Dr. Tedesco Receives Spirit of Georgia Award

Toni Baker

Dr. Francis J. Tedesco, President of the Medical College of Georgia, has received the Georgia Economic Developers Association's Spirit of Georgia Award honoring a business leader for ability, courage and determination in transforming an idea into a successful enterprise. Dr. Tedesco was honored for his contributions to the state as President of Georgia's health sciences university, including bringing telemedicine technology to the largely rural state and supporting the construction of a new children's hospital in Augusta.

Telemedicine is an interactive patient-examination system designed to eliminate distance in providing health care, improving access and reducing costs. It utilizes a special grouping of telephone lines and two-way interactive voice and color television systems upgraded into a medical system with devices such as electronic stethoscopes, otoscopes and endoscopes that enable thorough patient examinations. MCG brought telemedicine to Georgia in 1991 with an initial connection between MCG Hospital and Dodge County Hospital in Eastman, Ga. Since then, the MCG Telemedicine Center has fostered the establishment and management of the Georgia Statewide Telemedicine Program, which now has more than 40 sites, including clinics, health departments, primary- and secondary-care hospitals, tertiary-care facilities such as MCG Hospital and state prison facilities.

In December 1996, MCG and the Georgia Institute of Technology presented the Georgia Economic Developers Association with a check for $800,000 to establish an off-campus telemedicine center at Augusta. This center will include a state-of-the-art laboratory for telemedicine with telemedicine equipment from Philips North America, Inc.

Dr. Tedesco is a graduate of the Medical College of Georgia and has been a faculty member since 1951. He received the medical school's Distinguished Faculty Award for Institutional Service in 1988, the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1992 and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996. He received the 1993 Women of Excellence in Health Award.

MCG Alumni Honored During Homecoming

Christine Hurley Deriso

Four of the Medical College of Georgia's alumni associations presented alumni awards during the university's Homecoming celebration April 30-May 3.

The School of Allied Health Sciences Alumni Association presented its Distinguished Alumnus Award to Cynthia T. Hughes, a dental hygienist in Thomson, Ga. Ms. Hughes earned her associate degree in dental hygiene from MCG in 1977 and her bachelor of science degree in 1997. She is a member of the American Dental Hygienists' Association and the Georgia Academy of Advanced Dental Hygiene Studies. She was named the 1996 Central Savannah River Area Dental Hygienist of the Year.

The School of Graduate Studies Alumni Association presented its Distinguished Alumnus Award to Dr. Manasses C. Fontes, Dr. Fontes, who earned a Ph.D. in pharmacology in 1974, is President of the Ceara State University in Brazil. Before being named President, his positions at the university included Chairman of Pharmacology and Physiology, Vice Dean of the Medical School and Director of Graduate Studies. He was head of the Federal University of Ceara's Clinical Research Unit from 1988 to 1991 and from 1993 to 1996. He received the International Medical Scholars Program's top award in 1992 and is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

President-Elect from 1986-1987; and as Past President from 1987-1988. She is a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of Georgia. She served as the Georgia group's President-Elect from 1983-1984, President from 1984-1985, Past President from 1985-1986, Vice President from 1988-1989 and on the Advisory Council from 1990-1994. She served a previous term on the Board of Directors from 1965-1990.

Dr. Ellison is a graduate of the Medical College of Medicine and has been a faculty member since 1951. She received the medical school’s Distinguished Faculty Award for Institutional Service in 1988, the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1992 and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996. She received the 1993 Women of Excellence in Health Award.
Technology announced development of a prototype telemedicine system for the home. The electronic house call system augments home health care by allowing health care providers to electronically examine patients and has potential for nursing homes, assisted living care centers and doctors' offices. The two Georgia universities partnered with a new company, Atlanta-based Cybercare Inc., in February 1998 to commercialize and distribute the electronic house call system.

