October Is Upon Us

It's busy here. The students are all back and hard at work. A new Dean has been named. Steve Nelson, a man whom I have known for decades, is an inspired and inspiring choice. The Center for Advanced Practice is fast nearing completion, and occupancy by late December or early January is an attainable goal.

Plans for the rebuilding of the Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD, Student Learning Center have been submitted to the State of Louisiana and to FEMA. If they approve them, bid documents will be submitted and bids let. We hope to begin that construction in early January 2008 and have it completed to greet the students in August 2008. It is of course a thrill a minute to deal with FEMA, so hold the good thought.

Our Fall Gala takes place on October 27, 2007. We look forward to it with success. October will also produce elections in Louisiana for Governor and legislators. We hope this will be good news for medical education. Support for our hospital is very important.

Work on the 75th anniversary history of the School of Medicine proceeds, though not as rapidly as planned. Funny how a little thing like a hurricane can disrupt a timetable. Our work on the rebuilding process has consumed a great deal of effort and that rebuilding is part of our history too. Our rebuilding did get another shot in the arm when the VA Hospital announced that it moved a step closer to committing to build its replacement hospital side by side with the LSU Hospital.

The Alumni Board continues to work hard for the School. We have been singularly blessed by years and years of strong leadership. But that is not so surprising when you consider that they come from the ranks of the finest alumni any school of medicine could hope to have.

Sincerely,

Russell C. Klein ('59)
Associate Dean
Alumni Affairs and Development

Scenes from the 2007 Reunion Weekend, shown on front cover: top: the Class of '57, our new Golden Tigers; bottom, left: The Scientific Session gets underway; bottom, right: At the Scientific Session, Paul Azar, Jr. ('70), left, presents Larry Hollier ('68), Chancellor of LSUHSC, with the Alumni President's Award.
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Hilton Honored by Committee of 100

The Committee of 100 – Champions of Excellence staged its 24th annual banquet on Thursday, June 7, 2007, one day before the start of Reunion Weekend. They chose as their honoree, Charles W. Hilton, ('76) and created a Professorship of Medical Education in his honor. The event was presided over by Fred Rodriguez ('75), Chairman of the Committee. He was assisted by Dr. Sam McClugage, Associate Dean For Admissions and Dr. Isidore Cohn Jr., Emeritus Chairman of Surgery.

Dr. Hilton who joined the faculty in 1986 after practicing and teaching in Florida rose to become Professor of Medicine in 1996.

In 1998, he was named Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and in 2000, he was promoted to Associate Dean, with responsibility for undergraduate and graduate medical education, as well as oversight of all the Area Health Education Centers.

Charles was the prime mover behind the redesign of the undergraduate curriculum for the School of Medicine, which was first put to use in August 2001. He developed the Office of Medical Education Research and Design (OMERAD), which helps teachers teach and learners learn.

In the aftermath of Katrina, he was instrumental in reestablishing both undergraduate and graduate medical education programs and led the School through more than 25 accreditation site visits.

Charles is the author of 50 scientific papers, is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Laureate of the Louisiana Chapter. The LSU School of Medicine Alumnus of the Year Award in 2002, the Allen A. Copping Award for Teaching Excellence, and the Robert S. Daniels Professorship of Medical Education are only three of his many honors.

Married to Deborah Caruso Hilton ('98), they have two sons, Charles and Taylor. Taylor is attending LSU School of Medicine as a freshman.
Alumni Weekend A Great Success


A golf tournament presided over by Mack Thomas (’62) and John McLachlan (’62) began the festivities on Friday, June 8, 2007.

The day concluded with a cocktail reception at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel for all alumni and guests. The Hotel was the site the next day of a continental breakfast and Scientific Session for alumni. Featured speakers included Chancellor Larry Hollier (’68) speaking on “The Future of the School of Medicine”, Alumni President Paul Azar (’70) giving an update in ophthalmology, and Mack Thomas (’62) speaking on “The Importance of Glycemic Control in the ICU.”

At the midmorning business meeting Lee J. Monlezun (’69) was named President for 2007, Jim Leonard (’63) was named President Elect and Gerard Pena (’82) was elected Vice President, new Board Members included L. J. Mayeux (’77) and Andy Blalock (’98). The complete list of all officers and directors is listed elsewhere.

Tribute was paid to the Golden Tigers Class of 1957 and members were presented with Golden Anniversary Diplomas at a luncheon later in the day.

