Dear colleagues, alumni and friends:

Anticipation and optimism are in the air as this, the second issue of *Medicine Matters*, goes to press. The new school year is under way, with 150 members of the Class of 2009 beginning studies in the College of Medicine (COM).

We are grateful to the Class of 1951 for co-sponsoring the White Coat Ceremony on Aug. 4. The COM started a new tradition by hosting a pre-ceremony welcome reception for students and their families to meet COM leaders. We also thank the Arkansas Caduceus Club for co-sponsoring the Scholarship Banquet on Aug. 20. Many generous alumni classes and individuals demonstrated their strong, continued support.

Great things are happening all over campus. Watch your mailbox for a new issue of *University of Arkansas Medicine*, the COM’s magazine, to arrive soon. It will feature many exciting developments in research, clinical and outreach programs, faculty achievements, and the unprecedented campus expansion now in progress. I also encourage you to visit www.uams.edu for news about the COM and UAMS.

I have previously pledged enhanced support for the Caduceus Club. A major step is the selection of Ms. Judith McClain as the new executive director of medical alumni affairs. Ms. McClain has an impressive record of service in business and community affairs, most recently in Houston. Ms. McClain is a Fort Smith native and University of Arkansas at Fayetteville graduate. The College of Medicine and the Caduceus Club will benefit tremendously from her decision to “come home.”

The search committee did an outstanding job. Department of Pediatrics Chairman Debra Fiser, M.D., served as chairman. Reed Thompson, M.D., an associate professor in the Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatrics, served as vice chairman.

Finally, a very special “thank you” goes to Ms. Ginny Rice. Her hard work and dedication as interim director helped make this past year’s alumni events truly successful. Ms. Rice, who has been promoted to director of medical alumni special programs, will continue to provide excellent service to you.

Enjoy this issue of *Medicine Matters*, and please stay in touch.

Sincerely yours,

E. Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A.
Vice Chancellor and Dean

A Note from Dean Reece, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A.

If you could offer one piece of advice to this year’s College of Medicine freshmen, what would it be? Perhaps you’d share some sage advice gleaned from your years in practice. Or maybe you’d remind these future alumni that on the long, difficult road to becoming a doctor, it’s all too easy to get caught up in the dream of finally going into practice. Perhaps the best advice we can give them is to work hard but remember to savor the rich experiences along the way! Someday, they’ll look back to these years as one of the best times of their lives.

I share Dr. Reece’s excitement as this new school year unfolds. As your new Caduceus Club president, I look forward to serving students and you through the many alumni-sponsored events ahead. I also want to welcome Judith McClain, the new executive director of medical alumni affairs. We can anticipate many initiatives to help us stay connected with UAMS and one another.

I know I speak for all Caduceus Club members in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Ginny Rice for so admirably serving as interim director this past year. We couldn’t have done it without her.

Yours in fellowship and service,

Bill Scurlock, M.D.
Alumni Weekend 2005

It’s impossible to sum up the wonderful events of Alumni Weekend 2005 in just a few words, but our sampling of photos from the June 3-4 festivities in this newsletter hints at the good times that were shared by all. Be sure to visit the COM Alumni page for more information – and many more pictures!

Hall of Fame Nominees Announced
Thirteen distinguished COM alumni were announced during the alumni and faculty banquet as the 2005 nominees to the Hall of Fame. They include: Drs. Willis Brown, A.J. Thompson, Thomas Wortham, Robert Abernathy, Tom Jansen, Dola Thompson, Carl Nelson, Jack Page Whisnant, Raymond Read, Fred Henker, William J. “Pat” Flanigan, K.W. Kosgrove Sr., and Carl Rosenbaum. These outstanding alumni will be formally inducted during Alumni Weekend 2006, along with the 2006 nominees. We’ll have more information about the nominations process in the next issue of Medicine Matters.

Business Matters
New officers are at the helm of the Caduceus Club following elections during the annual luncheon. They include President William R. Scurlock, M.D., Vice President Joseph Bates, M.D., Past President Phil Stone, M.D., President-Elect David Bevans, M.D., and Secretary Marks Attwood, M.D. A new trustee, F. Martin Moix, M.D., was elected to a three-year term representing the Conway area. Other trustees were re-elected.

Mark Your Calendar

Want to receive Medicine Matters via e-mail?
Just send an e-mail request to RiceGinny@uams.edu and ask that your name be added to the e-mail blast. For the first year, all alumni will receive this newsletter in a black and white printed copy via the U.S. Postal Service. The electronic e-mail version, as well as our Web site version, will include direct links to further information. The mailed version will only provide the UAMS Web site address, where additional information can be found. Sign up for the electronic version of Medicine Matters today!

Want more news and resources?
Visit our new and expanding Web site. We are continually adding new information and links to provide information about our alumni association and its members. Help us stay up to date and connected with you by visiting the COM Alumni Web site at www.uams.edu and completing the online change of address form as needed.
Meet the New Director

Judith McClain Named Executive Director of Medical Alumni Affairs

Judith McClain, a Fort Smith native and University of Arkansas at Fayetteville graduate with 28 years of experience in business development, marketing and community involvement, has been named executive director of Medical Alumni Affairs. She joined the College of Medicine (COM) staff in mid-November.