The new MCG Children’s Medical Center, a $53 million, 220,000-square-foot facility designed with the input of children and families, was dedicated May 1. The building culminates more than a dozen years of work to assess the health care needs of Georgia’s children and to recruit faculty and staff to provide the full spectrum of care to children. Dr. Tedesco worked to secure $46.5 million in state bonds to build and equip the new facility and has supported an ongoing development program to garner the support of individuals, businesses and organizations that has raised more than $5 million.

He joined the MCG faculty in 1978 as Chief of the Section of Gastroenterology. His administrative responsibilities have included Vice President for Clinical Activities and Interim Dean of the School of Medicine. He became President July 1, 1988. He is Chairman of the Health Strategies Council, which makes recommendations to the Governor on the health care needs of Georgians, and a member of the Georgia Coalition for Health, a non-profit organization that develops health care recommendations for the state. He received the St. Louis University School of Medicine’s Alumni Merit Award in 1996 and the Fairfield University Alumni Association’s Professional Achievement Award in 1993.

The Alumni Association of the School of Medicine presented its Professional Achievement Award to Dr. Carl B. Hartman, its Award for Loyalty to Dr. Virgle McEver Jr. and its Posthumous Award to Dr. William Seaborn Boyd. Dr. Hartman, a 1956 graduate of the Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine, completed a surgery residency at the University of North Carolina, then trained further in hand surgery and plastic surgery. He practices in Atlanta, specializing in hand and reconstructive surgery. In 1980, Dr. Hartman developed the TRAM flap, transferring tissue from the lower abdomen to the breast to reconstruct a breast lost to cancer. He won the 1996 American Cancer Society Distinguished Service Award in honor of the TRAM flap.

Dr. McEver graduated from MCG in 1953, then established a family practice and general surgery clinic in Warner Robins, Ga., with an MCG classmate, the now-deceased Dr. William G. Talbert Jr. He co-founded the Warner Robins Clinic and Hospital in 1954 and was a founder of Houston Medical Center. He is a past President and founding member of Peachbelt Medical Society and past Vice President of the Medical Association of Georgia, the Southern Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is a past President of the MCG Foundation.

Dr. Boyd earned his medical degree in 1942. He served as a colonel in the U.S. Public Health Service during World War II and helped found the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. He began a practice in Augusta in 1947

and was an Associate Clinical Professor at MCG. His positions at Augusta’s St. Joseph Hospital included Chief of Obstetrics-Gyneciatrics, Chief of Staff and Medical Director. He received a Distinguished Service Award from the Georgia Medical Association in 1992. Dr. Bond established and sponsored the Augusta Symphony’s William Boyd Piano Competition. He died in 1997 at age 89.

The School of Nursing Alumni Association presented its Phoebe Kandel Rohrer Award, named in honor of a former Dean, to Dr. June Hansen Larrabee, and its E. Louise Grant Award, also honoring a former Dean, to Kimberly H. Littrell.

Dr. Larrabee, who earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from MCG in 1968, earned a Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Tennessee’s Memphis College of Nursing. She is a research scientist for the Center for Nursing Research at the Camcure Health Education and Research Institute in Charleston, W.Va. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International and the Southern Nursing Research Society.

Ms. Littrell earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from MCG in 1980 and her master’s degree as a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist from Georgia State University in 1983. She is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Promedica Research Center Inc., which offers support to schizophrenic patients.

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CHRISTINE HURLEY DERISO

Dr. Sergio Bustos-Valdes appreciates all those who have wished him well upon his Jan. 31 retirement, but he has one request: Please don’t call him a “retiree.”

He has nothing against being a retiree. He just dislikes the sound of the word.

Dr. Bustos, who taught biochemistry at the Medical College of Georgia for 27 years, has always had a passion for words. Along with his native Spanish, he speaks English and is improving his knowledge of French, German and Italian. In his estimation, nothing is less euphonious than English words that end in a double ‘e.’ So please don’t call him a retiree. Or a referee either, for that matter.

Dr. Bustos grew up in Concepcion, Chile, where his rigorous and demanding public education stressed sciences, humanities and languages. “It was compulsory to take five years of French and six years of English in school,” he said. He loved English so much that he supplemented his education with after-hours tutoring in the language.

