flags on the walls. Finally to my surprise they added the word "cafe" to the French names and then "The French Baker." Joy of all joys. My wish was finally fulfilled. A caloric oasis in this vast gastro-nomic desert.

I planned my first inspection tour, taking sacred oath to make no purchases. Voila, I beheld baguettes, brioches, French pastries, tarts, croissants, sandwiches, salads and pate. The artistic presentations as well as the smells were overwhelming. Our medical building had come of age. Holistic medicine had come alive at Old Orchard.

A few errors were noted, such as their hiring thin, malnourished young people as waiters and waitresses. But this could be corrected. Perhaps after working for a time they can alter this unhealthy image. There is also the need for proper training of their staff. They still ask me if I wish a salad each time I order. Time will change this, too.

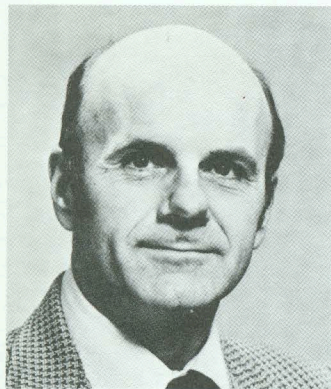
The place abounds with calories, cholesterol and carbohydrates. We have crowds of people of the North Shore driving to the medical building without interest or desire for an appointment with a physician.

Another serious medical problem is being resolved. For years we have had a health club in the concourse (a fancy word for basement) in our building. These poor people have exercised diligently and perspired profusely only to return home when through. Now I see them in the boulangerie, eating their patisserie and having a fine time after their torturous workout. Some stop off for a snack before they exercise as well.

I've attempted a survey of the physicians in the building. Some say they buy the French bread and rolls because they are low in calories. Others deny entering the place as they wipe the fresh strawberries off their chin. One extolled the delicious salad he has each day with a low calorie dressing. He neglected to mention the pate he orders before the salad.

Marie Antoinette apparently lost her head when she said, "Let them eat cake!" What a way to go. Q

Freeman's column



D.J. Freeman, M.D., '59

Wondering about listening

It was 0430 hours. The wind and distant rumblings had awakened me and foretold an imminent summer thunderstorm. I had no doubt they also had awakened our new three months old English Setter puppy, Regina Victoria (alias Tory), who surely would be up, roaming and periodically squatting to leave liquid residues scattered over her breezeway station for a morning cleanup. Perhaps if I got up and took her outside . . . ? It seemed worth a try.

Back in bed I laid there wondering about this maneuver. Would it work? Was it wise? Was Tory afraid of storms? Just excited by them? Would she really be a good hunter; were all the butterfly, locust, etc. pointing and chasing really portents of such a desirable future or just puppy play sham?

Soon the storm arrived. I listened. The wind and rain rushed the trees, wheezing, whispering, whistling through them. Periodically thunder exploded and the black night brightened. The rain splattered

trees, the house, the windows and the room (a great sound that); then dripped languidly from the eaves. It was delightful. And I wondered how many others listen to such a storm; of these, how many also find delight in it; how many fear; how many, "Who Cares?"?

Soon I was wondering alot about listening. I wondered about how many really hear Dean Brown when he says, "Hey, you can't cut down our funds; we can't meet the budget now; tuition can't be raised to cover expenses or medical education will be priced so high only the very rich or the subsidized very poor can afford it; not enough alumni hear and give; and, even if they all did, it still would not be enough — although it would sure help!"

I wondered how many physicians really listen to their patients for leads to accurate diagnosis and treatment versus how many mainly just screen the laboratory and other studies for these purposes? This wonderment recalled a patient seen as a medical student who entered the hospital concerned only about his hemorrhoids, underwent a comprehensive one week's workup and was discharged asking, "But what about my hemorrhoids (which, of course, were still intact)?"

I wondered how many spouses really listen to their spouses; how many parents to their children; how many teachers to their students; or children, to parents; students, to teachers? How would it be if we all really listened to each other? Would we then better understand where we each are coming from? Would this decrease crime, divorce, drug abuse, and suicide rates; increase educational levels, happiness, productivity and progress? Would international relations be better? This wonderment recalled the story about the person with an aversion to cliches who sorrowfully

noted absent impact when he responded to his associate's, "Have a nice day" by saying, "Sorry, but I have other plans."

I wondered about listening to tumbling white water, bird songs, nocturnal croaks, winter's silence and the myriad other auditory offerings of nature. And about man's offerings too: city noise, music, sirens (we have a local one which occasionally wails away and we rarely know why), jet airplanes breaking the primal tranquility of our recent Wind River Range backpacking excursion, fog horns, and the like. I wondered do I really listen well enough and, listening, do I really hear?

All this wondering about listening brought me to my desk to write this column. While doing so, Mary Clare (my wife these past 33 years) came into the den. Asking me what in the world I was writing about at such an hour to which I responded, "About listening," she soon set my mind at ease over at least one of my wonderments by a hearty laugh and words more or less as follows: "Ha, Ho, Ha! You're a fine one to write of the art of listening. Ha, Ho, Ha! For 30 years I've been trying to get you to listen and you're writing about how people should listen? Ha, Ho, Ha!"

Now she was nice about it all (and I listened), so we're still friends (and still married). But I guess maybe I don't listen too well all of the time or, perhaps, just some of the time, and she sure is right: I often don't seem to hear.

How about you. Do you really listen? If you do, do you really hear? And most importantly for this column, if you do really listen and really hear, will you do something helpful in response to the Dean's cry for more money both from the legislature and from you, the medical school's alumni?

P.S. In the morning Tory's breezeway station was dry. Q

OCTOBER

October 29-31 — Recent Advances in Diagnostic Radiology for the Wisconsin Radiologist: Neuroradiology, Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, Wisconsin Center, Madison. Fee: \$250, seminars and workshops; \$200, seminars only. 22 hours AMA Category I credit; American College of Radiology credit. Participants who register for workshops rotate through 12 workshop sessions.

NOVEMBER

November 5-7 — Aging and Illness in Primary Care: Basic and Clinical Science Foundations, The Wisconsin Center, Madison. Fee: \$215. 21 AMA Category I credits; Family Physicians credit. Designed to relate what is known about aging at the cellular, organ system and social levels to problems of the elderly in the primary care setting.

November 6-8 — Second Annual Respiratory Critical Care Symposium: Acute Respiratory Failure, Admissions to Discharge, The Inn on the Park, Madison. Fee: \$150, physicians, \$100, nurses, residents, allied health professionals. 15 hours of AMA Category I credit; Family Physician credit applied for; 1.5 units UW Extension Continuing Education Units.

November 15-16 — Therapeutics II-1980, University of Wisconsin Clinical Science Center, Madison. Fee: \$115 M.D. or D.O. 9 hours AMA Category I credit; Family Practitioner credit applied for. **Special Feature:** Includes a simultaneous program for high school seniors and college freshmen who are interested in attending medical school. Fee for student: \$25. Physicians attending Therapeutics II-1980 are encouraged to sponsor a potential medical school student of their choice.

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Dr. Stetler

“When I came to Chicago in 1913, I knew not a single person in the city. I had but little practical experience in my profession. My chief equipment was an armful of diplomas and faith, hope and the capacity for tireless toil, inherited from my mother’s English and Scotch-Irish forefathers, together with the undaunted determination and persistence derived from my father’s Dutch ancestors.

“It is practically impossible for a woman to do independent work in medicine. All research funds are in the hands of men. Women may and do a great deal of the technical work, but always as associates with men.

“It is my will that this fund may make it possible for women to demonstrate their ability to do valuable INDEPENDENT research work. It is my hope that the research work done under the auspices of this Fund will be a credit to women and will be a lasting benefit to the human race.”

So reads the last will and testament of Pearl M. Stetler of Chicago, Ill. When she died in August, 1970, she left a fund of \$1.4 million specifically to fund research by women. The Pearl M. Stetler Research Fund for Women Physicians Founded in Memory of Cornelius and Margaret Stetler provides money to women physicians at only three medical schools: the UW, Johns Hopkins and the University of Illinois. A woman physician selected by the dean of each school from the faculty

economized to fund women scientists

make up the fund's directors who select research fellows under the fund.

Currently the UW board member is Dr. Enid Gilbert, professor of pathology and pediatrics. (She is one of seven pediatric pathologists in the country engaged in a cooperative study to confirm or refute the hypothesis that victims of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome die from hypoxia.)

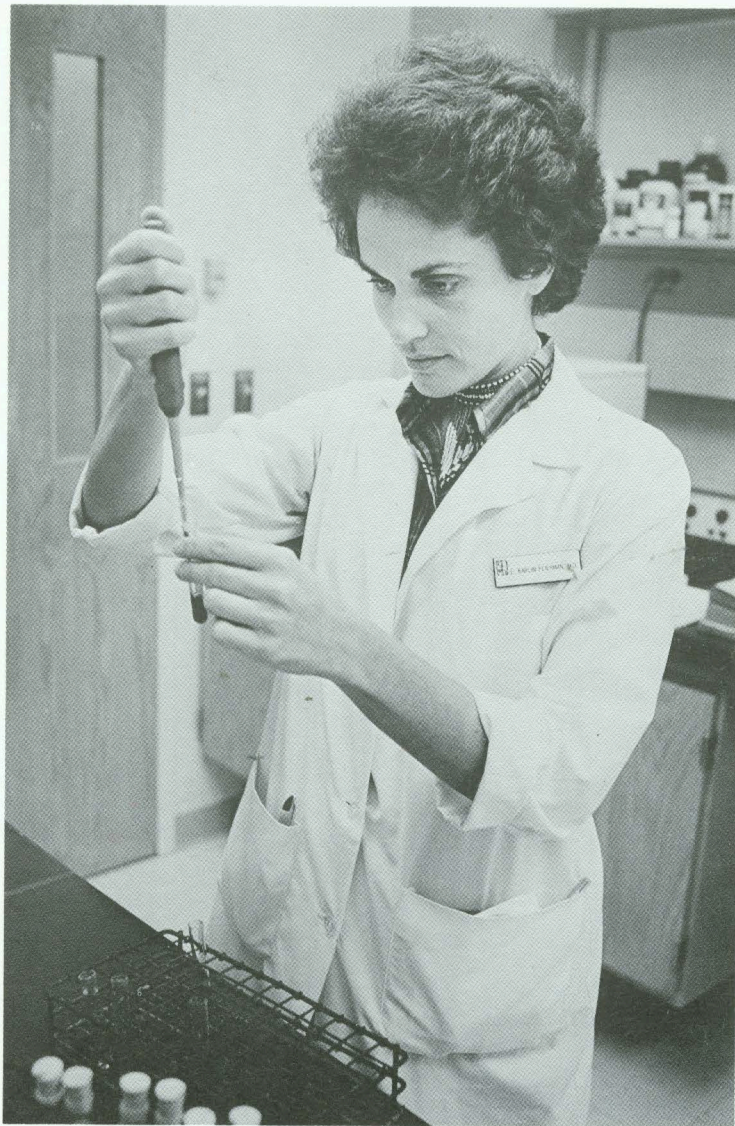
The Stetler fund honors Dr. Stetler's parents, who were early pioneers in Wisconsin. In her will she said she decided to create the fund because "when I left Medical School my chief interest was in the research field, but at that time there were no opportunities. It was then I decided, if possible, to create a Research Fund for women in medicine. I walked for miles to save a nickel, then paid to ride the street car. This fund is the result of economizing with small earnings over a period of 44 years."