McClain will develop and oversee expanded alumni affairs programs and services, including regional alumni meetings, alumni association-sponsored continuing medical education (CME) events, and more, says Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A.

McClain previously was director of marketing for FKP Architects, Inc., in Houston. She joined the firm in 1999 and was promoted to senior vice president in 2004. She has held numerous other executive, management and consulting positions for firms, not-for-profits and community organizations in Colorado and Texas.

“Returning to Arkansas has long been a dream of mine, and I’m delighted to have such an exciting and challenging opportunity bring me back,” says McClain. “Dr. Reece and I will be developing an alumni affairs office with the intent of creating a community of graduates, all of whom remain close to their medical education roots and classmates. We believe both UAMS and our graduates will benefit in many ways.”

You’ll read more about McClain and her ideas for serving COM alumni in the next issue of Medicine Matters.

Scholarship Banquet

About 600 people attended the 18th Annual Scholarship Banquet on Aug. 20 as 232 College of Medicine (COM) students received $1,015,085 in scholarships.

The banquet, held at the Peabody Hotel, was presented by the COM and the Arkansas Caduceus Club. The Arkansas Student Loan Authority and more than two dozen commercial sponsors contributed to the success of the banquet and the 32nd annual Freshman Family Day activities.

The awards – more than 300 in 97 different scholarship funds – were made possible through the generosity of 27 COM alumni classes and many individuals and organizations, including the Caduceus Club, which grants two annual full-tuition scholarships. Five endowed scholarships were presented for the first time:

- Mary Lee and Ralph Evers Scholarship
- Dr. Fred O. Henker Memorial Scholarship
- Linda Yaeger Hough Scholarship
- Dr. and Mrs. Lee A. Nauss Endowed Scholarship
- Alan James Stevenson, M.D., Memorial Scholarship

Visit our online Scholarship Banquet photo gallery.

Class Notes

Welcome to Class Notes.
This section is for news of note regarding our alumni. If you have information to share with fellow alumni, please e-mail it to RiceGinny@uams.edu, or mail it to Arkansas Caduceus Club, 4301 W. Markham St., #642, Little Rock, AR 72205. Please include your name, address, phone number and class year.

R. Brooks Robey, M.D., (Class of ’85; resident 1985-88) has recently relocated from the University of Illinois at Chicago to Dartmouth Medical School, where he will be an associate professor of medicine and physiology and associate chief of staff for research at White River Junction VA Medical Center. Home e-mail: R.Brooks.Robey@adelphia.net. Address: 13 Lyme Road, Hanover, NH 03755.

Jeffrey M. Clough, M.D., (Class of ’88) has relocated to Palmer, Alaska. Home e-mail: jclough@gci.net. Address: 313 Lakeview Ave., Wasilla, AK 99654.

Virginia Henker, wife of the late Fred O. Henker, M.D., with Benjamin Carlyle, a sophomore from Newport and inaugural recipient of the Dr. Fred O. Henker Memorial Scholarship.
Upcoming Events

Neal Baer, M.D., a pediatrician, medical educator and executive producer of “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit” and former executive producer of “ER,” will present a special lecture, “Doctors as Storytellers,” at 4 p.m., Nov. 29, in the Fred W. Smith Auditorium. The event is part of the monthly Dean’s Distinguished Lecture Series.

Founder’s Society Annual Meeting and Dinner: 5:30 p.m., Dec. 1, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute.

Dean’s Research Forum: Fourth Tuesday of each month, except November and December. Pauly Auditorium, 4 p.m. Research presentations are given by our faculty.

In Memoriam

William Robert Orr, Jr., M.D., of Tyler, Texas, Class of 1952 – June 24, 2005
Gilbert O. Dean, Jr., M.D., of College Station, Texas, Class of 1967 – July 15, 2005
Charles A. Thompson, M.D., of Texarkana, Texas, Class of 1945 – July 28, 2005
J. Ryland Mundie, M.D., of Little Rock, Ark., Class of 1956 – Aug. 4, 2005
James S. Lewis, M.D., of North Little Rock, Ark., Class of 1969 – Aug. 14, 2005
John E. Greutter, M.D., of Little Rock, Ark., Class of 1935 – Aug. 18, 2005
Larry Mahon, M.D., of Jonesboro, Ark., Class of 1962 – Aug. 22, 2005
Raymond Phillip Miller, Sr., M.D., of Searcy, Ark., Class of 1963 – Aug. 23, 2005
Mark Scott Daniel, M.D., of Dallas, Texas, Class of 1975 – Aug. 30, 2005
Edward Roberson, M.D., of The Woodlands, Texas, Class of 1952 – Aug. 27, 2005
William Roger Vaughter, M.D., of Savannah, Ga., Class of 1960 – Oct. 11, 2005

Visit the campus expansion Web Site at for live Web cam views and updates on the extraordinary, $250 million campus expansion now under way. The five-floor expansion of the Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute is nearly complete. Site work has begun on the new residence hall west of Hooper Drive and south of Markham Street. The old dormitory and Jeff Banks Student Union will be demolished in early 2006, helping to clear the way for a new hospital building, Psychiatric Research Institute, 1,000-car parking garage and a replacement Residents Hall.