“I became so enamored of it that I really wanted to go into linguistics,” he said. “When I started amassing the vocabulary, it was like an avalanche of words. I still learn every single day. If I come across a word I don’t know, I have to go immediately to the dictionary.”

But he was pragmatic enough to know that careers in linguistics were hard to come by. So while devouring the works of Oscar Wilde, Somerset Maugham and Aldous Huxley in his spare time, he earned a doctorate in dentistry in Chile.

In many parts of the world, including Chile, dentistry is considered a specialty of medicine. Earning his dental degree required that Dr. Bustos take three years of the curriculum required for medical students. The last three years were devoted to dentistry. “We had to do a hospital internship before being awarded a D.D.S. degree. I did mine in E.N.T.”

After earning his degrees, Dr. Bustos applied for a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship. “My grand plan was to study...”

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abroad," he said. He won the scholarship and headed to the University of Rochester in New York, where he earned his Ph.D. in biochemistry. While there, he met and married wife Roxann. The couple soon had a son and two daughters and moved back to Chile to raise their family.

Dr. Bustos figured he was set for life, teaching physiology and biochemistry in his beloved hometown of Concepcion. He was utterly content... and then, in 1970, while at the University of Rochester as a visiting scientist, he got a call from the Medical College of Georgia.

Dr. Judson Hickey, founding Dean of the MCG School of Dentistry, was recruiting faculty for his fledgling school. He was particularly interested in scientists with Ph.D. and dental degrees. "All of the original faculty had dual degrees," Dr. Bustos said. "Although he was not trained as a scientist, Dr. Hickey was quite aware of the importance of the basic sciences in dentistry. He anticipated very early that dentistry in the future would no longer deal exclusively with dental caries and periodontal disease. Instead, its scope would include all the diseases and disorders that affect the oral and maxillofacial structures throughout life. He is quite a remarkable man."

As impressed as Dr. Bustos was with Dr. Hickey's commitment and gentlemanly disposition, he politely declined the offer. Dr. Hickey wrote him a note urging him to call if he changed his mind.

Dr. Bustos tucked the note in a drawer and kept rereading it. Maybe he should go to MCG.... He finally accepted Dr. Hickey's offer, unsure of the wisdom of his decision even as his family flew into Augusta.

"When we landed at Bush Field, I still wasn't sure," Dr. Bustos said. He reassured himself that the move was only temporary. He and his wife even kept most of their belongings in Chile.

But he didn't anticipate how much the family would love Augusta. Dr. Bustos was delighted to discover how committed Dr. Hickey was to his faculty. He invited Dr. Bustos to design his own lab to his specifications.

"Besides being personable knowledgeable, articulate and caring, Dr. Hickey was a charismatic leader," Dr. Bustos said. "He would stop by my office and ask how I thought he could make the school better. He had tremendous rapport with people. He knew everyone by their first name."

Dr. Bustos has taught every dental class at MCG except the first one. He also taught biochemistry to students in MCG's Schools of Allied Health Sciences, Graduate Studies and Medicine. He served as Coordinator of the Biochemistry Department from 1979 to 1996 and retired as Professor of Biochemistry in the Schools of Dentistry and Graduate Studies.

As a Professor, he is gratified that the National Academy of Sciences through the Institute of Medicine has recently recommended a closer integration of dentistry with medicine. "I believe this is very timely in view of the fact that medically complicated or compromised patients, especially the elderly, are becoming a larger part of the dental practice," he said. "Treatment for these patients will require that their systemic health problems be taken into account. Changes in oral health care will make the acquisition of additional knowledge on these diseases more important in the future."

He also advocates other curricular changes. As a Professor, he has long felt that the crowded coursework of the...
Dental Students Awarded Scholarships

The Georgia Section of the Academy of General Dentistry has presented $500 scholarships to Medical College of Georgia students Gregory Griffin and Gregory Samples. The scholarships stipulate that the recipients intend to practice general dentistry and demonstrate need.