A woman on the Madison campus has been supported each year since 1972. None of those receiving fellowship support have progressed thus far to faculty positions at Wisconsin.

The most recent appointee is a 1978 UW medical school graduate, Dr. Elizabeth Feierman. She said she agrees with Dr. Stetler's assessment of the research opportunities for women.

"To some degree I think it's due to the old boy network and to some degree I think it's

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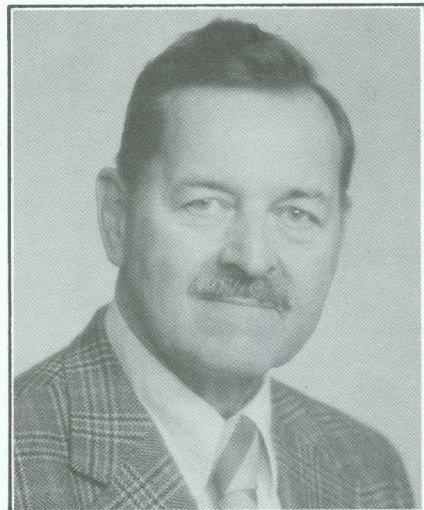
Dr. Feierman

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Editor's Note: This is the first of a QUARTERLY series designed to recognize class representatives with outstanding records of service. Class members who wish to nominate their representatives for recognition are encouraged to write or call the Alumni Association with information.

Dr. Falk – alumni pacesetter

Dr. Victor S. Falk has been the class of 1939 representative since 1973. His roots as an alumnus are deep. He was the first one of the second generation to attend the UW Medical School, his father having graduated from the two-year program in 1911. He and his father shared some of the same professors, including Drs. Bradley, Bunting and Meek. His start in medical school was a memorable one. That same year he was editor of the Badger, the UW yearbook, and suffered a ruptured appendix. His term as class representative has also been memorable. His informational class newsletters, reunion get togethers at his home, and active participation in alumni meetings have made him an alumni pacesetter.



Dr. Falk

It's not as though keeping in touch with classmates is his only commitment. Far from it. The Edgerton, Wis., general surgeon is active in professional and civic affairs in Wisconsin and nationally. His national commitment began during World War II. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1947, rising in rank from lieutenant, j.g., to commander. His honors include a Silver Star for treating casualties under fire at Guadalcanal as well as the Navy Commendation and the Presidential Unit Citation. He returned home to Wisconsin in 1948 to practice in Edgerton, only a dozen miles from his native Stoughton, where he lives today. He almost immediately became city health officer of Edgerton, a post he was to have for nearly 20 years.

He joined the staffs of Edgerton Memorial Community Hospital and Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wis. He was chief of the Edgerton staff for 18 years. He was soon back in touch with his alma mater, becoming a trustee of the UW Memorial Union Building Association, a position he has held since 1952. An omnivorous reader with a photographic memory, he also became deeply involved with the State Medical Society of Wisconsin's Wisconsin Medical Journal. He began serving as a member of its Editorial Board in 1953, became assistant medical editor in 1961, and was appointed medical editor in 1962, a post he has now held for 18 years. He also is presently serving as secretary of the Board of Directors for State Medical Journal Advertising Bureau, Inc., Chicago. The bureau represents 34 state medical journals that form a group for the purpose of accepting scientific advertising. He has served on the advisory committee to the bureau for many years. His civic and professional commitments came together during the Viet Nam war. He served as an American Medical Association Volunteer Physician in 1966, 1967, and 1972. He also served as a Volunteer Physician in Nicaragua with the Partners of Americas program in 1969, 1973 and 1974. He has been a director of the Nicaragua-Wisconsin Partners since 1969.

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The citizens of Edgerton recognized his many contributions in 1968, when he was named Rotary Honored Citizen. His professional colleagues elected him president of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American College of Surgeons in 1970.

He kicked off his service as a class representative in 1974 when his class celebrated its 35th anniversary reunion. The group came to his home at Lake Kegonsa, 12 miles from Madison, for a pleasant and informal afternoon with former faculty members. A few years later he reminisced in a class letter about that day: "I will never forget that, as Dr. Middleton left that afternoon to drive back to Madison by himself, he said, 'Well, Sofus, I'll see you in five years.'" Dr. Middleton was 84 at the time and he died a year later.

Last year, on the occasion of his class's 40th anniversary, he invited his classmates and the emeritus faculty to his home for a Saturday brunch.

His continuing exhortations for contributions to the alumni association resulted in his class placing first this year in the percentage of a class contributing.

His pace does not seem to slow. In 1976 he was president of the Wisconsin Surgical Society.

Last January he concluded in a letter to his classmates, "I find that I am spreading myself too thin. Consequently I am having to retrench and recently gave up writing my weekly column that was published in about 65 Wisconsin newspapers as a service of the State Medical Society of Wisconsin. Now I am asking to be replaced as your class representative."

The contributions he has made to the alumni association in his seven years as class representative set a pace that will be hard to match. Q

Badgers in the West

W. H. Oatway, Jr., M.D., '26

Sometimes the volunteered news from the alumni in the West slows to a trickle, or a stop. The columnist must then write and heckle certain groups to tell what they do, and see, and think. The current column is brief, in spite of notes to Hawaii and the new residents from the class of 1980 in California. We'll get some for the Winter issue for sure, if they can overcome modesty, overwork, and find a 10 cent card. Cheers!

Edgar Auerswald, '51, lives in Kula, Maui, and works as Director of the Maui Community Mental Health Center. He came there from New York eight years ago, and is associate clinical professor in psychiatry at both the University of Hawaii and University of Washington. He has diverse interests in editing, family therapy, etc.

Mrs. Allan Leong reports the recent sad loss of **Allan H.H. Leong**, '51, of Honolulu, in March, 1980. He loved his practice of Internal Medicine for 24 years, and his undergraduate and medical years at Wisconsin, and she is grateful for this chance to tell the friends who have not heard. They have two children, Susan, 13, and Todd, 11.

William Atchison, '53, continues to practice the care of allergies in the Grossmont Medical Center in San Diego. This report comes obliquely from a nurse, who is a daughter of a member of the Class of '51.

A columnist can sometimes get a piece of news in an amazing way, e.g., a friend from Wisconsin days (1931), reporting here to California, from a far distant state. **Dr. Carol Rice**, sending a letter here from Sweet

Briar College in Lynchburg, Va.! This could be called a sort of serendipity. Carol graduated from Smith, taught P.E. at Wellesley for five years, until talked into starting medicine in Madison by the late, great **Marie Carns**. After graduation, and her residencies, ('32, '33, and '34), the late, great Drs. Middleton and "Net" Washburne tried to get her to help direct the UW Student Health Department. However, she returned to Sweet Briar to be in charge of the same department, and she has been there ever since, plus getting her American Boards in Medicine and being a prized local consultant. Having Dr. Middleton praise her to a local M.D. in Europe during World War II, was a glamorous help. Also, she still remembers the details of an exam monitored by this columnist!

Another Eastern note containing Madison-California news has just arrived. **Dave Welton**, '35, of Charlotte, N.C., rejoices that he got to Madison for his 45th reunion last May. Also he enjoyed visiting with three Californians who were present: **Betsy Owen Steele**, **Richard Dickmann** of Bakersfield, and **Homer Benson** of Honolulu. Dave has used his piano talent to compose and record a cassette program entitled Musical Gems of the 1930's, and he may send one this way.

To the Far Westers — please send us a note about you and any UW colleagues as an early Christmas present. Q

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Dr. Knutson

When Dr. Tom Knutson arrived at Cheyenne, Wyo., to begin a three-year study of family-practice medicine, he was following pioneer trails.

For Dr. Knutson, the journey marks his own passage through college and medical school, a passage that was filled with as much hardship and need for persistence as was required of those pioneers who preceded him.

Although medical school was no snap for any of the blue-gowned grads at the University of Wisconsin-Madison this spring, it was extra hard for Tom Knutson.

Almost 30 years ago, Tom, then the 3-year-old son of Joyce and Bernard "Chummy" Knutson, sustained serious injuries in a farm accident.

He was caught in a hay mower on the Knutson's dairy farm near Niagara in Marinette County, and both legs were severed below the knee.

By age 5, Tom decided he wanted to become a doctor, partly because of his frequent association with doctors.

"I watched what Dr. (R.E.) Carlson was doing with his talents, and I thought it would be very neat to become a person very similar to him," Dr. Knutson said. "As I grew up, I kept reminding myself that what he was doing was nothing but good."

Going through grade and high school in Niagara, Tom seemed

Obstacles didn't stop handicapped doctor

less aware of his disability than the people around him.

"I think the people in the town thought I would have to do something very spectacular or end up an invalid. I resented that feeling and kind of decided I was going to do my own thing," Dr. Knutson said.

Handicapped persons can develop in two ways, he said. "One is the handicapped individual does not have the courage to accept their handicap, and kind of falls back and relies on the remainder of the community to help," he said.