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REUNIONS Weekend

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The Alumni Association next recognized a number of outstanding people with various awards. Keith Schrot, Chief Financial Officer of the School of Medicine was honored for his efforts to keep the School viable financially in the post-Katrina era. Volunteers Leslie Stokes and Christie Mintz received the Robert S. Daniels, MD, Alumni Service Award for their unstinting help in staging the 2006 Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Gala.

The President’s Award for 2006 went to Dr. Larry Hollier, and Mr. Brian Jakes CEO for 14 years of the Southeast Louisiana Area Health Education Center that concentrates on placing physicians in rural practice was named Honorary Alumnus.

Joining Mr. Jakes as Honorary Alumnus was the much beloved Dr. Gerald Berenson, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, whose pioneering Bogalusa Heart Study has provided so many valuable insights into the early development of heart disease.

In an unprecedented move three alumni shared the title of Alumnus of the Year for 2006. Each was cited for their work in providing healthcare and education in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

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Honoerees were Cathi Fontenot ('84) the Medical Director of the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans, Dwayne Thomas ('84) Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans and W. Chapman Lee ('69) Associate Dean for Earl K. Long Hospital in Baton Rouge.

All three participated in a panel discussion on Hospital Disaster Preparedness. Two other scientific topics rounded out the morning: Diagnosis of Coronary Artery Disease Via C.T. Scan by Pat Delaney ('82) and Prenatal Interventions – Post Natal Outcomes by Brian Barkemeyer ('87).

On Saturday evening each class held a private banquet that rounded out the weekend.
In the Golden Tigers’ Den — Shown below are some of the members of the Class of ’57, receiving their 50-year certificates from James J. Leonard ('63) (at right in each picture).
Left to right: Antoinette Savoie, Anthony Savoie (‘80), Stephanie Savoie (Cub), Susan Savoie, Suzette Savoie

Left to right: Deborah Hilton (‘98), Charles Hilton (‘76), Taylor Hilton (Cub)

Left to right: Aubrey Mansour, Alfred A. Mansour, Jr. (‘75), Maryetta Mansour, Ashton (Cub). Not pictured is Alfred A. Mansour III (‘05).

Left to right: Michael Berger (‘73), Jill Berger (Cub), Debra Berger, Merryl Tullier (niece)

Left to right: Chammy Allen (LAMMICO Scholarship Recipient), Ashley Kay Haddad (L1), Kathy Terry

Left to right: William Davis (‘83), Jane, Carter (Cub), Brett and Blair Davis

Left to right: Andrew and Thomas Schumacher, Pam Darr (‘81), Charles Schumacher (Cub), Kevin Darr (‘88) (uncle of Charles) and Mary Darr

Left to right: Steven Pflug (‘89), Liz, Kathryn (Cub), Barbara and Robert Pflug (‘62) (grandfather)
Tiger Cubs - 2007

Bert Bratton ('72) (far right) with his children Laura Bratton (Cub) and Clay Bratton ('95)

Kellin Kalil (Cub) and her uncle, Mario Calonje ('59)

Left to right: William J. Crookshank, Jr. ('83), William J. Crookshank III (Cub), Drynda Crookshank

Left to right: Melanie Lacour, Alisha Lacour (Cub), Allen Lacour ('82)

Paul Douglas Slocum, Sr. ('81), Paul Douglas Slocum, Jr. (Cub)

Left to right: Cindy Murphy, Chad Murphy (Cub), Charles P. Murphy ('82)

Left to right: Gerard Broussard ('92), Vernon Broussard, Casey Broussard (Cub)

NOT PICTURED

- Minh Dao ('91), Kimberly Jane Dao (Cub)
- Maurice L. King, Jr. ('85), Maurice III and Ryan King (Cubs)
- Lloyd Klibert ('81), David Klibert (Cub)
- Elisabeth Schonlau ('74), McKenzie Mayo (Cub) [Grandfather James Schonlau ('39), deceased]. Brother is Ray Cody Mayo (L3)
- Ed Neumann ('84), Dianne Neumann, ('84), Julie Neumann (Cub) [Grandfather is Joseph Crapanzano ('55).]
- Janice Nugent ('95), Heath Nugent (Cub)
- Herbert K. Plauche ('63), Virginia Plauche (Cub)
- Leo Verlander ('79), Gregory Verlander

Left to right: Melanie Lacour, Alisha Lacour (Cub), Allen Lacour ('82)

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Medical School Dean Selected

Larry Hollier (’68) has announced that Dr. Steve Nelson will succeed him as Dean of the School of Medicine. Dr. Hollier will remain as Chancellor of the Health Sciences Center. Dr. Hollier assumed both positions after Katrina.