Also, two MCG dental students were recently awarded $2,000 Hinman Scholarships, presented by the Hinman Dental Society of Atlanta to outstanding dental students in the Southeast. Recipients are chosen based on scholarship and financial need. The MCG recipients are Jimmy Cline and Tom Lewis.

Medical Students Awarded During Honors Day

TONTI BAKER

Students at the Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine were recognized for their academic excellence, research and volunteerism at the annual Honors Day April 24.

Fifteen sophomore medical students received Dean’s Student Research Award Certificates for securing research funding from the Dean’s Student Research Committee and successfully submitting final reports on their studies to the committee.


Freshman Brook G. Bearden received the MCG Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy’s Andreas Vesalius Award in Medical Gross Anatomy, named after the Renaissance physician who laid much of the foundation for modern anatomical research and medicine.


The Rotary Club of Augusta Award for Outstanding Community Service went to sophomores Sheila P. McCormor, John W. Ragdale and S. Rhett Smith.

The Mroby, Inc., Award of Excellence honoring freshman, sophomore and junior class presidents and secretary-treasurers went to freshman President Jason K. Kim and Secretary-Treasurer Phoebe G. Thorpe; sophomore President Kristen A. Updegraft and Secretary-Treasurer John J. Desmond; and junior class President Robert W. Kogel and Secretary-Treasurer Mary A. Smart.

The Dr. W. Knowlton Hall Biochemistry Award went to freshman Elizabeth Ashley Hawk. The Outstanding Student in Medical Microbiology Award went to sophomore Thomas W. Meeks. The American Society for Clinical Pathology Award for Academic

Graduate Students Honored for Research

CHRISTINE HURLEY DERISO

Thirteen Medical College of Georgia graduate students were honored for their research during Homecoming April 30.

The students presented their research April 17 during Graduate Student Research and Health Professions Seminar Day.

Winners of the awards are:

Jason Jessen, Charles J. Hannan Memorial Award for Excellence in Research, presented by Sigma Xi.

Liming Jin, Lowell M. Greenbaum Award for Research Excellence in Pharmacology, presented by the School of Graduate Studies Alumni Association.

Qiang Chen, R. August Roesel Memorial Award for Research Excellence in Biochemistry, presented by the School of Graduate Studies Alumni Association.

Alumni Association.

William Cannady, Virendra B. Mahesh Award for Research Excellence in Endocrinology, presented by the Medical College of Georgia Foundation.

Judy Kaye and Noriko Kito, Excellence in Research Awards, presented by the MCG School of Nursing.

Frank Carl, Educational Multimedia Award, presented by the Department of Medical Illustration.

Carla Carrell, Matthew Horrey, P. Hank Schmidt, Prakaj Seth, Brett Warren and Xiang Wu, Excellence in Research Awards, presented by the School of Graduate Studies.

Hinman Society Awards Dental Hygiene Students

CHRISTINE HURLEY DERISO

Six Medical College of Georgia dental hygiene students have received $650 scholarships from the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society.

For 12 years, the society has presented annual scholarships to hygiene programs that exemplify dental education. The programs then select students to receive the scholarships.

The students are Christine M. Bernier, Julie Darnell, Daniele Davis, Miranda L. Moffitt, Sandi Nix and Katie E. Reynolds.

"It is our pleasure to award scholarships to a selected group of hygiene schools that prioritize quality education and the students these schools name as recipients," said Dr. Peter A. Jensen Jr., Chairman of the Hinman Board of Trustees. "We look forward to seeing these students set high standards for our profession in the years to come."

Ms. Scott Receives Medical Technology Award

CHRISTINE HURLEY DERISO

The Medical College of Georgia Department of Medical Technology has presented its 1998 Outstanding Alumni Award to Tess Bryant Scott.