"The other one is, the person says, 'Yes, I have a handicap, but you know I am not handicapped to such a degree that you are going to help me to do everything. I am going to do a lot for myself.'"

Dr. Knutson took the second path, because he doesn't think of himself as being handicapped.

"For me, my handicap is probably one of the better things that has happened to me. I've become very independent and very determined. That's probably what got me through medical school."

Dr. Knutson graduated from Niagara High School in 1969. He played football, using his artificial limbs.

He began his studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1969. Entering the Madison campus then was an experience in itself.

His high school class had about 70 members and at Madison, Dr. Knutson found himself in a school community of 35,000 people. He says it was hard to adjust.

"People coming from larger cities had a much more advanced education than I had," he said. He particularly felt that in the subject of mathematics. Some of his fellow students had already had two semesters of

calculus.

He graduated from UW-Madison in 1973 but was denied entrance into medical school. He decided to take a three-year master's degree program in muscle physiology. It was no snap, and it was a long detour from medical school.

But Dr. Knutson figured if he could prove himself as a student in the master's program, he would stand a better chance of getting into medical school.

Dr. Knutson received his master's degree in 1976, applied to medical school again, and was turned down again in March of that year.

He knew there was nothing more he could do by himself, so he said in prayer, "If I am supposed to go to medical school, I will, and if I am not, I won't." Then, in April, he received notice that he was accepted into medical school.

Since then, Dr. Knutson has learned that because so many people with good grades and high talent try to get into medical school, most of the selection is based on a lottery system. Applicants aren't always turned down on merit.

While in medical school, Dr. Knutson married Christy Vissering of Iron Mountain, Mich.

He graduated with plans to be a family practice doctor, and to pay off \$40,000 in medical school bills.

Dr. Knutson credits several persons with giving him the courage and the faith to keep going.

He also credits his parents for the continued encouragement and support they gave him during his education.

He said his parents encouraged him to take school one step at a time. **Q**

J. J. Klenke
Green Bay Press Gazette



BOARD ROOM

NOTES

DATE: July 18, 1980
PLACE: Madison, Wis.

Confirmation of Annual Appointments

The following appointments were approved: QUARTERLY Editor — Mischa J. Lustok, '35; QUARTERLY Assistant Editor — Kathryn S. Budzak, '69; Secretary-Treasurer — Sigurd E. Sivertson, '47; Director of Annual Giving Program — Hanno Mayer, '46, Chairman, Bernard Kampschroer, '67, Consultant; Chairman of Representatives Council — Burton W. Zimmerman, '43; Coordinator, Live In and Learn Program — G. S. Custer, '42.

Appointment of Committees

Nominating Committee, as specified in the by-laws, is: Dorothy W. Betlach, '46, chairman; William E. Hein, '54; and B. H. Kampschroer, '67. The committee is charged with responsibility for presenting a slate of candidates to the board no later than the February meeting. A president-elect and two candidates for each of three directors' vacancies which will occur on the board in 1981 are required. The directors whose terms expire in 1981 are Paul Frechette, '62, Wilbert Wiviott, '57, and Robert Wochos, '44.

Awards Committee members are: R. Bender, '43, Chairman;

G. Behnke, '42; D. Betlach, '46; and W. Wiviott, '57. The committee is responsible for recommending to the board nominees for the Medical Alumni Citation (an alumnus who has achieved distinction in any area of medical practice, academic medicine or medical administration) and for the Emeritus Faculty Award. These nominations should be presented no later than the February meeting.

M.A.S.H. Operating Committee members are: W. Russell, '46, Chairman; L. Bernhardt, '63; S. Sivertson, '47; and Mr. R. Holt. The committee is charged with responsibility for oversight of the M.A.S.H. house operations. Robert Weisenthal, MED III, agreed to maintain contact with the house manager and to report to the board over the course of the year.

Long Range Planning Committee. The board discussed the need for ongoing long range planning activities which would result in eventual replacement of the current M.A.S.H. house with an expanded, combined student house and alumni house. In the course of the extensive, wide ranging discussion it was learned that there is no medical student lounge in the new hospital. Dean Brown volunteered to explore the feasibility of establishing a student lounge in

proximity to the cafeteria. It was unanimously approved that Dean Brown be asked to evaluate the feasibility of securing space near the cafeteria for a student lounge to be furnished by the Medical Alumni Association. Dr. Brennan stated that the matter of a student-alumni house would be discussed further at future meetings and mentioned in his QUARTERLY column.

Critique of Alumni Day

The board considered a letter from one of the faculty speakers at the 1980 Alumni Day program suggesting that simultaneous offerings of two faculty speakers were unsatisfactory. Because only a few listeners move from the auditorium where the program begins to another, the speakers in the second auditorium find themselves speaking to a very small group. The board unanimously agreed to offer only a single scientific program in 1981 rather than simultaneous, competing programs.

Appointment of Program Chairmen

Homecoming Brunch. Dr. Budzak will serve as Program Chairman for the October 4, 1980, pre-game brunch.

From the alumni archives 25 years ago

Milwaukee Winter Meeting. W. Schwartz, '55, and W. Wiviott, '57 are co-chairmen of the February meeting.

Outstate Meetings. There will be a mid-September meeting in Ashland and a spring meeting in Wausau with Lynn Eggman, '62, to determine the date and location of the latter.

Alumni Day. Directors Zimmerman, Chairman, Schwartz and Budzak will serve as the planning committee. The date is Friday, May 15, 1981, with commencement on Sunday, May 17.

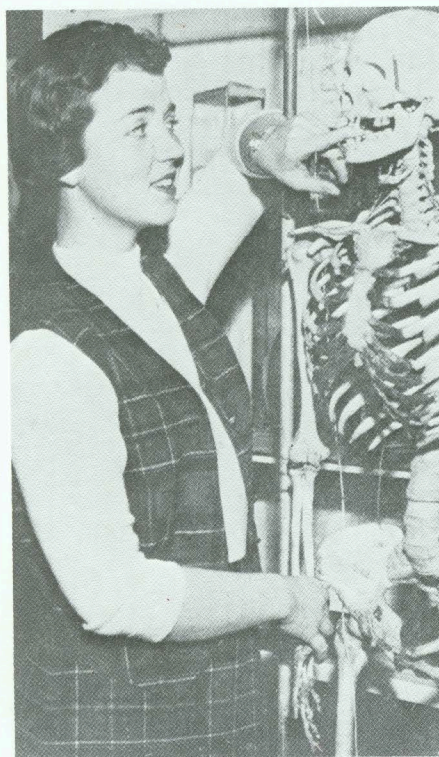
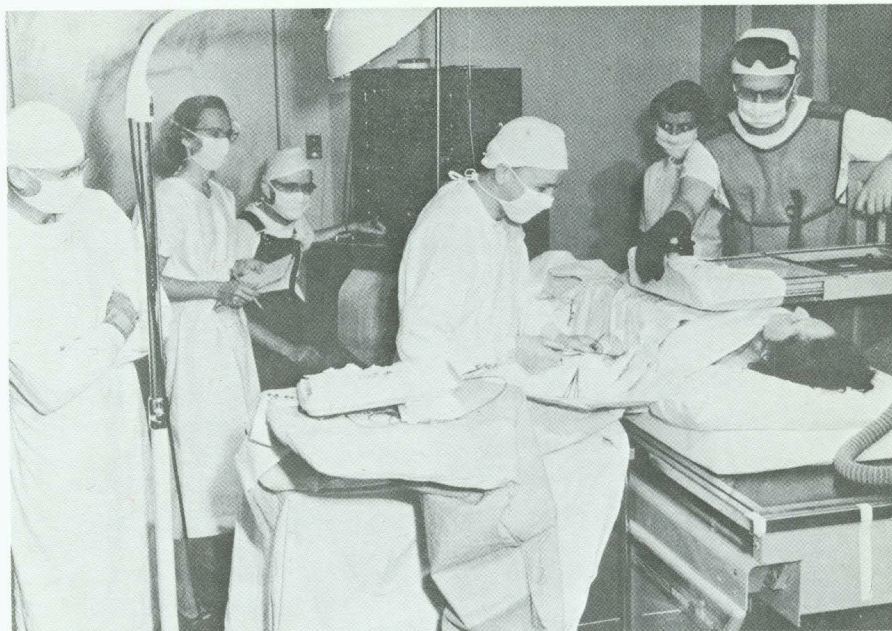
Recommendations of Representatives

Life Membership Recognition will be certificates suitable for framing.

Increase in Cost of Bohrod Medical Center Prints to \$30 unsigned and \$50 signed was approved. This is more in keeping with the prices for other limited edition prints of Mr. Bohrod.

Subsidizing the Videotaping of Student Skits Annually was approved with the proviso that the Medical Alumni Association will receive a copy of the videotapes each year for its archives.

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1955 Badger photos

1955

January 3

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the nomination of **Dr. Karl Menninger** to receive an honorary degree from the University.

Dean Middleton announced the Regents' approval of the appointment of **Dr. John Z. Bowers** as Dean of the Medical School.

March 14

The following promotions were approved by the Executive Committee: **Dr. Helen Dickie**, '37, from Associate Professor to Professor of Medicine; **Dr. Henry J. Sallach** from Instructor to Associate Professor of P-Chem.; **Dr. Edwin C. Albright** (Former Med. Res.) from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Medicine; **Dr. Frank Weston** from Associate Professor to

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Clinical Professor of Medicine; **Dr. Joseph Lalich**, '37, from Associate Professor to Professor of Pathology.

April 18

Bids for the addition to Service Memorial Institutes were opened and totaled \$1,609,000. Construction to the addition will reunite the medical school by enabling anatomy to vacate science hall and join the other medical school departments.

Acting Dean Otto Mortensen announced that President E. B. Fred has approved the naming of the S.M.I. addition "Charles R. Bardeen Hall" in honor of the first medical school dean.

He also announced that merit increases of three percent are anticipated this year. Any increases over \$300 will require a letter of justification. Should Social Security coverage be made available, approximately one-third of the amount now designated for merit increases will be required to implement the Social Security program.

