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After years of working, dreaming and planning on the part of alumni, the family of Richard Stadter, M.D., deceased chairman of neuroscience, and others, the **Richard P. Stadter Psychiatric Center** at 44th and South Washington in Grand Forks was dedicated this spring. The \$5 million, inpatient and outpatient facility combines critical services and activities in a beautifully designed, 34,600-square-foot building. Above (from left) alumni **Keith Erickson, M.D. '90**, and **Thomas Peterson, M.D. '90**, along with Dr. Stadter's widow, Winnie, and son and daughter-in-law, John and Carol Stadter, of Fargo, pause for a photo at the entrance during the open house.

IN REVIEW

Pulitzer Prize-winning Play

‘Wit’ Presented during UND's Homecoming

The Pulitzer Prize-winning play, “Wit,” a moving portrayal of Vivian Bearing, a woman diagnosed with ovarian cancer, will be presented during Homecoming week this fall at UND.

The UND Department of Theatre Arts, in collaboration with the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, will present the acclaimed play at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 18-20 at the Burtness Theatre on campus. A special 2 p.m. Oct. 21 performance will be presented for UND medical students.

Each performance will be followed by a post-show discussion.

Bearing, a brilliant scholar of the poetry of John Donne, must come to terms with questions of her own mortality. Her journey leads to a spiritual awakening about her own humanity.

The play, which won the Pulitzer Prize

for drama in 1999, is the first effort of playwright Margaret Edson.

Alumni, as well as the general public, are cordially invited to attend. For ticket information, please contact the Department of Theatre Arts at 701/777-3446 or kathleen_mclennan@und.nodak.edu.

Special efforts are under way to present the production to UND students of medicine and allied health professions in Grand Forks and Bismarck in order to deepen their understanding of these issues.

Correction

Our apologies to **Aaron Jost, M.D.**, a member of the Class of '01 who was pictured on the cover of the May issue, and his family. He was pictured with a couple identified as his mother and father, Roberta and Clarence Jost of Watford City; they were his in-laws, D.J. and Claudia Meberg of Bismarck.

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Calendar

August 10

White Coat Ceremony for the M.D.

Class of 2005: 4:00 p.m., Keller Auditorium, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Grand Forks; for more information call 701-777-2514

August 10-11

Reunion - M.D. Class of '91: Aug. 10 - 7 p.m., social at Whitey's, East Grand Forks; Aug. 11 - 10 a.m., tour of medical school; 1 p.m., golf at Lincoln Golf Course, Grand Forks, or tour of North Dakota Museum of Art, UND campus, and 6:30 p.m., dinner at Blue Moose, East Grand Forks; for more information, contact **Jon Larson, M.D. '91**, at jonlarson6@earthlink.com

September 20-22

North Dakota Medical Association Convention: “Rediscover Grand Forks,” Grand Forks Alerus Center; for more information, call 701-223-9475

October 12-14

North Dakota Physical Therapy Association annual fall meeting, education program on geriatric rehabilitation, Grand Forks Ramada Inn; for more information, call 701-777-3873

October 18-20

UND Homecoming: Medical school all-alumni brunch and tours set to begin at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 20 in the Vennes Atrium; for more information, contact the Office of the Dean, 701/777-2514 or losannes@medicine.nodak.edu

Change of address?

Please send address changes to: **Kitty Monley**, Office of Administration and Finance, 701/777-2431, or write to her at: UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, P.O. Box 9037, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9037 (e-mail: kmonley@medicine.nodak.edu).

Endowed Chairs and Professorships

Give a Gift that Lives Forever

Endowed chairs and professorships are just two of several planned giving arrangements available through the UND Foundation.

Making a gift such as this is a way to start a legacy in your honor or to honor family members, distinguished physicians or special teachers. Currently the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences has one fully endowed chair and one professorship. Additional major endowments of these positions will help ensure that the School of Medicine and Health Sciences will continue to prosper and achieve even greater distinction.