Ms. Scott earned a bachelor’s degree in medical technology from MCG in 1967. Since earning her degree, she has supervised the hematology departments at MCG and University Hospital in Augusta. She also has managed University Hospital’s Sections of Chemistry and Blood Bank. Recently, she was named one of four managers of University Hospital’s newly redesigned core laboratory. She has twice been nominated for University Hospital’s Employee of the Year Award and has served as President of the University Hospital Fellows. Ms. Scott lectures MCG students in one of her fields of expertise, histogram interpretation on automated hematology instrumentation.
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Excellence and Achievement went to sophomore David A. Hensley.

The Woo Memorial Award for the sophomore with the highest grade point average went to Thomas W. Meeks. The American Medical Women's Association, Branch 51, Award for Promotion of Women's Health Issues went to sophomores Kerri R. Bossard, Mindy D. Gentry and Polly J. Ford. The Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Award from the American Medical Women's Association went to top graduates Catherine L. Dekle and Marie M. Talbot. The Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation from the American Medical Women's Association went to seniors Mary-Talley Dorn, Laura A. Shepherd, Serena A. Davis and Rachel A. Tesser.

Bressler and Bert T. Chen. The Merck Manual Award honoring seniors in the top of their class went to Adam M. Bressler, Catherine L. Dekle, Denny A. Carter and Marie M. Talbot. The Faculty Spouses Scholarship for the top-ranked junior went to Mark R. Huber. Senior Marie M. Talbot received the Department of Medicine's Clinical Scholar Award for students going into internal medicine who exemplify an outstanding internist.

The Professor Virginia Zachert Award for Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology went to senior Serena A. Davis. The Harry B. O'Rear Award from the Department of Pediatrics went to senior Karyn L. Hunnicutt and the department's William Weston Award went to senior Michael A. Middleton.

The E. Mansell Patterson Outstanding Student in Psychiatry Award went to seniors Tasha D. Foushee and David J. Yeh. The Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award went to senior Shawn Christopher Cable. The Thomas A. Sappington, M.D., Student Award in Family Medicine went to senior Jay C. Thomas. The William B. Dion Outstanding Student in Surgery Award went to senior Timothy K. Adams Jr.

The Clinical Scholar Award from the Department of Neurology went to senior John Christopher Morgan. The Z.W. Gramling Scholarship Award from the Department of Anesthesiology went to senior Robert G. Peloquin. The Academic Achievement Award in Neurosurgery went to senior David J. Yeh. The Raymond P. Ahlquist Award in Pharmacology went to senior Catherine L. Dekle. The Outstanding Student Award from the Department of Radiology went to senior Thomas L. D' Alessio. The Pediatric Radiology Book Award went to senior Elizabeth D. Ponder. The Walter L. Shephard Achievement Award from the Department of Pathology went to senior Alexis Byrne Carter.

Sophomore students honored for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average from August 1996-March 1998 were Daniel R. Blankenship, Mark A. Blumberg, Robert C. Cartwright, Robert C. Fryzel, Brian J. Holland, Daniel R. Fassett, Susan G. Fryzel and Michael Tesser.
JCAHO Accredits Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home has been accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

GWVNH, operated by the Medical College of Georgia, received accreditation after an on-site review in February confirmed compliance with JCAHO's national standards for long-term care, said Marianna Kern Grachek, Executive Director of JCAHO's Long Term Care Program.

"Accreditation standards exceed federal and state requirements," she said. "Further, because this is a voluntary program, accreditation represents Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home's decision to be recognized for its efforts to provide quality care...[GWVNH] has joined an elite group of JCAHO-accredited long-term-care organizations. Only about 1,300 long-term-care organizations nationwide have achieved accreditation."

GWVNH Administrator Charles Esposito praised the nursing home's staff for its teamwork in meeting JCAHO standards. "Everyone works hard to achieve this recognition. We view it as another step toward excellence," he said.

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Predoctoral dental curriculum does not allow students enough time to integrate basic and clinical skills or take full advantage of MCG's library and computer facilities. He favors problem-based learning to stimulate critical thinking and problem-solving skills in predoctoral courses. Upon his retirement, he has been asked to help facilitate problem-based learning in the School of Medicine curriculum.