May 19

At the annual Field Day program held in S.M.I. the major address was presented by **Dr. William B. Hildebrand**, '39, Past-President of the American Academy of Family Practice. His topic "The Practice of Medicine in a Changing World." Student research papers were presented by **Richard Stiehm**, **Richard Bunge**, **Douglas Jameson**, **Arthur Leon**, **Donald Churchill** and **Norman Carden**. The Borden Award for Research Accomplishment was presented to **Margaret Widenbauer**, Med. IV; the Meek Award to **Theodore Roberts**, Med. IV; and the Bleckwenn Award to **John Rockey**, Med. IV. **Calvin Schorer** received the Wisconsin Academy

of General Practice Essay Award. The program ended with third year skits at the Wisconsin Union Theater.

July 11

Dean John Z. Bowers presided at the first meeting of the Executive Committee after his appointment as Dean. His proposal that a Medical School Business Manager be appointed was unanimously approved.

August 22

Dean Bowers appointed an ad hoc committee on grades and promotions consisting of Dr. Seastone, Chairman, and Drs. Deutsch, Young, Fey, Geist, Lalich and Musser. The committee was charged with responsibility of defining minimum standards and procedures for promotion, recommending standards and procedures for dropping a student, passing on probation and readmission after scholastic termination, recommending an appeal procedure and determining what factors other than grades should be considered in evaluating student performance.

Medical Alumni Association Planned

The UW Medical Alumni Committee met at the Madison Club on September 19. Present were: **Kenneth Lemmer**, '30; **Merle Owen Hamel**, '35; **Robert Schilling**, '43; **Miles Smith**, '44; and **King Woodward**, '21; plus **Dean John Bowers** and Assistant to the Dean **Robert Parkin**, '43. Dr. Lemmer was elected chairman and Dr. Parkin, secretary.

The committee heard Dean Bowers' thoughts concerning the goals and objectives of a formal medical alumni association and decided to organize a formal

alumni association, to prepare a constitution and bylaws and a plan for organization to be presented at Alumni Day in May of 1956.

Members of the senior class will be invited to the Alumni Day proceedings and the evening banquet. Spouses will also be invited to the banquet and a special luncheon program will be planned for them by Dr. Hamel.

It was decided that the publication of an alumni bulletin should be instituted and the first number of the bulletin should be distributed on Alumni Day.

Dues should probably be on a sliding scale. Graduates should not be assessed dues for the first year after graduation. Dues will then be \$3 for the first five years and \$5 thereafter.

Discussion was also held concerning solicitation of donations to the medical library building fund. It was agreed to invite Dr. William S. Middleton, the former dean, to the Alumni Day program.

Medical School News

Dr. George Rowe, '45, Assistant Professor of Medicine, was named recipient of the Markle Medical Scholar's Award in national competition.

Dr. Leo Kanner, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins, was named Knapp Visiting Professor. He spent the second semester on the medical campus.

The National University of Peru in Lima has requested affiliation with the medical school.

Dr. Karl L. Siebecker, '40, was appointed Assistant Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology on a full time basis. Q

Alumni capsules

'21

Norton John Eversoll, 2-'21, Hollywood, Fla., has been retired since 1962. His activities since then include: three years as director of the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce; president of the Retired Doctors of Broward County, Fla.; president of the Hollywood Council Navy League of the U.S.; an active member of the Hollywood Little Theatre; and membership in the Hollywood Committee of 100, the Mahi Temple (Miami) and the Hollywood Shrine Club. He writes that his chief hobby is horticulture and he personally cultivates and maintains a small orchard of exotic tropical fruits in Hollywood.

'31

E. L. Lochen, '31, El Paso, Tex., has retired as associate superintendent of the Stockton California State Hospital with a bed capacity of 3600 patients. He and his wife Betty now reside in El Paso after having been in the California system for over 20 years. Dr. Lochen has also retired from the U.S. Army after 21 years in the medical corps reserve. The Lochens receive an annual visit from **George Benson**, 2-'29, and **Robert Benson**, '32.

'33

Melvin F. Huth, '33, Baraboo, Wis., medical director at St. Clare Hospital, delivered the Memorial Day address at the traditional Memorial Day observance in Wisconsin Dells. Dr. Huth has had 30 years of military service and served for five years in the European Theater

during World War II. Besides holding the rank of colonel in the Army, Dr. Huth is currently a member of the Editorial Board of the Wisconsin Medical Journal and also is a member of the Commission on Peer Review of the State Medical Society of Wisconsin. He maintains his own medical clinic in Baraboo.

M. W. Livingston, '33, Sunbury, Ohio, plans to terminate his family practice at the end of this year. He writes that Sunbury would be an ideal location for a physician interested in family practice. He says it is a growing rural community, close to hospitals in Columbus and Delaware, Ohio. Any physician interested in such an opportunity should call or write Dr. Livingston, 28 N. Vernon St., Sunbury, Ohio 43074.

'47

Ed Kass, '47, received the "Pioneer in Antibiotic Review" award at the Second National Conference on Antibiotic Review, August 28-29, in Chicago. Dr. Kass is professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

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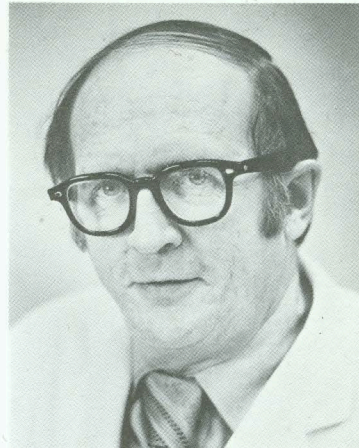
Walter L. Washburn, '49, Madison, Wis., was recently appointed to the newly established Coordinating Council on Physician Impairment of the State Medical Society of Wisconsin and the state Medical Examining Board.

'51

John R. Allen, '51, Wausau, Wis., medical director of the Wausau Medical Center, recently represented that organization in a leadership conference sponsored by the American Academy of Medical Directors held in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. The conference brought together medical directors from large health care groups throughout the country as well as recognized faculty from business and

health care organizations throughout the nation.

'52



Dr. Connors

Dean M. Connors, '52, Madison, Wis., has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the Wisconsin Medical Journal. Dr. Connors is pathologist and director of the laboratory at St. Marys Hospital Medical Center in Madison. He joined the hospital medical staff in 1959 as associate pathologist and director of medical education following a two-year period as pathologist at the A. D. Daniels Memorial Laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander, Wis.



Dr. Derus

Gerald J. Derus, '52, Madison, Wis., recently was inducted into the Kaukauna Sports Hall of Fame. A four letter winner in

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track and a pair of letters in basketball in high school, Dr. Derus founded the Monona Grove Clinic, Madison, in 1953, served as president of the State Medical Society, Dane County Medical Society, and is a delegate to the American Medical Association. At Kaukauna High School he was the recipient of the Lang Trophy as the outstanding senior.

William L. Sprague, '52, Whittier, Cal., has received Fellowship in the American College of Radiology (ACR) in honor of his special contributions to the medical profession. Dr. Sprague received his award during the annual meeting of ACR in New Orleans, September 21-25. Dr. Sprague is affiliated with Beverly Hospital, Montebello, Cal.

'54

Leah M. Lowenstein, '54, is a candidate for chairperson-elect for the Medical Sciences Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Dr. Lowenstein is Professor of Medicine and Biochemistry and Associate Dean of Boston University Medical School. She has been serving as secretary of the AAAS Section of the Medical Sciences since 1978.

'58

H. Douglas Jameson, '58, Lexington, Ky., is professor of neurology and director of electroencephalography at the Albert B. Chandler Memorial Hospital and V.A. Medical Center in Lexington.

'66

Jeffrey C. Thomas, '66, orthopedic surgeon with the Janesville Medical Center, Janesville, Wis., received the second annual Athletic Service Award presented at the Banquet of Champions June 3 in Janesville. The award is given to an individual who has distinguished himself by giving an extraordi-

nary amount of time and talents to the promotion and improvement of Janesville Athletics. Dr. Thomas has been active in the Janesville sports medicine program for over seven years. He has served as liaison between the school and medical community, has conducted a workshop for athletic trainers, and is chairman of the sports medicine committee at Mercy Hospital, Janesville.

'67



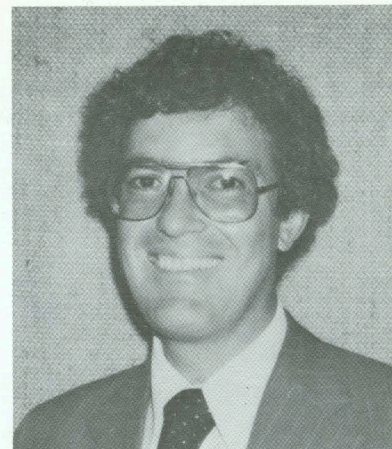
Dr. Maki

Dennis Maki, '67, Madison, Wis., has received the award "Distinguished Achievement in Antibiotic Review, 1980." The award was presented August 28 at the second National Conference on Antibiotic Review held in Chicago.

Robert J. Kreutzmann, '67, Daleville, Ala., graduated from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., on June 9. On July 9 he assumed command of the U.S. Army Aeromedical Center, which includes Lyster Army Hospital at Fort Rucker, Ala.

John G. Jaeger, '67, is in the private practice of anesthesiology at Community Memorial Hospital, Winona, Minn. He, Karen and their family of three sons and one daughter are living on a 300 acre farm near Coon Valley, Wis.