Dr. Nelson graduated from McGill University and took his internal medicine training and pulmonary/critical care training at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. He completed a Fellowship in Environmental Health at the same institution.

A faculty member here since 1984, Dr. Nelson holds a faculty appointment in the Graduate School in addition to Professorships in both Microbiology and Medicine. In Medicine he is Vice Chairman for Research and Chief of Pulmonary Disease. He is the Director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center of Excellence at LSU and Director of the General Clinical Research Center, a joint LSU – Tulane program. He holds a clinical appointment on the Tulane faculty and is the John H Seabury Professor of Medicine at LSU. He also served on the staff of Ochsner Clinic as a consultant for 13 years.

Dr. Nelson has been awarded 23 grants for medical research, has served on the editorial board of six journals, has authored or co-authored 186 journal articles, seven monographs, 30 book chapters, and 199 scientific abstracts.

Dr. Hollier noted that Dr. Nelson had been selected after a national search that included outstanding internal and external candidates and that he looked forward to working with Dr. Nelson.

Dr. Nelson
**Faculty News**

**Awards**

**Juzar Ali**, MD, FRCP(C), FCCP, Professor of Clinical Medicine, has won the “Founders Award” for 2007 from the Louisiana Public Health Association. This award is given by the organization to an individual “for significant achievement in research or outstanding pioneering performance in public health by a Louisiana resident. This individual must have achieved statewide, national, or international recognition of achievements.” Dr. Ali holds the Russell Klein Professorship of Medicine.

This year’s **Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Awards** went to six LSU Health Sciences Center faculty members: Jerilyn Schaller, nursing; Dr. Guido DeJesus, medicine; Dr. Toby Cheramie, dentistry; Daniel Harrington, public health; Louaine Spriggs, allied health professions; and Daniel Kapusta, basic sciences.

**Dr. Edward Helm**, Professor of Surgery and Associate Dean for Community and Minority Health Education in the School of Medicine, has been named one of Minnesota State University, Mankato’s Distinguished Alumni for 2007. The award recognizes graduates who have achieved high rank or honor in their professions, and have a widespread effect on their communities.

**Departmental News**

**Department of Internal Medicine**

**Jorge Martinez** ('76), a longtime faculty member of the Department of Medicine, took over the responsibilities of the Internal Medicine Program Director as of July 1, 2007.

**Department of Physiology**

The American Physiological Society is providing $6,000 to help pay for seminar speakers for graduate students in this field. It follows $75,000 that the organization raised to support students, faculty and fellows after Hurricane Katrina.

The seventh edition of **Pulmonary Physiology** by Dr. Michael G. Levitzky, interim head of physiology, has been published by McGraw-Hill. Levitzky, who also is a physiology professor, wrote the first edition in 1982.

**Tax Break for Older Alumni**

Alumni 70 1/2 years old or older must take a withdrawal from their IRA before December 31, 2007. Federal law allows them to donate all or part to a 501(c)3 such as the LSU Medical Alumni Association. Consult your tax professional. Have your IRA custodian send the gift directly to the Alumni Association. If you take the money directly most of the tax break is lost. Please notify us if you plan to do this [telephone (504) 568-4009]. Thanks.

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**Nicolas Bazan presented ARVO’s highest honor**

Dr. Nicolas Bazan, Boyd Professor of the Neuroscience Center, was awarded the Proctor Medal by the Association for the Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO). ARVO’s highest honor, it is presented annually for outstanding research in the basic or clinical sciences relating to ophthalmology.

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**Pelon family to establish superchair in microbiology, immunology & parasitology**

The family of the late Dr. William F. Pelon has begun the establishment of a superchair in microbiology, immunology, and parasitology in his name. Dr. Pelon's career spanned four decades and included a breakthrough discovery as part of Albert Sabin's research team at Pennsylvania, that led to the development of the oral polio vaccine; co-discovery of the first human cold virus with Bill Mogabgab at Tulane Medical Center; and finally, isolation of the first bacteriophage of *Vibrio vulnificus*. After joining the faculty of LSUHSC, he conducted research for five years at the LSU International Center for Medical Research and Training at San Jose, Costa Rica, investigating the viral causes of diarrheal diseases among infants and young children. In New Orleans, in addition to studying biodepuration of shellfish, he carried out investigations of viral hepatitis, AIDS, and environmental pollution. He was a member of the graduate faculty of the medical center, served as the course director for microbiology at the LSU School of Dentistry and was recipient of the ‘Kells’ Award. Dr. Pelon died in April 2005. Upon completion, the endowed superchair will be worth $2,000,000.