Indeed, his retirement will probably be as labor-intensive as his career. He chairs the Savannah River Site Health Effects Subcommittee, an independent group of citizens charged by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study the effects of radiation on citizens who live near nuclear plants. Dr. Bustos also plans to travel extensively, both to practice his language skills and hear performances of jazz and classical music. He plays jazz piano and classical guitar and looks forward to spending hours practicing his instruments. An avid singles/doubles tennis player, he also plans to spend lots of time on the court. And of course, he and his wife intend to devote lots of time to enjoying their grandchildren. But first he has to finish moving out of his MCG office.

"I've been coming day and night to sort, select and discard books and files in my office," he said. "My files date back to 1958."

The transition has been bittersweet, filled with emotional farewell lectures to his students. But he's excited about moving on. "I have ambitions I have not fulfilled," he said.

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Phone Books To Be Recycled

The Medical College of Georgia will receive 1998-1999 BellSouth telephone directories around May 1 and has hired a local company to remove old directories for recycling, according to MCG Campus Environmental Services Manager Jesse Dantignac. The goal is to collect all old directories by May 31. Drop-off points have been designated campuswide. For information, contact Mr. Dantignac at ext. 1-3583.

Campus Drop-Off Points
MCG Hospital and Clinics - Drop-Off Points
MCG Hospital and Clinics departments with more than 15 directories, contact Hospital Environmental Services at ext. 1-4550 for pick-up. Otherwise, use drop-off points at these locations:
• Sydenstricker Building, Talmadge Building and Specialized Care Center. Place directories in soiled-utility rooms or in the first- and second-floor operating room elevator lobbies of the Sydenstricker Building.
• Ambulatory Care Center: Place books in rooms M400, 2400, 3400, 4400 and 5400.

Drop-Off Points
Campus drop-off points will have boxes labeled “Phone Books Only.”
• Administration (AA) Building: First floor near elevator
• Alumni Center (FT): First-floor kitchen
• Annex (HS): Near elevator
• Auditoria Center (BC): Main lobby
• Library (AB): First-floor vending area
• Murphy (BF) Building: Near first-floor elevator
• Research and Education (CB) Building: Hall across from room 1615
• Research Center Laboratory (CA) Building: Across from first-floor elevators
• Student Center (DA) Building: First floor

In remaining campus buildings, place old directories in hallways and Environmental Services will remove daily.

Newsbriefs

DEADLINES

The deadline for the May 21 issue of the Beeper is May 12 at noon. The deadline for the June 4 issue is May 28 at noon.

CHILDREN’S ART EXHIBIT

“How It Feels to Be Me,” an exhibit of art by and about children with Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis, is on display in the Ambulatory Surgery Lobby of MCG Hospital and Clinics through May 30.

CMC T-SHIRT SALES

MCG Children’s Medical Center T-shirts are available at the Greenblatt Library and in the pediatrics clinics on the third floor of the Ambulatory Care Center. Kids’ shirts are $10 in sizes 2-4, 6-8 and 10-12. Adult shirts are $10 for sizes S, L, XL and $12 for XXL and XXXL. For Greenblatt Library sales, contact the Line Desk at ext. 1-3441. For Pediatrics sales, call ext. 1-2191 or 1-2694.

DEPENDENT BENEFIT ENROLLMENT

The University System of Georgia requires that dependents be added to its health and dental plans within 31 days of marriage, birth or adoption. A copy of the marriage license, birth certificate or adoption paper is required. After 31 days, employees cannot add dependents until the next open enrollment period, so dependents not added in 31 days will not receive dental benefits. For information, contact the MCG Benefits Office at ext. 1-3770.

GIRLS INC. SUMMER CAMP

The 1998 Girls Inc. summer camp for girls in kindergarten through middle school will be held June 1-30 from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily. Activities include educational classes, crafts, field trips, swimming and skating. Fees cover lunch, two snacks and all field trips. Payment plans are encouraged. Major credit cards are accepted. For information, call (706) 733-2512.

