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CELEBRATING A DECADE OF LEADERSHIP

On January 24th Dean Wilson was honored for his decade of leadership as dean of the School of Medicine. The day began in the MSTF auditorium with a science and health policy lecture series. The impressive array of speakers included Kenneth I. Shine, president, Institute of Medicine; Roger J. Bulger, MD, president, Association of Academic Health Centers; Governor Parris Glendening; Jordan J. Cohen, MD, president, Association of American Medical Colleges; William L. Jews, president & CEO, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield; and David Satcher, MD, PhD, surgeon general of the United States. A festive reception followed the lectures in the MSTF atrium.



Governor Glendening presents Dean Wilson with a governor's citation in honor of his achievements during the last decade.



1 The surgeon general congratulates Dean Wilson on his 10 years of leadership at the School of Medicine.



2 Dr. Roger Bulger tells the audience about "The Role of the AHC in Civilized Society."



3 Mr. Bill Jews informs the audience about "The Health System's Dilemma: Paying for Cadillac Coverage on a Chevy Budget."



4 Dr. Ken Shine speaks on "Medicine in the Public Interest."



5 Dr. David Satcher, Dr. Satcher's speechwriter, Cynthia Bennett, and Dr. Jordan Cohen catch up at the reception.

Legacy Lives on Through Family Gift and Dean's Chair



L to R: Larry Pitrof, executive director, Medical Alumni Association; Dean Wilson; Mrs. Akiko Bowers; and David Ramsey, DM, DPhil, President, University of Maryland.

The John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professorship and Dean's Chair has been bestowed on Dean Wilson. The honorary title preserves the legacy of the late John Z. Bowers, MD, a renowned medical educator and historian who graduated from the School of Medicine in 1938.

The professorship and chair was established through a gift by Mrs. Akiko K. Bowers. "My husband was an extraordinary human being whose life was devoted to caring for others throughout the world," said Mrs. Bowers. "This professorship is a fitting tribute not only to him, but to the School of Medicine, which he held in the highest regard."

Dr. Bowers served as dean of two medical schools, the University of Utah and the University of Wisconsin. He was president of the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation and was a pioneer in the creation of opportunities for minorities in medicine. Dr. Bowers was an expert on the effects of atomic radiation, and an authority on Japanese and Chinese medical education. He authored numerous books and extensively researched journal articles. He died in 1993.

Born in Tokyo, Mrs. Bowers arrived in America in 1961 to study business administration as a graduate student at New York University. In 1963, she became the first woman to accept a position with the Japanese ambassador to the United Nations, directing protocol and serving as liaison between the Japanese government and the U.N. She met Dr. Bowers in 1969 and they married in 1970. An accomplished harpist and classic traditional dancer, Mrs. Bowers has a passion for classical music, opera and theater. Hobbies include financial management and investment strategy, and she is a prolific

reader with particular interest in history, biographies and autobiographies. She also enjoys writing and calligraphy.

For Mrs. Bowers, supporting future generations in the field of science is a labor of love that fulfills a lifetime of wishes. "I established this fund especially for Dean Wilson to honor his outstanding career and accomplishments," she said. "Dr. Wilson's guidance to medical students will improve the quality of future physicians, leading them to fulfill their primary responsibility of providing quality health care with compassion."

"I am honored to accept this enduring and prestigious title, and I am enormously appreciative of the generous gift that led to its creation," said Dean Wilson. The gift was made in perpetuity, and all future deans of the School of Medicine will receive the Bowers' title.

DIVERSITY AWARD

UMB President David J. Ramsay presents the 2002 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Diversity Recognition Award to Dean Wilson. The award was presented at the campus' January 22nd celebration in honor of Dr. King's birthday; Dr.



Wilson was the keynote speaker. The diversity award is presented for individual and group achievements in the areas of diversity and inclusiveness. "Dr. Wilson has continuously celebrated and facilitated gender and cultural diversity in the School of Medicine's student body, faculty and staff. His leadership and influence epitomize the values of equality, justice and opportunity for all," said Claudia R. Baquet, MD, MPH, associate dean for Policy & Planning.