Dr. Pelon was beloved by all faculty, staff, and students whom he touched. Dr. Ron Luftig, Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Immunology & Parasitology, spoke of Dr. Pelon's “dry Kansas wit that also left you smiling.” He also commented on Dr. Pelon’s dedication to microbiology: “Even in his last years, when he was suffering from Parkinson’s disease, he was hesitatingly plating cultures with a shaky hand, making new breakthroughs in research at the bench and being the first to grow oyster hemocytes in culture.”

**Mannequins to be studied**

For five years, LSU medical students have been testing their newly acquired skills on computerized mannequins before working on people. This can be viewed in the videos at the Learning Center web site www.learningcenter.lsuhsc.edu.

The federal government is providing $500,000 to see how effective this mode of instruction is in enhancing teamwork and patient safety in the operating room. In this grant the simulators are taken to outlying hospitals and realistic surgical scenarios are conducted in the host hospital using their staff and equipment. These devices, each of which can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, can be programmed to exhibit a variety of symptoms and conditions, and they can even answer questions and scream in pain if something goes awry.

The grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality—part of the Department of Health and Human Services—was awarded to Sheila Chauvin, Director of the LSUHSC's Office of Medical Education Research and Development.

**Hospital design team announced**

At a press conference, the selection of the design firms for the LSU/VA hospital was announced. Drs. William Jenkins and Michael Butler, and Jerry Jones, Director of Louisiana Facility Planning and Control; Ron Blitch, of Blitch Knevel; and Mackenzie Skene of NBBJ joined Dr. Hollier to provide details about the design team and process.

The firms have extensive experience in designing both health care and academic facilities. They were selected by the Division of Administration to plan the 484-bed teaching hospital.

This is another step forward in the construction of this critical new teaching hospital in downtown New Orleans. Acquiring the 37-acre tract of land is underway. Planners say the design work will start in September and is expected to be completed by March 2009. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2009, and it is anticipated that the first patients will be admitted in December 2012.

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Dr. William F. Pelon to be honored by establishment of superchair

Grant awarded for study of efficacy of simulations in enhancing teamwork and patient safety in the operating room.

Another step forward — design firms selected for the LSU/VA hospital.
**LSUHSC physicians among N.O. Top Doctors**

Through a survey by our peers nationwide, a number of LSU Health Sciences Center faculty have been named Top Doctors by *New Orleans Magazine*.

Included are: Drs. Cleveland Moore, Ricardo Sorensen, Luke Glancy, Frank Opelka, Brian Lee ('85), Elizabeth McBurney ('69), Lee Nesbitt, Luis Balart ('73), Harold Stokes, Rebecca Clark, Michael Hagensee, David Martin, Mary Murphy, Charles Sanders ('64), Mary Abell, John Amoss ('91), David Borne ('87), Michael Marble, Richard Coulon, Joseph Nadell, Roger Smith, Bruce Fisch, Amy Gutierrez, Austin Sunner, Stephen Deputty, Carmela Tardo, Ann Tilton, Maria Weimer ('94), Ann Chau ('88), Ralph Chesson, Albert Diket ('83), Robert Maupin, Joseph Miller, Thomas Nolan, Andrew King, Barry Riemer, Bill Newman ('69), Brian Barkemeyer ('87), Raynorda Brown, Abraham Gedalia, Robert Hopkins, Duna Penn, Eberhard Schmidt-Sommerfeld, Aluizio Stopa, Gary Glynn ('74), Elliott Black ('69), Milton Anderson, James Barbee, Debra DePrato, Martin Drell, Mark Townsend, Juzar Ali, Ben DeBoisblanc ('81), Stephen Kantrow ('88), Carol Mason ('82), Steve Nelson, Judd Shellito, Warren Summer, Dwayne Thomas ('84), Luis Espinoza ('97), Phil Boudreaux ('78), Joseph Ortenberg, Chris Winters ('88), and Larry Hollier ('68).