HEOPA BOSSES LUNCHEON

The MCG and Augusta State University chapters of the Higher Education Office Professionals Association will celebrate the National Educational Bosses Week with a Bosses Luncheon Thursday, May 14 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the MCG Alumni Center. The MCG chapter will award its 1998 scholarship during the event. Lunch is $7.50 each for HEOPA members and their guests. Reservations must be confirmed by May 7. For information, call Nancy Woodruff at ext. 1-3561 or Debbie Holmes at ext. 1-3554.

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**MCG PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

The MCG Child Care Center has several vacancies in its state-funded pre-kindergarten Program for the 1998-1999 school year. Children must be age 4 on or before Sept. 1, 1998, and Georgia residents. Acceptable documentation for a child's date of birth and Georgia residency includes an original birth certificate and an electric bill. For information, contact the MCG Child Care Center at ext. 1-4171.

**SPRING RECITAL**

The MCG School of Medicine String Quartet will perform music by Beethoven, Samuel Barber and Pachelbel at its Third Annual Spring Recital Friday, May 15 at noon in the MCG Auditorium Center Large Auditorium. The event is sponsored by offices of the Dean of the School of Medicine and the Associate Dean of Student Affairs. For information, call (706) 774-1579.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

MCG President Francis J. Tedesco will present the first annual Erie P. Blissit Award at the 1998 Employee Recognition Ceremony for classified employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service Tuesday, June 9 at 2 p.m. in the Large Auditorium. Certificates of appreciation will be mailed to employees with five years of service. Faculty service pins can be picked up by a department representative June 1 from 1-4 p.m. in room 1146 of the Annex. For information, contact Lisa Mitchum at ext. 1-3196.

**TWIN STUDY**

The MCG Georgia Prevention Institute is recruiting African-American twins age 11-25 for a study evaluating cardiovascular health. Participants will be paid $75 for a three and one-half hour evaluation that includes heart and blood pressure monitoring while riding a stationary bike and playing virtual reality race car games. Both twins must participate. For information, call (800) 474-8946.

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and their care-givers. She received the 1994 Georgia Alliance for the Mentally III Professional of the Year Award, the 1995 American Psychiatric Nurses Association Excellence in Clinical Practice Award and the 1996 Excellence in Research Award from the Atlanta Advanced Practice Nursing Group.

**Pathology Manual Aids Patient Care**

**GINNY STEADMAN**

After two years' effort, the Medical College of Georgia Department of Pathology is offering a product to better serve its customers. A new pathology services manual was recently distributed to all areas of the hospital and clinics where pathology orders are written. The comprehensive manual was developed based on the expressed needs of MCG nurses, doctors and other hospital and clinic staff.

Detailed information sheets were written for each of pathology's approximately 300 tests. "Relevant information is listed for each test, such as what methodology we use, the performance characteristics of each test, the CPT code and our charge," said Dr. John C.H. Steele Jr., Director of MCG Clinical Microbiology and Diagnostic Virology Laboratory.

Information is also included to help staff care for patients. For example, if a patient should be monitored for possible reactions following a specific test, this is noted in the manual, according to medical technologist Ginger Townsend.

"Pathology is a big department," said Barbara Russell, Senior Medical Technologist. "We have many different labs. This manual not only lets the person writing the order know where to send the sample, but what to transport it in, how long it will typ-

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General Assembly Enhances Benefits for Teachers Retirement System

SALLY SIMKINS

Employees of the Medical College of Georgia and other members of the Teachers Retirement System will receive credit for half of their unused sick leave upon retirement beginning July 1.

The Georgia General Assembly approved legislation during its 1998 session giving retiring employees one day of credit toward their service time for every two accrued sick-leave days. To finance the benefit, the General Assembly approved postponing salary increases until September. Past increases have taken effect in July.

