

NEWS

Over 100 Baltimore Residents Graduate from Second Annual Mini-Med School

WITH DEAN WILSON PRESIDING, A GRADUATION CEREMONY WAS HELD OCTOBER 9TH FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2ND ANNUAL MINI-MED SCHOOL, A SERIES OF FIVE FREE HEALTH CLASSES OPEN TO BALTIMORE AREA RESIDENTS. Conducted by School of Medicine faculty as a community service, Mini-Med School provides practical information on a wide range of health issues. The informal lectures are presented in layman's terms and are followed by a question and answer session.

"I want to congratulate and thank you all for participating in Mini-Med School," Dean Wilson told the graduating class of more than one hundred. "You leave here tonight with information that will empower you to help improve your health and quality of life – and that will benefit the community at large." The graduates received a certificate, an invitation to return for next year's Mini-Med School, and were feted with a cake reception.

This year's Mini-Med School began on September 11th with a moment of silence for those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks last year. Students were welcomed by Vice Dean Frank M. Calia, MD, MACP, who stressed the importance of medical education. "My greatest joy is teaching," Dr. Calia told the class, "teaching students, teaching young doctors, and teaching patients. There is a good internal glow that comes from helping other people."

Over the next four weeks, students learned about

childhood immunization, congestive heart failure, Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease, and substance abuse and domestic violence. Other topics covered in Mini-Med School this year included HIV/AIDS, STDs, infant mortality and eye disease. Mini-Med School is presented in cooperation with the National Institutes of Health's Science and Education Office and the Association of American Medical Colleges.



Dean Wilson congratulates a Mini-Med student at graduation.



Mini-Med School Class of 2002.

In Memoriam



THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE LOST A FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE WHEN JAMES G. ZIMMERLY, MD, JD, MPH, LL.M, A 1966 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GRADUATE AND CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, DIED SUDDENLY OF A BRAIN ANEURYSM ON SEPTEMBER 23RD IN HAGERSTOWN. HE WAS 61.

As both a doctor and a lawyer, Dr. Zimmerly was uniquely qualified for the teaching role he assumed at the School of Medicine, where he lectured third year students on malpractice prevention. "He totally engaged the students with real life examples and was an extremely effective and popular teacher," says Stephen Havas, MD, professor of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine. "In student evaluations, Dr. Zimmerly consistently received the highest ratings."

While on active duty in the U.S. Army, Zimmerly was credited with co-discovering the vaccine for meningitis. That vaccine has been administered to every U.S. military recruit since 1970. Dr. Zimmerly served two tours in Vietnam, working to ensure that troops were properly vaccinated. At the age of 36, he became the youngest full colonel in the U.S. military.

Dr. Zimmerly graduated from the School of Medicine in 1966, and from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1969. He also received a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University. His education launched a research career that would ultimately result in an 80-page curriculum vitae.

MPRC Celebrates 25 Years of Worldwide Scientific Influence

The Maryland Psychiatric Research Center (MPRC) celebrated its 25th anniversary on September 18th and 19th with a special scientific symposium on schizophrenia. In light of the MPRC's accomplishments and the guest speakers in attendance, the program was aptly titled—"Pioneers in Neuroscience Research."

Distinguished speakers included Nobel laureate Arvid Carlsson, MD, PhD, who commended the contributions of the MPRC under its only director, William T. Carpenter, Jr., MD. "The MPRC is one of the most famous centers for psychiatric research not only in the U.S., but in the world," said Dr. Carlsson. "It is absolutely at the top level."

In addition to a lecture series, the symposium included poster presentations, a reception at Davidge Hall, and the premiere of a special film on the history of the MPRC. Dr. Carpenter has been part of that history from the very beginning. "I have been privileged to work with a network of creative and independent scientists who are committed to discovering new treatments and ultimately a cure for schizophrenia," says Dr. Carpenter.