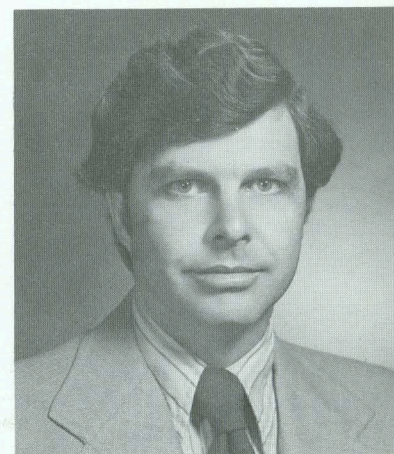
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Dr. Cooley

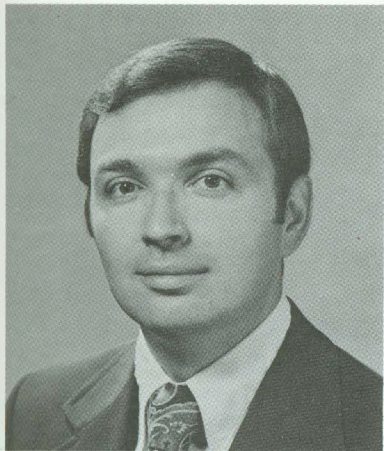
Charles J. Cooley, '69, Coon Rapids, Minn., presented a scientific paper on synovial chondromatosis at the second Shanghai Medical Congress in Shanghai, China, in May. Dr. Cooley was participating in a three week orthopaedic seminar for 35 orthopaedic surgeons and their wives. This included the Chinese cities of Peking, Hangchow, Shanghai and Canton, as well as Manila, the Philippines and Hong Kong. Dr. Cooley is in private practice in Anoka, Minn., and clinical instructor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Minnesota.

'70



Dr. Bruckman

James E. Bruckman, '70, Omaha, Neb., has entered



Dr. Harter

private practice in Omaha with another Wisconsin graduate, **David J. Harter, '68.**

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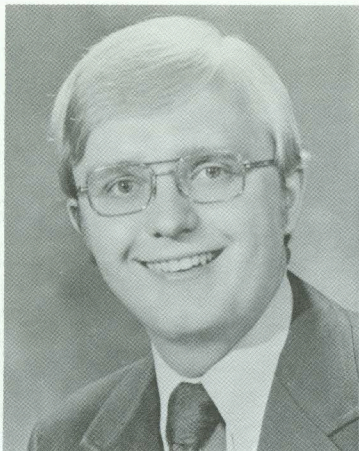
Samuel J. Otto, '71, Milwaukee, Wis., recently completed all requirements for the American Board of Urology. He served an internship at York Hospital, York, Pa., completed two years as a flight surgeon in the United States Air Force, and completed his residency training at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Otto is associated with another Wisconsin graduate, **Barry H. Usow, '69,** and former housestaff member **John D. Silbar, '53-'54,** at the Clinic of Urology in Milwaukee.

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Richard J. Boxer, '73, Milwaukee, Wis., recently became a member of the medical staff of the Ozaukee Medical Center, Thiensville, Wis. Dr. Boxer served an internship at Harbor General Hospital in California. His residency training was at Wadsworth Veterans Hospital, Los Angeles, and UCLA Medical Center. He currently is a clinical instructor at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

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Laurence D. Tempelis, '74, Wauwatosa, Wis., has completed hematology subspecialty training at Tufts-New England



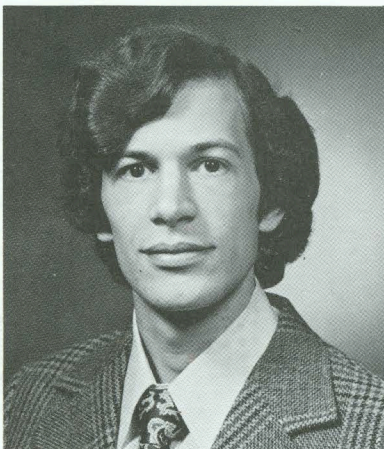
Dr. Tempelis

Medical Center, Boston, Mass., and has accepted a position in the hematology-oncology section at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wis.

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Lance Zernzach, '75, Omro, Wis., recently opened his medical practice at the Omro Medical Clinic. Dr. Zernzach completed his family practice residency at St. Marys Hospital Medical Center in Madison. Prior to joining the Omro Medical Clinic he had practiced in Mauston.

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Dr. LeRoy

Andrew J. LeRoy, '76, Rochester, Minn., has been appointed to the staff of Mayo Clinic as a consultant in the Department of Diagnostic Radiology. He interned at the

Milwaukee County General Hospital in 1976-77, then entered the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine as a resident in diagnostic radiology.

'77

Thomas Bayard Frederick, '77, Park Falls, Wis., recently became associated with the Lakeland Medical Associates to practice internal medicine at the Park Falls Clinic and the Flambeau Medical Center. He served his residency at St. Joseph's Hospital and the Marshfield Clinic.

Steve Novacheck, '77, Park Falls, recently became associated with the Lakeland Medical Center. Dr. Novacheck completed his family practice residency at St. Marys Hospital Medical Center, Madison, Wis.

Colleen Counihan, '77, Milwaukee, Wis., is a new instructor in medicine in the UW Medical School, based at Mt. Sinai Medical Center's Primary Care Clinic.

Jeff Kunz, '77, is currently senior editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

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Kitty Jewell, '79, was a Wisconsin delegate at the fourth annual AMA Resident Physicians Section Business Meeting in Chicago, July 19-20.

Jeffery G. Scherer, '79, has finished a six month aviation medicine course including six weeks flight training in Pensacola, Fla., at the Naval Aerospace Medicine Institute. He is now Carrier Air Wing Six flight surgeon, home based at Cecil Field, Fla. He is deploying for six months with the Air Wing on board the U.S.S. Independence, a Navy aircraft carrier, to the Mediterranean. His duties include flight physicals, preven-

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Dr. Scherer

tive medicine, general medicine, and flying in Navy aircraft.

Former Housestaff

Rudolf W. Link, '60-'63, and **John B. McAndrew, '63-'66,** Oshkosh, have been appointed to the Coordinating Council on Physician Impairment of the State Medical Society of Wisconsin and the state Medical Examining Board.

Edwin Ferguson, Jr., '74-'78, recently became associated with the Waunakee Community Medical Clinic, Waunakee, Wis. Dr. Ferguson previously had practiced in Barboursville, W. Va.

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Necrology

Dr. Harry A. Barnes, '30, Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 18, 1976.

Dr. Allan H. H. Leong, '51, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dr. Lee P. Longley, '37, Sheffield Lake, Ohio, March 30, 1977.

Dr. Edward E. McCandless, 2-'34, Dillard, Ore., March 18, 1980.

Dr. William E. Pembleton, 2-'37, Richmond, Va.

Dr. Loren W. Stille, '45, Portland, Ore., June, 1979.

Dr. Oliver E. Tjoflat, '29, St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 15, 1980.

Dr. Warren E. Tupper, 2-'19, Orcas, Wash., May 19, 1979.

Milwaukee honors Dr. Lorton

Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital recently changed the name of the Doctors' Building to Lorton Professional Building. The name was selected to honor the memory of Rhoda E. Lorton, '54, M.D., and to honor William L. Lorton, M.D., for his 22 years of service to the hospital.

Dr. Rhoda Lorton suffered a fatal knife wound inflicted by a patient last year in her office. Q

Faculty news

Researcher receives grants for salivary genetics studies

Edward A. Azen, professor of medicine, has received two awards from the National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR) for a series of genetic research studies. Dr. Azen has been awarded a total of \$363,849 for research on salivary genetics.

Part of that sum is a \$35,000 National Research Fellowship Award for a one-year fellowship effective Sept. 1. Dr. Azen is working with Dr. Oliver Smithies, professor of genetics, on a research project titled, "Molecular Cloning of the Salivary Proline-rich Protein Gene Complex."

Dr. Azen has also received a competitive renewal grant award of \$333,849 over a five-year period effective Sept. 1. The grant, titled, "Genetic Polymorphisms of Saliva," enables Dr. Azen to study several basic genetic and clinical problems.

Those studies will include: a search for new genetic polymorphisms in saliva; a study of the linkage relationships between salivary genes and other bodily molecular cloning of the salivary proline-rich protein gene complex; and clinical-epidemiological studies looking for a relationship between genetic variations in salivary proteins and susceptibility to common dental disorders.

In past research studies, Dr. Azen and Robert Friedman, a University of Pennsylvania

dental researcher, have found that people with certain salivary protein types may be more susceptible to dental disease than those who inherit other protein types.

The two researchers hope to eventually develop a screening test which may help identify persons who are genetically susceptible to dental problems. **Q**

Administrative medicine receives support

The UW Center for Health Sciences has received a \$449,346 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., to continue support over three years for its master's degree program in administrative medicine.

The program, initiated in 1976, prepares physicians, dentists and other health professionals for administrative leadership positions in the medical field. It emphasizes institutional management and administration. Individuals learn to integrate the clinician's knowledge and skills with those of health systems managers.

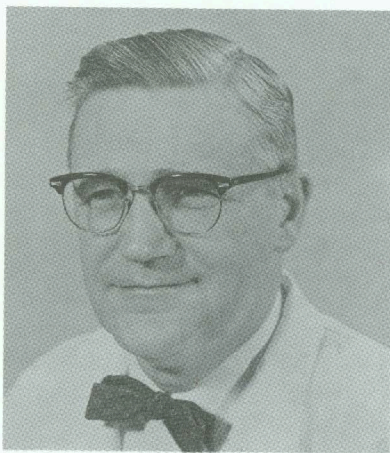
The UW Department of Preventive Medicine, working with other divisions of the institution, developed the program — the first master's degree program of its kind in the United States.

The UW will offer administrative medicine courses off campus in selected areas of the country, develop a textbook to augment the program, and publish educational materials.

Eight persons are enrolled in the master's degree program. Six of the eight already hold a medical degree. In the next three years, 300 students are expected to benefit from the program. Many of those students already hold advanced medical degrees.

Program directors are Don Detmer, M.D., and Jay Noren, M.D., M.P.H.

In 1930, breakfast cereal pioneer W. K. Kellogg contributed \$45 million to establish the Kellogg Foundation. Using income from that bequest, the foundation has made grants over the past five decades totaling \$500 million in the areas of health, education and agriculture. The foundation is today among the largest private philanthropic organizations in the country and supports programs on four continents — Canada, Europe, Latin America and Australia. **Q**



Dr. Juhl

Dr. Juhl resigns

John Juhl, emeritus professor of radiology and long-time chairman of the radiology department, has resigned from a part-time UW faculty position to accept a faculty position at the University of New Mexico beginning in November. He was awarded emeritus status on July 1, 1979 and has continued to teach on a part-time basis.

Former radiology residents, his faculty colleagues and friends will be honoring John and Barbara Juhl on October 24. At 3:30 p.m. there will be a dedication ceremony formally naming the Radiological Conference Room in honor of Dr. Juhl as approved by the University Regents. The dedication ceremony in the Eleanor Leslie Auditorium of the Clinical

Science Center will be followed by a reception.