**Strong wins prestigious award**

Jack Strong ('51), Boyd Professor and Chairman of Pathology, has been selected as the 2008 recipient of the President’s Award by the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology. The President’s Award was established so that each year the President and Executive Committee would have the opportunity to recognize an individual for outstanding service to the field of pathology. This prestigious honor will be presented to Dr. Strong on March 4, 2008, during the annual meeting of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology in Denver.

Dr. Strong is the principal investigator of the PDAY (Pathobiological Determinants of Atherosclerosis in Youth) Study, the longest running and most comprehensive source of information in the U.S. about how early heart disease begins in young people and how it progresses. Dr. Strong was the first person in the world to conclusively document the relationship of smoking to atherosclerosis.

**New LSUHSC graduates filling the health care gap**

**New Orleans Magazine’s list of Top Doctors include many LSUHSC faculty and alumni.**

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Eighty-seven campers boarded the buses for a week of adventure during Camp Tiger 2007. The theme this year was “Who Dat.” LSUHSC’s Camp Tiger, a free week-long summer day camp for mentally and physically challenged children, is run by first-year students at LSUHSC’s School of Medicine. For the campers, Camp Tiger may be their only chance during the summer to socialize with other children without being singled out for their disabilities. The first-year medical students look forward to the opportunity to work with these exceptional children and give back to the community.

Carrying on the tradition begun by the freshman class of 1985, LSUHSC first-year medical students, on their own, plan all of the activities, raise necessary funds, solicit donations for activities and supplies and then volunteer their time and energy to serve as camp counselors. The estimated cost to fund 80 campers is $45,000-$50,000. This year around 60 first-year medical students, the largest number ever to participate, raised close to $80,000 and were able to take 87 campers. To date, Camp Tiger has served more than 700 children. Besides beginning the LSU Health Sciences Center tradition of community outreach, Camp Tiger gives these medical students an opportunity to begin dealing with some of the rare medical conditions they may encounter during their professional careers, and it gives the campers the chance to experience the same summertime as other kids, many for the first time in their lives.

The week’s activities included visits to the Abita Springs Quail Farm on the North Shore, the Global Wildlife Center in Folsom, Kids Sports and Laser Tag in Metairie, the Louisiana Children’s Museum, the Audubon Zoo, the IMAX Theater, and the Aquarium of the Americas. They also went on a Zoo Cruise, went bowling and were treated to a carnival at Audubon Park. It was a rewarding week for both the children and their medical student counselors.
New program to address mental health needs

A grant in the amount of $749,695 from the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation is funding a program developed by the Department of Psychiatry at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans to enhance mental health services and capacity in Katrina-affected areas and to better meet mental health needs following future disasters. The New Orleans Metropolitan Area Family Resiliency Project will be led by co-principal investigators Howard Ososky, MD, PhD, Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans and Joy Ososky, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry, Head of Pediatric Mental Health, and Director of LSUHSC’s Violence Intervention Program. The program will:

- enhance, provide, and evaluate critically needed evidence-based behavioral and mental health services for children and their families in school settings and for first responders and families in New Orleans, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines parishes;
- conduct training for mental health professionals and others on evidence-based intervention protocols through the implementation of Learning Collaboratives in the Gulf Region in collaboration with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network;
- develop Youth Leadership summer and year-round programs to support youth resilience, build self-efficacy, and decrease risky behaviors;
- develop prevention and intervention strategies that can be used as a knowledge base for future disasters and to inform policy decisions;
- develop a collaborative base with other public health and service agencies in the heavily impacted areas to re-establish needed infrastructure, increase collaborative efforts, and enhance service accessibility for children and families; and
- conduct awareness-building training for child-serving professionals and first responder counselors to increase their knowledge, capacity, and ability to make appropriate referrals.

Mayo Clinic establishes professorship to honor Dr. Hollier

Larry H. Hollier (‘68), Chancellor of LSUSM and Dean of LSUSM, has received a lasting tribute from the Mayo Clinic. The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, one of the most highly regarded academic medical centers in the world, has established the Larry H. Hollier Visiting Professorship in Vascular Surgery to honor the founder of its Division of Vascular Surgery. Each year, a distinguished scholar will be invited to Rochester as the Larry H. Hollier Visiting Professor in Vascular Surgery.