Located on the campus of the Spring Grove Hospital Center, the MPRC is a joint program of the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Since the School of Medicine assumed scientific responsibility in 1977, the MPRC has grown to more than 200 employees, 44 research beds, and three research clinics. The facilities include a post-mortem human brain collection, and labs in neuroimaging, electrophysiology, and behavioral genetics.

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Carl Mansfield, MD, Retires



(L-R) Dr. Steve Schimpff, University of Maryland Medical Center CEO, Dr. Carl Mansfield, former chair of Radiation Oncology, and Dean Wilson at a reception honoring Dr. Mansfield September 25th.

Quick Studies

Laure Aurelian, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, chaired a session at the Seventh World Congress in Oncology last month in Greece. Session topics included mechanisms of cancer development, programmed cell death, and novel developments in gene therapy as applied to cancer control.

C. William Balke, MD, professor, Departments of Medicine and Physiology, will serve as a member of the Cardiovascular Study Section, Center for Scientific Review until June 30, 2006. Members are selected on the basis of their demonstrated competence and achievement in their scientific discipline as evidenced by publications in scientific journals and the quality of their research accomplishments.

Miriam G. Blitzer, PhD, professor, Department of Pediatrics and Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, has been named to the Microbiology Test Committee of the National Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Blitzer has also been appointed to the Step 1 Test Material Development Committee for the United States Medical Licensing Examination.

Vera A. Golovina, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Physiology, has received a \$132,000 two-year grant from the American Heart Association Mid-Atlantic Affiliate for her study of "Calcium Entry in Vascular Smooth Muscle."

Peter H. Gorman, MD, associate professor, Department of Neurology, has received a \$100,000 two-year Veteran's Administration merit review grant for research into the use of Alendronate to prevent bone mineral density loss in patients who have suffered spinal cord injuries.

Hugh E. Mighty, MD, associate professor, Departments of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences and Anesthesiology, has been named chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences. Dr. Mighty was formerly interim chair of the department.

S. Michael Plaut, PhD, associate professor, Department of Psychiatry, and assistant dean for Student Affairs, lectured on the topic of "Sexuality and Aging," in a seminar titled "The Graying of America." The seminar, sponsored by the Knight Center for Specialized Journalism, was held in Baltimore in

September. The Knight Center's objective is to deepen journalists' understanding of the current research, issues and services relative to today's aging community.

The National Institutes of Health has awarded a \$150,000 grant to the School of Medicine for creation of a web-based data management and archiving system for the Institutional Review Board (IRB). The grant will fund the development of a protocol tracking system and educational initiatives for investigators, administrators and IRB members.

Cash Gold

A RUSH OF COLOR ON CANVAS NOW WELCOMES VISITORS TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF THE DEAN ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF THE BRESSLER RESEARCH BUILDING. IT IS "CASH GOLD" (1979), A PAINTING BY LEON BERKOWITZ (1911-1987), ONE OF THE FOREMOST ARTISTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLOR FIELD SCHOOL.

"Cash Gold" reflects the artist's inspiration and philosophy as described by ACA Galleries in New York: "Berkowitz's paintings are radiant tapestries of color and light... comprised of 30-40 layers of very thin oil pigment. He saw life as a continuum with no beginning, no end—and earth without horizons, just movements between the sky, sea and earth. For this reason, his paintings, true to nature, have no edges."

"Cash Gold" was donated to the Medical Alumni Association by Ronald Taylor, MD, '73, and is on loan to the School of Medicine. Berkowitz's work can also be found in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and the National Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C.



Over 50 New Faculty Attend Orientation & Reception

Jean-Pierre Raufman, MD, attended New Faculty Orientation on October 10th. Dr. Raufman is the new head of the Department of Medicine's Division of Gastroenterology.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The annual White Coat Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, November 20, at 1:00 PM in the MSTF Auditorium. All are welcome: Please attend and support our students! Questions? Contact the Office of Student Affairs at 6-7476.