To establish an endowment, an individual contributes assets (cash, stocks, real estate) either immediately or through a deferred gift arrangement, such as a charitable trust or testamentary bequest. **The gift is invested by the UND Foundation** in its investment portfolio and the annual allocation (historically around five percent) is used to help support the chair or professor positions. **Therefore, the principal is maintained forever and is not spent, so the endowment lives on. It is a gift which lives forever.** The endowment is not expected to supply the full salary of the faculty member but, when added to our state support, it is likely to provide the salary levels needed to attract and retain “star” faculty members.



These endowed positions are reserved for the most distinguished scholars and teachers! The endowed faculty member would be known as the “John and Mary Doe Chair of Medicine” or the “James and Harriet Jones Professor of Surgery” (or whatever position is endowed). The faculty member would use that title on correspondence, calling cards and research publications. It is viewed by the academic community and others as an honor and distinction to “hold” an endowed position as a mark of excellence. When the faculty member retires, dies or leaves the institution, the position is given to another person, selected by the administration and peers.

Endowing a chair within the UND Foundation for the benefit of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences requires an investment of \$1 million. Persons occupying endowed chairs are leaders of departments critical to the School. They command higher salaries and are generally senior-level individuals who are highly esteemed and sought by several institutions. An endowed professorship, requiring a minimum of \$250,000, is also a most prestigious position that would be awarded to a highly talented and respected faculty member.

For more information, please contact **Dave Miedema**, UND Foundation, 1-800-543-8764, or dave@undalumni.org for a

personal and confidential discussion. If you are interested in a particular application for your gift, please contact **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.**, at 701-777-2516.



Dave Miedema
Executive Vice President
UND Foundation



H. David Wilson, M.D.
Dean, UND School of Medicine
and Health Sciences

Please contact me to discuss how endowed chairs and professorships can benefit the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

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Opportunities

This special feature of THE REVIEW offers practice opportunity information for physicians and other health professionals interested in opportunities in North Dakota. For additional information about the practice opportunity listings, or loan repayment programs, please contact **Mary Amundson, M.A.**, at mamundsn@medicine.nodak.edu

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Wishek Community Hospital
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Alumni Realize Their Dream

Stadter Center, Living Testimony to Teacher and Mentor

This spring we joined with many others in the community and region to celebrate the formal opening of the Richard P. Stadter Psychiatric Center in south Grand Forks.

Congratulations are in order for the alumni who have brought their dream to reality, **Drs. Keith Erickson and Tom Peterson, members of the M.D. Class of '90**. They have worked to create a center of which Dr. Stadter would have been proud.

They named the center for Dr. Stadter because they wished to honor him as a teacher and mentor and as one whose goal was to develop psychiatry as a compassionate and humane science that knows and understands the needs of the community.

Dr. Stadter, who passed away in 1994, was indeed an inspiration to all our medical students, but especially to those who felt called to a career in psychiatry. His memory and the legacy of his career will live on in the mission of the center which bears his name.

Endowed chairs and professors

In this issue of THE REVIEW is information on how you can "give a gift that lives forever" (see page 11). Endowed chairmanships and professors do just that.

Establishing an endowed chair or professorship in the name of a loved one, for someone for whom you have profound respect and gratitude, is a tremendous tribute that will endure for ages to come.

The importance of these endowments to the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences cannot be overestimated. At

virtually all medical schools and health science institutions, the most-valued faculty members hold endowed positions.

The establishment of endowed positions is even more critical for our medical school since we do not have substantial endowments or substantial resources for salaries provided by the state of North Dakota.

An example of the impact and importance of endowed chairs would be the case of **James Mitchell, M.D.**, the NRI (Neuropsychiatric Research Institute)/Lee A. Christoferson, M.D., Chair in Neuroscience. The NRI provided funds to endow his position, the first major endowed chair at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, and to recognize his contributions and talent. (Conversely, talented faculty members have been recruited out of North Dakota to endowed positions at other medical schools.)

Major endowments of important positions within the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences will allow the school to prosper and achieve even greater distinction.

We hope you will consider making such a gift as a legacy in your honor or to honor family members, distinguished physicians or special teachers whose lives and memory will be forever remembered at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Homecoming

We cordially invite all alumni to Homecoming events this fall at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Set for Oct. 18-20, Homecoming offers many opportunities which promise to make it an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone.