As the first to be appointed to his namesake professorship, Dr. Hollier was honored at a black-tie reception celebrating the inauguration of this enduring recognition of his influence on the education and practice of vascular surgery at Mayo.
Two named to top LSU System posts

Dr. John Lombardi has been named to succeed Dr. William Jenkins as President of the LSU System. Prior to his appointment, he served as Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts. He had previously served as the President of the University of Florida and Vice President of Johns Hopkins University.

In these two latter positions, he worked with healthcare related activities. A historian by training, Dr. Lombardi is nationally recognized as an expert in higher education.

Fred Cerise ('88) was recently named Vice President for Health Affairs and Medical Education by the LSU Board of Supervisors. Prior to this appointment he had served in Governor Kathleen Blanco's administration as Secretary of Health and Hospitals and before that was Medical Director of Earl K Long Hospital.

In his newly created position, Dr. Cerise will be responsible for overseeing the public hospitals operated by the LSU System and the Health Sciences Center in Shreveport and New Orleans.

Roxane Townsend ('92) has been named to replace Dr. Cerise. She has been Deputy Secretary for several years overseeing numerous programs run by the agency.

Endowed chair and professorships valued at $2.7 million

In September LSUHSC received matching funds for an endowed chair and 15 professorships from the Board of Regents.

The awards include the $1 million William H. Stewart, MD, Endowed Chair for Pediatrics, the Alan Robson, MD, Professorship in Pediatric Nephrology, the Bollinger Family Endowed Professorship in Alzheimer's Disease, the Eduardo Marvez-Valls, MD, Professorship of Emergency Medicine, the John Ey, MD, Professorship in Hospitalist Pediatrics, the Nicolas G. Bazan, MD, Professorship in Emergency Medicine, the Percy Rosenbaum, MD, Professorship of Pediatrics, the Richard M. Paddison, MD, Memorial Professorship of Neurology, the Richard Ashman, PhD, Professorship of Physiology, and the Louis R. Cabiran, MD, Professorship of Medicine.

Dr. Marilyn Zimny created four professorships through her estate: the H. Adele Spence Professorship of Graduate Studies, the Herbert C. Dessauer Professorship in Graduate Studies, the L. Alien Barker Professorship in Graduate Studies and the Robert F. Dyer Professorship of Graduate Studies.

Double professorships are the G. John Buddingh, MD, Professorship in Microbiology and the Louis Levy II, MD (M’43) Professorship of Research Cardiology.

AOA inducts two new members

Two LSUSM alumni were recently inducted into the AOA. Inductees James J. Leonard ('63), President-Elect of the LSU Medical Alumni Association, and Lee J. Monlezun ('69), President of the LSU Medical Alumni Association, were chosen for the national medical honor society in recognition of their outstanding record in medical education and patient care.

AOA inductees James J. Leonard ('63), left, and Lee J. Monlezun ('69), right, are shown flanking Russell C. Klein ('59) (center), Associate Dean of Alumni Affairs and Development.
**'43**

William B. Liles, Monroe, LA – Three sons, all MDs practicing in Monroe; one grandson – surgery resident in Shreveport, grand-daughter-in-law – resident psychiatry in Shreveport.

**'54**

Robert Turner, Fort Worth, TX – “I’m the only one left standing from our freshman class apartment. Many memories with John Floyd, Eddie Askew, and Joe Moreland. The contribution enclosed is given in their memory.”

**'55**

Santo J. LoCoco, Franklinton, LA – “Enjoying empty nest on chicken farm in Franklinton, LA, after having kids at home for 50 years.”

**'56**

Martin Klein, El Paso, TX – Retired from the practice of pediatrics in June 2006 after 47 full years. “We moved from New Orleans to El Paso to be near our children and grandchildren.”

**'57**

Joel Smason, Los Angeles, CA – Retired as an orthopaedic surgeon since December 31, 1999. “Best wishes to all for 2007 and the coming years – unfortunately I’m unable to make the June Reunion.”

**'62**

Joe Reynolds, Bastrop, LA – “Grandchild #15 was born on March 24, 2007. Five children and their spouses went on a cruise with us in March 2007.”

**'66**


**'67**


**'68**

Stephen Rando, Macon, GA – “Retiring after 33 years as a radiologist in Macon, GA, at a 400+ bed community/teaching hospital. I have been with the same group and same wife. We have four children and eight grandchildren. Going to the mountains of western North Carolina, but will keep my condo in New Orleans in the French Quarter and hope to spend more time there.”