Contributions to the John H. Juhl Visiting Professorship Fund and personal letters of appreciation are being received in appreciation of the singular contributions of this gifted clinician-scholar-teacher.

A graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School in 1940, Dr. Juhl served with the U.S. Navy in World War II and joined the UW medical faculty after completing his residency training at Wisconsin in 1949. He was Chairman of the Department of Radiology from 1964-1974 — the period of extensive growth and development of the department.

His many scholarly contributions include several editions of a major diagnostic radiology textbook entitled *Essentials of Roentgen Interpretation*. Radiology residents have cited him for his excellence as a teacher.

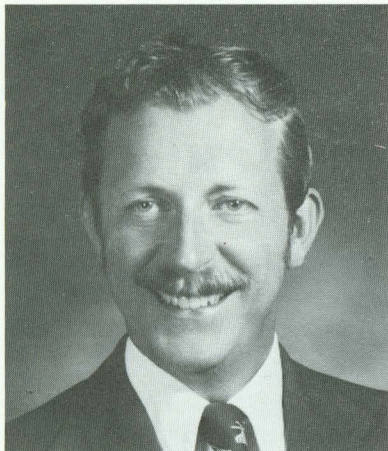
Dr. Juhl chaired many of the major medical faculty committees during his faculty tenure and was Chief of Staff of University Hospitals in 1962-63. He is a Fellow of the American College of Radiology, a member of many professional societies and has been a guest lecturer at many universities throughout the United States. **Q**

Scheckler named family medicine chairman

Dr. William E. Scheckler (former housestaff '64-'68) has been named chairman of the UW Department of Family Medicine and Practice. The two-year appointment was effective September first.

Dr. Scheckler, 42, has served as acting chairman of the department since 1978. His appointment as chairman follows a two-year national

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Dr. Scheckler

search to fill the position.

Dr. Scheckler succeeds Dr. John Renner, who earlier this year resigned from the UW Medical School faculty to direct a national family practice research center in Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. Scheckler has been a member of the UW Medical School faculty since 1970. He was a clinical instructor in medicine until 1974, when he joined the Department of Family Medicine and Practice.

Dr. Scheckler received his M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1964. From 1968 to 1970, he served with the National Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Ga.

Dean Brown said he was pleased that Dr. Scheckler accepted the chairmanship.

"His performance as acting chairman over the past two years has been outstanding," said Dr. Brown. "The department will face difficult problems during the next few years in regard to its fiscal support and increasing involvement in medical student education. We are particularly fortunate that a person of Dr. Scheckler's experience and leadership qualities will be the chairman." Q

Faculty news briefs

John R. Cameron, Farrington Daniels Professor of Physics and Radiology, was recently selected to receive the 1980 William D. Coolidge Award of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM).

This annual award is named after an early pioneer in x-ray research. It is the most prestigious award of the AAPM, and is given in recognition of those individuals who have established the most distinguished careers in medical physics. Only eight others have received this award, beginning with Dr. Coolidge himself in 1972.

Dr. Cameron has been the Director of the UW Medical Physics Division almost continuously since that division was founded in 1958.

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Charles Mistretta, professor of medical physics, and **Charles Strother**, associate professor of radiology and neurology, are principal investigators under a new \$300,000, three-year grant to study a new computerized x-ray technique.

The grant, which was effective July first, was awarded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

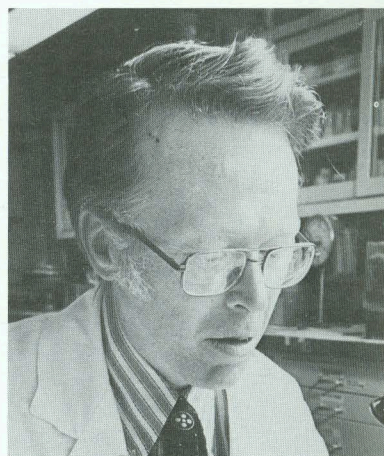
The researchers will evaluate the effectiveness of computerized fluoroscopy, an x-ray procedure developed at UW Hospital and Medical School, in detecting disease in arteries to the brain. Results will be compared to those obtained using arteriography, the standard method for examining

these arteries.

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Kelly Clifton, professor of human oncology, has been awarded an Albert C. Trumble Memorial Grant for Cancer Research from the American Cancer Society. The \$85,000, one-year grant will support laboratory research on the effects of radiation on thyroid cells.

Dr. Clifton has recently com-



Dr. Clifton

pleted a two-year appointment as director of the Radiation Effects Research Foundation in Hiroshima, Japan. The foundation, which is financed by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Japanese Ministry of Health, studies the effects of the atomic bomb explosions in Japan. It succeeds the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission established immediately following World War II.

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Larry Lemanski, assistant professor of anatomy, has received the Margot Woodroffe Fellowship of \$16,500 from the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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Tiagore Ramasarma of Bangalore, India, is Brittingham Visiting Professor in the UW pathology department. Dr.

Ramasarma is spending six months doing research and teaching biomedical pathology.

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Dr. Sackett

Joseph Sackett, associate professor of radiology, has received a two-year \$96,000 grant from Winthrop Laboratories, New York, to train new physicians in neuroradiology, to install computerized fluoroscopy equipment and to research the technique.

Dr. Sackett will study the safety and effectiveness of three types of iodine. The project will involve 100 patients over the next two years.

The UW is the only institution studying the three iodines and is one of three universities using computerized fluoroscopy.

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The Wisconsin Clinical Cancer Center has received a \$2,000 gift from Jacqueline Kennedy-Onassis. The gift will be used to support clinical research programs aimed at discovering the causes of cancer and developing preventive measures for its control.

The unsolicited check was received with a personal note from Mrs. Onassis expressing best wishes for the center's continuing research programs.

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William Zarnstorff, associate professor of medicine and radiology, has been elected director of the UW Biomedical Engineering Center. **Melvin Siedband**, associate professor of radiology, was elected chairman of the center's graduate program, which currently enrolls approximately 25 students.

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John Morrissey, professor of medicine, addressed the National Institutes of Health Consensus Development Conference on Endoscopy in Washington, D.C., August 20. His topic was "diagnostic endoscopy in patients with upper gastrointestinal bleeding."

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The William L. Caldwell Memorial Library is the new name of the Library of the Division of Radiation Oncology.

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Ruth Bleier, professor of neurophysiology, had a faculty development grant for the second semester of the past academic year. April 21 through June 13 she took the Physicians Retraining Course at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. It is the only such course in the country, providing an intensive didactic and tutorial coverage of medi-

cine as well as opportunities for patient care.

Dr. Bleier has been doing basic research for 20 years and has developed two courses involving medicine, Biology and Psychology of Women, and Women and their Bodies in Health and Disease.

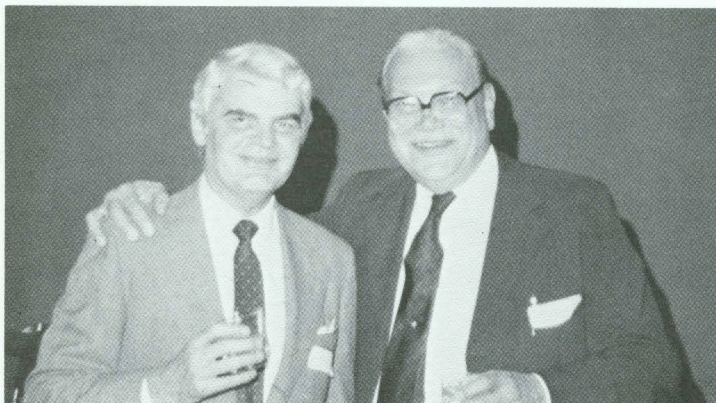
During the time before and after the eight week course in Philadelphia Dr. Bleier has been writing a book which examines and critiques methodology in the areas of biological research which are relevant to theories of human behavior and social relationships.

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Rudolph Hecht, medical director of the northeast clinic of the Department of Family Medicine and Practice, spent two weeks this past summer as a volunteer under Project U.S.A., a program developed by the American Medical Association. He and his wife Ilse, a registered nurse at UW Hospital and Clinics, staffed the Marfa Medical Clinic, Marfa, Tex., while the clinic physician was on vacation.

Project U.S.A. provides relief for young doctors who are repaying loans from the National Health Service. To repay these loans, physicians must practice in areas where there is a shortage of medical personnel.

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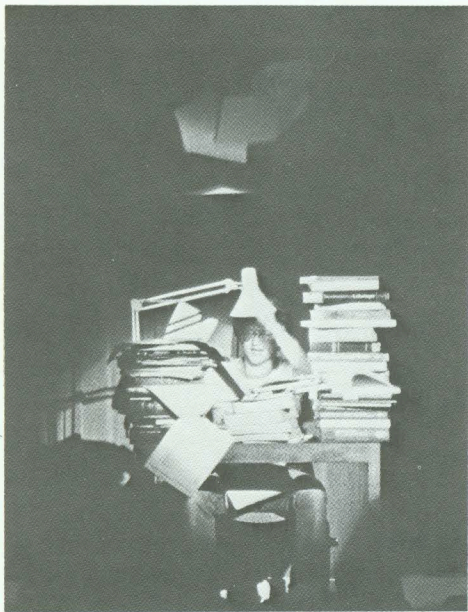


Dr. Henry Schutta, neurology chairman, and Dr. Francis Forster, neurology chairman, 1958-78, at a recognition party for Dr. Forster sponsored by former neurology residents during the American Academy of Neurology meetings held in New Orleans last May.

Medical student news



Dr. Leroy Brown, special student affairs, center.