The legislation reflects years of effort by the University System of Georgia to provide this benefit for its employees, said MCG Vice President for Business Operations Jerry Woods. The benefit is already available for state employees other than teachers and University System personnel.

For every 40 days of sick leave accrued, employees will receive one month of credit toward years of service, Mr. Woods said. The potential benefit far exceeds the two-month raise postponement, he said.

Currently, nine months of service during a fiscal year equals a full year of service credit under Teachers Retirement; therefore, 360 days of unused sick leave would equal one year of service credit.

Any member of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia who retires July 1, 1998 or after will have this benefit.

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ically take to receive results, and [provides] a phone number if there are any questions.”

A performance improvement team consisting of Dr. Steele, Ms. Russell, Ms. Townsend, Ann Proctor, Sam Hall, Joyce Larison and Dr. Ted Wright canvassed staff to assess their needs and then develop the manual.

They were aided by the Office of Educational Design and Development, which helped select the database, and Mr. James Porteous, Pathology Management Systems Specialist, who helped develop the database and print the manual.

The manual meets the accrediting requirements of the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, the College of American Pathologists, the Health Care Financing Administration and managed care contracts.

The team’s next project is to develop a cross-referencing system for the manual and then put it on the MCG intranet.

To receive a copy of the manual, contact Dr. Geraldine Rinker at ext. 1-2776.

Quarterly Crime Report for the Medical College of Georgia

The crime report is published quarterly and annually by the Medical College of Georgia Police Bureau. No hate crimes were committed. For information, call the MCG Police Bureau at ext. 1-2914. This report also is available on the MCG home page at: http://www.mcg.edu/services/psd/stats.htm

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95 Honda del Sol Si, white, 5-spd, Targa top, CD, loaded. Excellent condition. Owner is Honda Service Mgr. $11,500 733-7159

HOMES, APARTMENTS, ROOMMATES, etc.

SUMMERTIME CONDO for sale by owner. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, patio, FP, LR. $79,900 737-6260

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To our most recent winner, Lydia Daley, who found her name hidden in the ad for Stevens Creek and Marks Church Commons Apartments on page 10 of our last issue. She won FIFTY DOLLARS!

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REMEMBER: CALL BEFORE THE FRIDAY NOON DEADLINE!
Dr. Mensah Elected

TONI BAKER

Dr. George A. Mensah, a cardiologist and Director of the Hypertension Unit and Medical Specialties Practice at the Medical College of Georgia, has been elected to a three-year term as Vice President of the Association of Black Cardiologists.

Also, Dr. Mensah discussed "Left Ventricular Hypertrophy: When Does It Reach the Limits?" at the upcoming international symposium, Cardiology at the Limits 2, sponsored by the University College London Medical School and University of Cape Town Medical School. He was one of nine speakers at the meeting to be held April 17-20 in Cape Town on the medical school campus.

Dr. Mensah has been a member of the Association of Black Cardiologists since 1989. He serves on its Clinical Research Advisory Committee and just stepped down from a three-year term as National Secretary of the 500-member organization. He received the association's Dr. Walter B. Booker Sr. Innovation Award in 1997.

He is a 1985 graduate of Washington University School of Medicine and completed his internal medicine residency at The New York Hospital of Cornell Medical Center. He then completed a clinical and a research fellowship in cardiology and echocardiography at The New York Hospital. He joined the MCG faculty in 1995.

Dr. George Mensah

Notables

OBITUARIES


Patricia Matthews, 66, retired Laboratory Technician, died March 20. She worked at MCG from 1964 to 1996.

Catherine Green, 62, retired Nursing Assistant III, died March 21. She worked at MCG from 1967 to 1996.

RETIREMENTS

Ruth B. Boblett, Health Information Management Services Technician, retired April 3.

Lillie J. Bruce, Senior Administrative Secretary, retired March 27.


Beverly B. Chandler, Medical Transcriptionist, retired March 27.

James T. Ellis, Asst. Safety Officer, retired March 31.

Margaret Lovelace, Nurse Manager, retired March 31.

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