**'69**

Doris Medlin, Hampstead, NC – “I sold my campground in Columbia, MS, post-Katrina and relocated to North Carolina. Hobbies are now boating, stained glass, Koi pond and travel. I retired in 2000.”

**'70**

R. Parker Griffith, Huntsville, AL – Elected to the Alabama State Senate, District 7. Robert L. Baird ('70), Campaign Advisor; Raymond Sheppard ('70), Financial Contributor; Thomas H. Griffith ('66), Campaign Advisor.

**'71**

Bennie Nobles, New Orleans, LA – “Still in full-time OB-Gyn practice and blessed with health. I was privileged to go to the Congo in Africa for two weeks in February on a mission trip. The people are a blessing and beautiful. Difficult to see the effects of poverty and war – illnesses we could not help.”

**'72**

Champ Baker, Columbus, GA – President of American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) meeting in Calgary, Canada, July 2007. “Son Champ Baker, III, now 5th year Resident Orthopedics in Pittsburgh – to do sports fellowship (RUSH) and join me in practice in August 2008.”
Steve Mahorney, Morganton, NC – “Downsizing. Just moved into smaller home. Jeff is with Duke University Press in Durham. Jim has graduated from Film School and is doing movies and TV.”

Steve William, Hammond, LA – Completing 29 years of radiology practice at North Oaks Medical Center; now part-time. “My daughter Kelly, a sophomore at Rhodes in Memphis, spent her spring semester in Seville, Spain; is fluent in Spanish. My son, Michael, was starting guard on Louisiana 2007 2A state basketball championship team, St. Thomas Aquinas. He will attend LSU (BR) this fall, invited as a freshman into the E.J. Ourso School of Business. Go Tigers!”

Richard Waguespack, Birmingham, AL – Selected to serve as Coordinator for Socioeconomic Affairs of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, effective September, 2007. As such, will also serve on the Academy’s Foundation Board of Directors.


Jim Bradburn, Anthem, AZ – “Happily retired as of March 2007. Playing lots of golf. Living in Phoenix and Ruidoso, New Mexico, depending on the season.”

Ken Stubbs, Natchez, MS – Once again, for the 34th straight year, failed in his try as power forward for the Boston Celtics. “Naturally bald is cool” the coach was quoted to say, “but we only take shaved bald heads”. Stubbs reports no contemplated discrimination suit.

Thomas Kreft, Slidell, LA – “May God bless Dr. Randall and his family for his kindness and his giving.”

Ronnie Alvarez, Birmingham, AL – Starting 25th year at UAB in Division Gyn Oncology. “Oldest child, Melanie, is getting married this summer. Mitchell is pre-med at Auburn. Meredith is in high school. Denise is pretty as ever. Miss seeing all our Tiger Friends.”

Richard W. Waguespack (’75) has been selected effective September, 2007, to serve as Coordinator for Socioeconomic Affairs of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery. As such, he will also serve on the Academy’s Foundation Board of Directors.
Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans recently celebrated the birth of their second child – Elyana, born January 2007. Big Brother Manny (2 years old), grandparents Tyrone Girod ('76), Dr. Luis Espinoza, Chief of Rheumatology, Dr. Carmen Espinoza and staff in the Department of Pathology, and Gabriela Espinoza ('00) are all enjoying the new addition!

Benjamin Canales, Minneapolis, MN – Completed fellowship training in endourology and laparoscopy at the University of Minnesota in June 2007 and has taken a faculty position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Urology at the University of Florida at Gainesville. Muna Thaliji Canales, MD, MS ('01) completed fellowship training in nephrology at the University of Minnesota and has taken a faculty position as Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology at the University of Florida in Gainesville. They are settling into their new home with their 18-month-old daughter Layla.
In Memoriam

Dr. John Davies Jackson, Jr.

Dr. John Davies Jackson, Jr., a native of Danville, KY, and a resident of New Orleans, LA, for 59 years, died in April 2007 at the age of 84. He was a clinical professor in the Department of Neurosurgery at LSUHSC. The Department of Neurosurgery Library bears his name.