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University of Maryland Medical Students Star in Discovery Health Documentary



Academy Award-winning filmmakers Bill Whiteford and Susan Hannah Hadary thank the students, faculty and staff who made "Med School" a reality. The five-hour documentary premiered on the Discovery Health Channel in January.

"Med School," an unprecedented five-hour documentary featuring the students, faculty and staff of the School of Medicine, premiered January 20th and 21st on the Discovery Health Channel. Produced by Academy Award-winning filmmakers Bill Whiteford and Susan Hannah Hadary of the School of Medicine's Video Press Office, "Med School" follows 10 students through their four-year journey of academic achievement and self-discovery. While the students featured in "Med School" come from diverse backgrounds, they all share a common dream — to become physicians. As they explore the mysteries of the human body and learn the language of medicine, each faces a different series of intellectual and emotional challenges.

But before "Med School" was aired on national television, School of Medicine faculty, staff and students got a special treat when Dean Wilson hosted a special reception and sneak preview on January 15th at Davidge Hall. In episode one, first year student Steve Ronson is handed a scalpel and introduced to his "first patient" — a cadaver. For Steve and his classmates, cutting into human flesh is an emotional learning experience, both sobering and exciting.

As they begin to understand human anatomy, the students of "Med School" overcome their fears and gain a new respect for those who donate their bodies to medical science. Ronson, a former Stanford University swimmer who came close to making the U.S. Olympic Team, handles the stress by adhering to a daily workout regimen.

After graduating from rabbinical college, Shimon Blau of Pikesville, Maryland, hoped to become a filmmaker. But after a year in Hollywood, he reversed course and applied to medical school. An orthodox Jew, Blau's religious beliefs and traditions present certain difficulties as a medical student. Every day, he wonders whether he made the right career choice.

The other students featured in the documentary are Ted Lawler, Alice Cheuk, Todd Hobelman, Mina Garrett, Ceila Loughlin, Daniel Cuadrado, and recent graduates Eric Klineberg and Margo Vassar.

"I believe this film gives the public a better understanding of the drive, determination and discipline needed to succeed in medical school," says Dean Wilson. "The training medical students receive at the University of Maryland prepares them to be capable, compassionate physicians and researchers," says Dean Wilson.

In 2000, the Whiteford/Hadary team won an Oscar and a Peabody Award for "King Gimp," a documentary that chronicles the struggles and triumphs of a Baltimore boy growing up with cerebral palsy.



"Med School" students are joined by Dean Wilson, President Ramsay and film producers Bill Whiteford and Susan Hannah Hadary. From L to R: Mina Garrett, Alice Cheuk, Steve Ronson, Dean Wilson, associate producer Brodi Zimmer, Ceila Loughlin, President Ramsay, Daniel Cuadrado, Ted Lawler (rear), Jeffrey Todd Hobelman, Shimon Blau, and producers Whiteford and Hadary.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN!

The School of Medicine Faculty Assembly Executive Committee election results are in. Out of 29 nominees, six were elected to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly. They are:

Lindsay Alger, MD, professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences

Thomas W. Donner, MD, assistant professor, Department of Medicine

Paul S. Fishman, MD, PhD, professor, Department of Neurology

Jodi A. Flaws, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine

James Nataro, MD, PhD, professor, Department of Pediatrics

Donna Parker, MD, associate dean, Student & Faculty Development

The committee has the responsibility of cultivating ideas and suggestions on a wide range of topics relevant to the medical school, and has an advisory role to the dean.

The officers of the Faculty Assembly Executive Committee are:

William L. Henrich, MD, chair, Faculty Assembly, and professor and chair, Department of Medicine

Robert McCarter, ScD, vice chair, Faculty Assembly, and associate professor, Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine

Jay A. Perman, MD, secretary, Faculty Assembly, and professor and chair, Department of Pediatrics

"Dr. McCarter, Dr. Perman and I congratulate those who were elected, and we thank everyone who participated in this important election," said Dr. Henrich.

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