A Message from the Dean

Undoubtedly, you have heard that there are significant economic challenges facing the Health Sciences Center and, specifically, the School of Medicine. During the past two years, the amount of state general funds that the School receives has been decreased by over fifty percent and other significant decreases in our budget loom on the horizon for 2011-2012 as the federal stimulus dollars disappear. However, I want to point out that despite these challenges to the School of Medicine there are many “success stories.” Namely, the full accreditation of our School by the LCME for a complete cycle (eight years), the highest amount of research funding from the National Institutes of Health in the School’s history, the best “Match Day” in ten to twelve years, with 59 percent of our students selecting one of our programs for postgraduate training, tripling the number of patients seen in our private practice, and the list goes on. This has occurred in large part due to the dedication and resolve of our faculty, students, and alumni. The School of Medicine is very fortunate to have such a vibrant and committed alumni association. The Russell C. Klein, MD, Center for Advanced Practice was identified by the LCME as one of the institutional strengths of our medical school. It is a magnet that attracts students, house officers, faculty and practicing physicians from across the country to our School. Clearly if our School is to continue its march forward in order to reclaim its position as a destination that attracts the very best students and faculty, we will need to increasingly rely on our alumni for support. I am very grateful for all that you have done and continue to do for our School. We have much to be proud of.

Sincerely,

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The Committee of 100- Champions of Excellence held its 26th annual banquet on June 9, 2010, at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside and dedicated the Warren R. Summer Professorship in Pulmonary Medicine. The event was a respectful but comedic “roast” of Warren by colleagues and former trainees.

Dr. Summer came to LSU from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1983, having directed the MICU and Respiratory Department there from 1971-1983. Warren joined the LSU faculty as Professor of Medicine and Pulmonary/Critical Care Section Chief. He served in multiple leadership roles in the School as well as at the Medical Center of Louisiana, directing the MICU and Respiratory Services.

Nationally, he has been recognized for his contributions to the American Thoracic Society and the American Lung Association, as well as receiving a Fulbright Education Award to teach in Turkey in 2006.

The accomplishments for which he is most proud during his 40 years at academic institutions are building a strong pulmonary/critical care section at LSU with millions of dollars in research funding and teaching students, residents, and fellows on the wards and in the clinics. Warren retired from LSU in February 2010 but will forever be cherished by his patients and trainees.

The Committee of 100 honored its new members, which included Juzar and Isfana Ali, Stephen Brierre (’97), Peter (’88) and Karen DeBlieux, David Dulitz (’95), Lee Engel (’01), PhD (’97), Tonya Jagneaux (’98), Himanshu Patel (’00), and A. John Tassin (’69).

Also gratefully acknowledged were new double member, David Alfery (’76), and new life members: Thomas (’88) and Laura Albert, David Foreman (’84), David Luke Glancy, Thomas Moore (’59), Alan (’00) and Elizabeth Schroeder.

Warren Summer’s family gathers at the Committee of 100 banquet to help celebrate the dedication of the Warren R. Summer Professorship in Pulmonary Medicine.

Left to right: Kevin Reed (’90), Carol Mason (’82), and Stephen Brierre (’97)

Honoree Warren Summer, with his wife Lil.

Left to right: Kyle Happel (’97); David Welsh, MD; Cynthia Kolls, Ann Welsh, and Jay Kolls, MD
At the Committee of 100 Banquet...

Left to right: Greg Ardoin ('84), Peter DeBlieux ('88), and Ben deBoisblanc ('81).

Left to right: John and Valerie Bobear share a moment with Lil Summer.

Left to right: Roland Waguespack, Jr. ('65); Carol Waguespack; Joyce Leonard, and James Leonard ('63).

Left to right: Sanjeeva T. Reddy ('89), Alumni Association board member; Kevin Reed ('90); Janet and Ronald M. Lahasky ('90), Acadiana Area Regional Representative of the LSU Medical Alumni Association.

Left to right: Roxane Townsend ('92), LSU Health Care Services Interim CEO; Madeleine Heck ('84); Roland Waguespack III ('00) and Jessica Waguespack.

PHOTO, LEFT
Honoree Warren Summer, left, is congratulated by Luke and Cynthia Glancy.