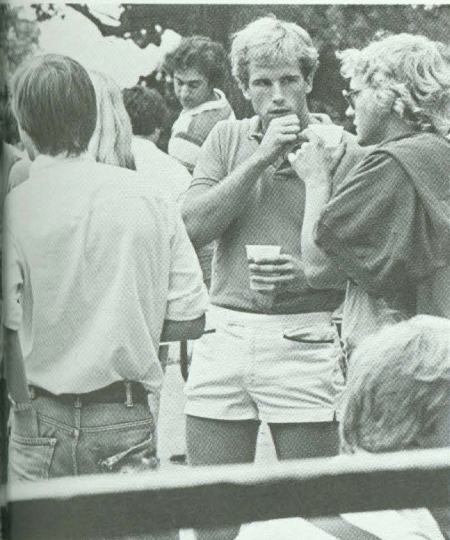


Above, skit shows new freshmen how it will be. Right, Tom Birch, MED II, describes student organizations. Below, Dean Arnold Brown welcomes the 159 freshmen medical students at orientation August 27.

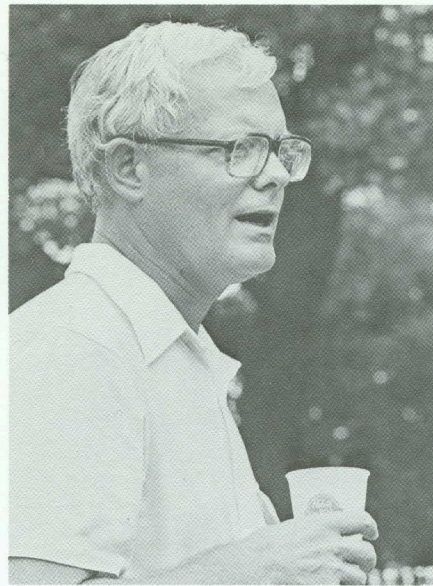


Volleyball at the picnic August 27.

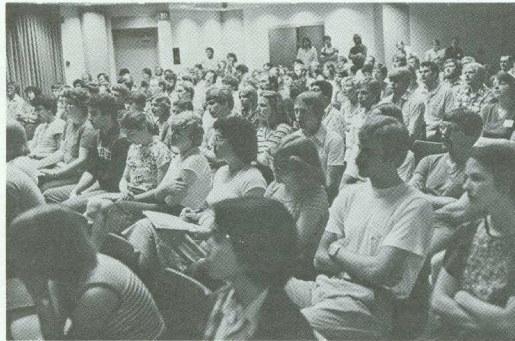




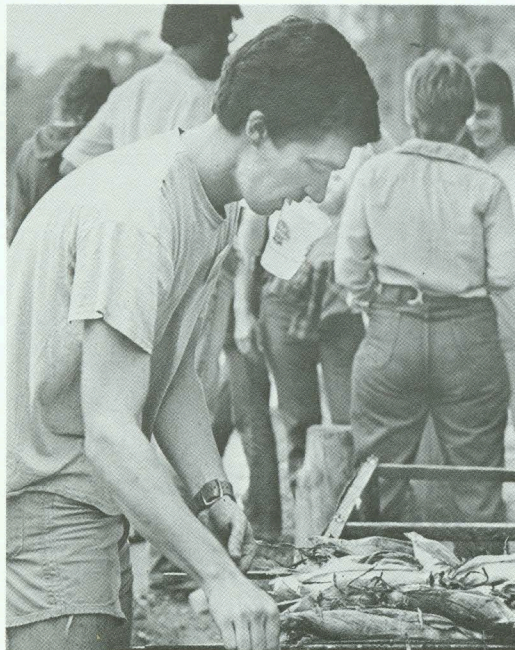
New freshmen socialize at the picnic.



Dr. James Petterson, associate professor of anatomy, at picnic.



The new freshmen.



The picnic

Alumni support student programs

Robert Weisenthal, MED III

Very few events that the alumni support will have a greater impact on the medical student than its contribution to the freshman orientation program. Personally, I remember the feelings of apprehension and anticipation as the start of medical school approached. It was a great relief that my first exposure to medical school was this two day program which offered insight into the academics, with a strong emphasis on the human factor. The second year students who ran the program offered proof that one did not have to be a "Xerox machine" nor "fanatic" to survive the first year. It is also a credit to Dr. John Anderson, who oversees orientation annually with his suggestions and experience, that the freshman's first experience is such a good one.

One of the main responsibilities of the orientation committee is to publish a guidebook for the incoming students. The book is divided into two parts. The first deals with academics, delving into detailed descriptions of courses, profs, study places, books and hints on emphasis in studying. The other portion is titled, "When you are not a medical student." It deals with a plethora of topics from opportunities in student government and organizations, to local movie theatres, bars, and

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grocery stores. It is a complete guide to almost anything a new Madison resident would need to know.

The program itself is two days long, occurring just prior to the start of school. Here a variety of topics are presented. Dean Arnold Brown gives an introduction to med school. Dr. Anderson introduces students to their classmates, breaking down the class demographically. He allows students to see where they fit in the class in terms of age, undergraduate major, place of education, etc., while focusing on those students with unusual backgrounds. Then one professor from each of the three first semester classes gives a brief synopsis of their courses, revealing hidden talents of humor which, unfortunately, remain hidden for the rest of the year. To provide perspective, a second year student gives a candid talk on his/her feelings and experiences of the first year.

After an afternoon break the students reassemble that night for a program on relationships. It deals with coping outside of medical school with their significant others (code word for husband, wife, girlfriend, boyfriend). And for those medical students who are uncommitted, it gives them a chance to explore their other relationships and social lives. This past year's program highlights were talks given by James Petterson (professor of anatomy) and Fred Coleman on academic and non-academic relationships.

On Wednesday morning the new students are introduced to the people who make things go, the unseen yet all knowing administrators. It gives the students a chance to know the sources of much needed information: Isabelle Peterson, Registrar; Ron Holt, director of first and second year labs; Howard Stone, Director of Educational Resources; and Dr. Betty Bamforth, Assistant Dean for third

and fourth years. Also, this past year, David Eggert, MED IV presented his view of medical school helping the students acquire some long-term perspective on the upcoming years. Lastly the students were treated to a slide show put together by the second year students showing lighter moments of their first year. The orientation program adjourned for volleyball and beer at an afternoon picnic at Olin Park giving first year students some time to get to know each other out of the classroom. Interspersed within the program are several meetings of small groups, each comprised of 10 freshmen, one sophomore and a faculty member. Designed to be a forum for questions and concerns, these groups will also meet numerous times within the school year providing a place to talk over many new experiences.

The alumni also support three workshops, again under the direction of Dr. Anderson, working closely with Dorthea Torstenson. Meeting on the weekends, these programs were created to fill a large gap in medical school education dealing with topics chronically underexposed in the normal curriculum.

The first of these workshops was initiated in the winter of 1978, in response to a request by incoming students. The "couples workshop" met in January and dealt with coping with the stresses of medical school while involved in a relationship. It provided the opportunity for many couples to sit down together and compare notes and offer suggestions on dealing with the ups and downs of medical school. Highly successful, it has met annually, with the number of participants increasing steadily each year.

The second workshops took place originally in the fall of 1978 taking on the topic of "Death and Dying." As Dr. Anderson notes, "Everyone has

a life job to do: to make peace with death. Once the med student begins work on the cadaver, the issue becomes a professional rather than a personal one. However, the student will only be able to deal with it effectively after developing a formula for death on a personal level."

In this light, the program involves a panel discussion with members from various fields, including: Gene Miller, M.S.W.; Tricia Joo, M.D., '61; Fred Coleman, M.S.W.; and Olaf Lidums, a Lutheran minister. Each student then shares his own personal experiences on death while working through the experiences of others in smaller groups. As one who attended the program in 1979, I found it to be a very valuable day.

The third workshop deals with sexuality. Originally relying heavily on Dr. Pearl Rosenberg from the University of Minnesota, the UW faculty has now taken over responsibility for the program. Dr. John Stephenson, Dr. Jeff Patterson, Dr. Carl Gelto and K. K. Andersen, among others, will serve as facilitators of small groups and planners of the program. They give the student an opportunity to confront issues not dealt with in the basic sciences. It goes a long way in helping students examine their own sexuality by addressing hidden judgments and unchallenged attitudes. By evaluating one's own sexuality, it helps one to better understand another's.

Much credit for orientation and the workshops must be given to Dr. Anderson. He serves as an important catalyst in the creation of many activities designed to supplement the student's education. All medical students are welcome to participate in the workshops. This year's calendar is as follows: Death & Dying, Oct. 11; Couples, Jan. 30 and 31; Sexuality, late March/ April (date undecided). Q



Early admission program

In an attempt to attract top-notch Wisconsin students, the UW Medical School has instituted an early admissions program. The first class of 20 students will be admitted in September 1981.

UW Medical School faculty members recently voted to accept highly qualified high school seniors into the program during the spring semester of their final year. After two or three years of college or completion of a baccalaureate degree, students who meet program requirements will enter medical school. Students must complete all undergraduate requirements at the UW-Madison.

Traditionally, students don't apply to medical school until their senior year of college.

Dr. Leonard A. Fahien, associate dean for education, says Wisconsin loses many potential medical students to schools in other states. One reason is because of the increase in medical school slots. "More than 7,000 additional medical school positions were created in the last decade nationally, while the number of applicants is declining," says Dr. Fahien. "As a result, the medical school could be faced with a serious problem in 1982."

Another factor is the proposed increase in medical school tuition. Higher fees will make it more difficult for the medical school to compete with private institutions which have comparable tuition and more scholarship money.

The early admissions program at the UW will save the student time and money. In dollars and cents, the savings total over \$2,000 in tuition when the student completes a baccalaureate degree in three years. The figure does not include the costs of books, food and rent. "It's not

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Small groups extend orientation process

This is the fourth year that freshmen medical student orientation has existed in the format designed to hone in on three important areas of medical student life: academic training, hospital relationships and personal life.

A key part of that process has been small group sessions, each having a faculty and an upper-class student to deal with students' questions and concerns. This year, following the August 26-27 orientation for 159 freshmen, the small groups were converted into ongoing support groups for the first 10 weeks of the semester.

Groups of 10 or 11 students plus one faculty member and one second year student are now meeting every other Wednesday after the last class of the day for an hour or more. The faculty and second year students were trained for their leadership roles by University of Minnesota assistant dean for student affairs Dr. Pearl Rosenberg. Minnesota has had a similar program for 10 years.

According to UW assistant dean for students Dr. John Anderson, an attempt was made to make each of the small groups somewhat representative of the class makeup as a whole, in terms of UW-Madison graduates, women, and independent study students.