After service in the Army Air Corps during World War II, Dr. Jackson received his undergraduate degree from Centre College and graduated from Tulane Medical School in 1952. Following internship at Charity Hospital and general surgery training at Jackson Memorial in Miami, he returned to Charity Hospital and Ochsner Foundation Hospital, completing a neurosurgical residency at Tulane. He had additional training with Mr. Harvey Jackson at Queen’s Square Hospital in London. He was a member of the Ochsner Clinic Department of Neurosurgery for 15 years. While at Ochsner, he introduced numerous new procedures including posterior lumbar interbody fusion and anterior cervical interbody fusion with bone bank bone. In order to insure that his patients would have access to bone bank bone for fusions, he helped establish the non-profit Southern Transplant Service.

Dr. Jackson was a member of the medical advisory committee for the Louisiana Department of Public Safety, beginning in 1972 and serving as chair from 1978 until 2004, under six gubernatorial appointments. At his retirement in 2002, he received recognition from the Louisiana State Medical Society for his fifty years of medical practice.

Dr. Charles A. White Jr.

Dr. Charles A. White, Jr., chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at LSUHSC from 1980 until his retirement in 1992, died in May 2007 of complications from a stroke. A San Diego native who grew up in San Francisco, Dr. White began his medical career in veterinary medicine, having graduated in 1945 from Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He began his practice of veterinary medicine in Mesa, AZ, where fate altered his career choice. According to his widow, Suzan Alikadi White, a friendship with an obstetrician-gynecologist piqued his interest in that field. He subsequently enrolled in the University of Utah School of Medicine, graduating in 1955. After an internship at the University of Utah, Dr. White had a residency at the University of Iowa, where he became a full professor in the medical school. Before coming to head the department of obstetrics and gynecology at LSUHSC, he was chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the West Virginia University School of Medicine from 1974 to 1980.

Dr. White was a former president of the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynecology and of the Southern Obstetrics & Gynecology Seminars. He was a former vice president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology and of the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Deaths

1940 Edgar P. Breaux
1945 Maurice Duplantis
1946 Edward M. Foster
1947 Sol Freeman
1950 Bernard Doughty
1951 Mary E. Kleinpeter
1952 Bernard Fruge
1953 Edward J. Brown
1954 Myles K. Gaupp
1955 Marvin K. Soileau
1956 Oliver E. Gilliland
1964 Merlin Allen
1965 Kenneth K. Birchard
1967 Ellis O. Cooper
1968 Donald A. Winkler
1969 William Hackney
1979 John Andrus
Joe E. Holoubek, MD, Honorary Alumnus and long-time supporter of the LSU School of Medicine New Orleans, and husband of the late Alice B. Holoubek died on May 17, 2007.

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Dear Fellow Alumni:

The sights and sounds of our first ever Gala in October 2006 was enjoyed by over 400 alumni and other guests. Some were returning to New Orleans for the first time since Hurricane Katrina. We also heard there that it was Governor Huey Long who raised the $2 million to construct the LSU School of Medicine at 1542 Tulane Avenue. The first MD graduates enrolled in the year 1931. Now, over 8,000 graduates have finished our school and have practiced in all parts of the world, and we have trained many others in our residency programs. Our Diamond Jubilee, 75th year, certainly gave us some insight to our past, as we embark on the next 75 years. Last year’s Gala reequipped the Cohn Learning Center for our medical students. This one center alone has been the primary reason that some of our top applicants have chosen to come to the LSU School of Medicine.

This year, our 76th, we will concentrate on funding our Center for Advanced Practice. This Center is being built by and for our alumni and residents as it will serve as our continuing medical education center for now and many years to come.

Our Alumni Board is strong and completely committed to our school. Russell Klein (‘59) and his staff know, handle and deal with any and all aspects of our Alumni Programs. As Chancellor, Larry Hollier (‘68) has been our beacon and guiding light, through the trials and tribulations of the past 2 years. He is the force behind the planned LSU-VA teaching hospitals, which will serve us for years to come.

Our school, faculty, staff, students and residents are alive and well. LSU School of Medicine and the five other Schools (dental, nursing, public health, allied health and graduate studies) will all remain and stay in New Orleans.

Come enjoy the 2nd Annual Fall Gala, with a 1,000 seating. Tickets are going fast, so make plans to attend our Gala this year or your reunion in June 2008, if you’re having one.

Honored and proud to be your President for 2007 - 2008.

Sincerely,

Lee J. Monlezun (‘69)
President
Say LSU with flowers!

Photos from the 2007 Reunion Weekend. See inside back cover for captions.