On Saturday, the Scientific Session was well attended with featured speakers including Chancellor Larry Hollier ('68) reviewing the state of affairs at the Health Sciences Center, Donna Ryan ('70) talking about the effects of weight loss on glycemic control, Chip Lavie ('83) speaking on cardiovascular health, and Parker Griffith ('70) giving an update on national healthcare reform.

At the midmorning business meeting, Gerard Peña ('82) passed the President’s gavel to incoming president Charles Schibler ('92). President-elect Lee Domangue ('76) and Vice President Charles Thomas ('93) were elected to the remaining leadership positions. Honorary Alumni plaques were presented to LSU System President John Lombardi and System General Counsel Ray Lamonica. Alumni of the Year Awards went to...
Parker Griffith ('70) and Frank Minyard ('55).

Tribute was paid to the Class of 1960 as they celebrated their 50th reunion with a luncheon where members of the class were presented with Golden Anniversary Diplomas following the session.

Saturday evening, individual class celebrations were held at various venues across the city.

Photos from the reunion appear here and on the next two pages.

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Robert Kennedy ('60) (far right) compares medical school experiences with (left to right): Christopher Kyle ('03), Juliette Howes Owens ('00), and Brooke Kyle ('00).

Honorary Alumni chosen by the LSU Medical Alumni Association Board of Directors are Ray Lamonica (not pictured) and LSU System President John V. Lombardi, shown above receiving his Honorary Alumni plaque presented by Gerard Peña ('82) (right).

PHOTO, LEFT
Left to right: Cherie Niles ('87), Bo Sanders ('64), and Chip Lavie ('83)

Left to right: Evelyn Tellis, Claude Tellis ('70), Mike Prosperie ('70), Nancy Sheppard, and Raymond Sheppard ('70)

Dean Steve Nelson (left) and Paul Azar ('70)

Virginia Griffith and Alumnus of the Year R. Parker Griffith ('70)
MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Friday, October 29, 2010!

Due to a downtown parade on the previously chosen date, LSU Medical Alumni Association’s Purple & Gold Gala will now be held on Friday, October 29, 2010. Come and be a star for the night. Please join us at...

**A NIGHT WITH THE STARS**

Sheraton Grand Ballroom

For ticket information call 504/568-4009.

Three Golden Tigers of the Class of ’60 celebrate their 50th reunion. Pictured, left to right: Bobby Fulmer, Denny Sommer, and Jim Blackburn.

Fred Kornorffer ('70) (left) and Mike Prosperie ('70)

Raymond Sheppard ('70) (left) and Richard Waguespack ('75) at the Scientific Session.
The Dean’s Office hosted a retirement reception for Russell C. Klein (’59) in the Student Learning Center on the afternoon of June 24, 2010. The informal gathering provided an opportunity for medical school colleagues and staff to thank Russell for his years of service to the School of Medicine. Russell joined the faculty in 1967 and became Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs in 1985. Although his retirement is now official, he retains his Emeritus Professor status and his admissions committee activities, and he is a lifetime member of the LSU Medical Alumni Board of Directors. His contributions to the School are priceless and this office will continue to depend on his institutional memory and wisdom as we move forward in alumni development.

Faithful Alumni Affairs staffers join wives of past presidents of the LSU Medical Alumni Association at the reception. Pictured, left to right are: staffer Jo Ann Roloff, Accounting Specialist; Anne Monlezun, wife of Lee J. Monlezun (’69); Joyce Leonard, wife of James J. Leonard (’63), and Carmen Barreto, Administrative Services Assistant.

Dean Steve Nelson (left) gives best wishes to Russell Klein (’59) on his retirement.

Perry Rigby (left) and Joseph DelCarpio at the retirement reception.

NOW IN PRESS

A History of LSU School of Medicine – New Orleans, by Russell C. Klein (’59) and Victoria Barreto, is in the printing process and will soon be available for purchase. The initial historical research was done by UNO Masters graduate, Victoria Barreto, as a part of her thesis. Dr. Klein, who has long had his finger on the pulse of the school and is well versed in its colorful history, fleshed out this skeletal structure into a comprehensive yet entertaining whole. Many alumni and faculty provided comprehensive material included in the book. The text includes not only the historical narrative, but also biographical vignettes of many outstanding and unique individuals who have been involved in the School’s history. It contains over 60 photographs, many historically significant, ranging from Huey Long to Katrina and its aftermath. All proceeds from this publication go to the LSU Medical Alumni Association. More information to come....