Dr. Anderson said the groups are run by the students, who form their own agenda. One goal, he said, is to help students "start learning how to be colleagues. In my view, colleagues need to be supportive of each other." He said he sees the groups as one way to start that process.

Other portions of this year's orientation were similar to previous years. First year faculty talked about academics, second and fourth year students gave their view of student life, there were skits highlighting academic and non-academic relationships, and a mixer and a picnic were held to help the students get acquainted with faculty and with each other. Q

uncommon for medical students to be \$50,000 in debt when they graduate," says Dr. Fahien.

Admission to the program will be restricted to Wisconsin residents with excellent high school records and SAT scores of 1,300 and above. Acceptance will also be based on the student's liberal arts education, including social sciences, foreign languages and the humanities. In addition, the admissions committee will consider the applicant's extracurricular activities, character and interest in medicine.

As undergraduates, students will be required to take courses in chemistry, physics, zoology and math. Each student will be assigned a medical school faculty advisor when accepted. Special seminars and classes will be designed for the program's undergraduates.

Students interested in the early admissions program may write to the UW Medical School Admissions Office, 427 Lorch St., Madison, WI 53706 or call 608/263-4925. Q

Students give high marks to international health elective

For UW senior medical students one elective option is to spend eight weeks at a site beyond the U.S. borders. Since 1970 the UW Office of International Health has encouraged and facilitated these electives. While evaluation of such varied experiences is difficult and imprecise, assessments of students' perception of the educational impact of that experience has been made every two years.

During academic years 1977-78 and 1978-79, 45 UW medical students chose an overseas elective. When surveyed at least six months after the completion of their elective, 33 (73 percent) of the students responded. Of those, 16 had worked in developing countries

(DC); 17 had worked in affluent countries (AC).

According to Dr. Ned Wallace, director of International Health Affairs, students who work in developing countries have elected a variety of sites in Asia, Africa, Latin America or the Caribbean. In almost all of these settings those in charge of the health services and responsible for the medical students' education speak English. Students who work in affluent countries usually go to British Commonwealth countries: England, Ireland or Australia.

Results of the recent survey were similar to those of the past. On a scale of one to seven, students from both groups ranked their overseas elective of great "importance" in their total medical school experience (6.6 D.C.; 6.7 A.C.). Both groups ranked that experience as one of their top fourth year electives.

On a scale of one to seven, all of the students said that, looking back at their overseas experience, they would definitely "do it again" (7.0 D.C.; 7.0 A.C.). Most said they would recommend the experience to other students (6.5 D.C.; 7.0 A.C.).

When medicine was classified into two components — clinical medicine (a focus on individual ill or injured patients) and community medicine (a focus on groups of people, their health as well as their collective illnesses) — the students ranked the emphasis on community medicine at UW as far too little. (On a scale of one to seven, mean responses were: 1.8 D.C.; 2.4 A.C.)

One of the consistent observations of medical students who have taken overseas electives (and one of the objectives as seen by the medical school of offering and approving the overseas electives) is the educational impact in the general area of community medicine (as well as in depth experience in clinical medicine). Of all the courses in medical school of eight weeks

duration or longer, the students ranked their overseas elective at the top of their community medicine learning experiences.

Dr. Wallace emphasized that the medical school does not subsidize the cost of overseas electives. Students pay all expenses of travel, room and board themselves. Each year several students are able to obtain partial funding from church or service groups or from a MAP-Reader's Digest International Medical Fellowship, which covers three-fourths of travel costs. This year's fellowship went to Gregory Lehman, MED IV, who has elected clinical experience in a relatively primitive setting.

Dr. Wallace said he anticipates growing interest and recognition for the value of international electives. He said, "As U.S. medical schools slowly shift their educational emphasis to include more community medicine concepts, experience beyond the U.S. will continue to provide one of the strongest means of presenting those important concepts." Q

Peer counseling program started this semester

"It's very clear that peer counseling has been going on in the medical school and elsewhere in life all the time. We turn instinctively to peers for a number of things," according to Dr. John Anderson, the medical school's assistant dean for students.

To help make that process more accessible for medical students, a new student peer counseling program was established this fall.

"There are times when a dean or professional counselor can be a most useful resource," Dr. Anderson said. He cited particularly difficult problems of the kind that people don't want to

share with their peers.

"But there are a lot of problems that tend to require a lot less professional and high powered counseling," he said. "And there are lots of students who don't talk to a dean."

Most of student concerns, he said, are not those that require anything like psychiatric intervention, but are the problems of "a healthy group of individuals

embarked on a highly stressful growth process."

Dr. Anderson described the new program as "built more on the counseling and guidance model than on the psychiatric model." The program follows several years of planning.

Ten second year and 10 fourth year students are the new peer counselors. The fourth year students were selected on the

basis of faculty and student perception of their patient and peer rapport. The second year students were selected partly on the basis of faculty perception of them in small group work and partly based on their use by classmates as peer counselors. Third year students were not recruited because of their extremely tight schedules.

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Steve Umhaefer (left) MED II spent eight weeks as an extern working for Dr. Merne W. Asplund, '52 (right), and lived with the Asplund family.

Family practice externship offers grass-roots exposure

"Only through a grassroots exposure to family practice can the student become familiar with what a family doctor is," said Dr. R. M. Nesemann, '42, a family physician with the Kewaunee Medical Center. Dr. Nesemann is one of the Wisconsin physicians who hosted the 47 medical students participating in the eight week summer externship program sponsored by the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians (WAFP).

"You can't have everybody sitting in a large medical center doing heart replacements and hip replacements. You have to have the grassroots things," Dr. Nesemann said.

His summer extern was David

Deubler, MED II, who said "I got to see what being a family physician is all about. I think I've decided that this is for me."

The externship program, now in its 12th year, is designed to acquaint the medical student with family medicine, particularly as it's practiced in a rural area of Wisconsin. WAFP matches UW and Medical College of Wisconsin students with practicing family physicians.

During his externship Deubler was able to examine patients under Dr. Nesemann's supervision, observe surgery, visit nursing homes and observe the workings of a local pharmacy. He said the whole experience left him with a feeling that

"Kewaunee (or a community similar in size) is an ideal location" to practice medicine.

He said he realizes that many persons are disturbed by the lack of family doctors in smaller communities.

"It's still hard to find a small-town doctor, but I think the tide is turning," he said. "There are about 30 students in our class of 150 considering this (family medicine)."

Funding for the program comes from the CES Foundation of the State Medical Society of Wisconsin with contributions from: Rural Rehabilitation Corporation; American Family Insurance Company; Wyeth Laboratories; Wisconsin Physicians' Service; and Blue Cross-Blue Shield United. In addition, individual physicians have contributed over \$150,000 since the program has been in existence.

Since its inception in 1969, the WAFP Summer Externship Program has provided an excellent learning experience for almost 600 medical students from two Wisconsin schools. Several have now finished their undergraduate training and are now in a family practice residency program, preparing to enter family medicine in some Wisconsin community, or currently practicing in Wisconsin. This is the long range goal of the sponsors of the program: to attract young medical students to practice in Wisconsin communities where there is a major need for family doctors. Q

and second year medical students met for an intensive training session with Dr. Anderson, Dr. Charles Heikkinen of the UW Counseling Center, Dr. Blair Mathews, UW assistant dean of students, and Dr. Ron Diamond of the psychiatry department. Skills highlighted were listening, clarification, confrontation and problem solving.

Dr. Anderson said, "Their enthusiasm and concern for each other and their fellow students seemed to me to augur well for the success of the program. Topics that came up often were relations with peers, faculty, family and friends; managing time and money." Follow up sessions are planned.

A cornerstone of the program is the confidentiality of the things shared with the counselors. Neither the fact that a student has consulted a peer counselor, nor the content of the discussions, will be revealed to anyone without the student's permission.

In early September a letter went to all first and second year medical students describing the program and providing a list of the peer counselors, where they can be reached during the day and their home telephone numbers.

Dr. Anderson described the new program as one response to growing concerns about the impaired physician. He said one problem such physicians have is the inability to counsel with their peers. Q

Live In and Learn needs volunteers

Would you like to provide an opportunity for a first or second year medical student to learn firsthand what the practice of medicine is really like?

All you need to do is volunteer for the alumni Live In and Learn Program, which is enter-

ing its third year.

Dr. G. Stanley Custer, '42, coordinator of the program is developing next year's roster of participating physicians. A commitment means spending one week with the student living in the practicing doctor's home or elsewhere in that community. The student will make rounds in the hospital, observe the practicing doctor and participate, when possible, in professional and off duty activities.

To set up a student-physician match, the alumni association will supply volunteering physicians with the times of vacation of students who have expressed interest in learning something about the physician's field or area of the state.

In the past Med I's and II's have been the major participants in the program during their Christmas break, spring recess or during the summer months. Matches of students and physicians are slated to begin December 20 through January 4. Other opportunities are March 14 through 21, and the months of June and July.

Tom Barragry, MED IV, is student coordinator of the program. Q

Grant, award announced

Peter Stewart, MED II, was awarded a March of Dimes medical student research grant of \$1,000 for a three-month project working with Dr. Steven Kornguth, professor of neurology and physical chemistry, on retinal ganglion cell antigens.

Dr. Stephen D. Rioux received the Dr. Henry M. Castello Memorial Award for the outstanding first-year resident. Dr. Rioux is a UW pediatrics resident. Q



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Thanks for the medallion. I am very proud to have it. I am enclosing a check to help some of the students.

I am still city health officer. I have my name on every restaurant license in the city; also on the license for every nursing home. I advise people on what shots they need for international travel and am in charge of (at times) a very large venereal disease clinic. The department is responsible for all the immunization of the school children. The nurses take care of that and this is a busy place just before school on Friday — when the shots are given. Q

Best Wishes,
George Benson, M.D., 2-'29

Thank you very much for sending me the mounted medallion. It carries many associations I shall never forget.

I am sorry I could not be with you for the 50th. I tried! Q

Edith M. Parkhill, M.D., '30
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It has been three years since I retired and have found many new things to do. Golf five times a week, talks for the cancer society, membership on executive committee for retired physicians club, secretary of condominium group and chairman of the tennis and swimming pool activities at local country club.

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