As you know, the UND medical school has a long and proud tradition of



H. David Wilson, M.D.

excellence. This remarkable school has earned a strong reputation during its nearly 100-year history. I am deeply honored to serve as dean, and always look forward to welcoming alumni and friends back to your alma mater.

We will host an Alumni Brunch Saturday, Oct. 20, to be followed by tours of our state-of-the-art facilities. Also, plan to attend the performance of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Wit," presented by the UND Theatre Arts Department in conjunction with the UND medical school.

We hope you will make plans soon to return to UND's beautiful campus for this fun fall event - a great chance to renew acquaintances and to see how your medical school, the campus and community have grown and changed in recent years.

H. David Wilson, M.D.
 Dean

Psychiatrists' Dream Realized

Richard P. Stadter Psychiatric Center Dedicated

"Once the name, Richard P. Stadter, came to us for the psychiatric center, we knew there could be no other," said **Thomas Peterson, M.D. '90**, chief executive officer and chief medical officer, during the center's dedication ceremony this spring.

Dr. Stadter was wonderful at developing relationships," he continued. He had a "simple idea: to provide respectful, compassionate, responsible care" for those suffering mental health problems.

Peterson went on to recall Dr. Stadter's "engaging smile that could brighten any room." The elder psychiatrist had a tremendous impact on him as a medical student and resident

"He was kind, fair and wise, and it is with fondness and respect that we dedicate this center today," Peterson concluded.

"This is a realization of Dick's dream," said **Stephen Wonderlich, Ph.D.**, associate professor and associate chairman

He brought together workers of all different stripes... to work toward an integrated and efficient manner of providing mental health services.

*Stephen Wonderlich, Ph.D.
Associate Chairman of Neuroscience*

of neuroscience, Fargo. The center, which "offers our region a state-of-the-art clinic," is a tribute to a doctor with a "panoramic interest in all things historic, psychological, political...

"He knew all about mental health," he said. **"He knew and understood the tragedy of mental illness."**

"He understood things based on community, and brought together workers of all different stripes and colors... to work toward an integrated and efficient manner" of providing mental health care, Wonderlich said.

The center, which houses 34 beds, will provide in-patient and out-patient services and partial hospitalization. It is staffed by three psychiatrists, two physician assistants and a nurse practitioner, as well as numerous other employees.

It operates in association with other Grand Forks entities such as the UND

Family Practice Center, Valley Memorial Homes, the Briggs Clinic, Thrifty White pharmacy and C&R Laundry, and local consulting physicians **Tom Cariveau, M.D.**; **Ross Pettit, M.D. (B.S. Med. '70)**, and **Noah Chelliah, M.D.**

According to Mrs. Richard (Winnie) Stadter, Fargo, the center "is a completion of the doctors' (Peterson and Erickson) dream... I remember them talking about this as residents."

It represents Dr. Stadter's main goal, she said, "for them to stay in North Dakota - that is what he wanted. This epitomizes that. It is wonderful for Grand Forks... Richard liked to see people cooperate; this is an example - not everything has to be in this building.

"I really am terribly impressed."

Others who spoke during the dedication ceremony included U.S. Representative Earl Pomeroy (D-ND); U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND); **Keith Erickson, M.D. '90**, a founder of the center; Grand Forks Mayor **Michael Brown, M.D. '82**,



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U.S. Representative Earl Pomeroy, D-ND (right), visits with Tom Peterson, M.D. '90, following the dedication ceremony for the Richard P. Stadter Psychiatric Center in Grand Forks. "I did not know Dr. Stadter well," Pomeroy said in remarks during the ceremony, "but there is not a quarter of North Dakota that I wouldn't have driven to to honor him."

From National Med Student Group

Obritsch Given 'Humanism in Medicine' Award

Jerry Obritsch, M.D. '87, Bismarck obstetrician-gynecologist, has been recognized among physicians nationwide selected by medical students for the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Humanism in Medicine Award.

Obritsch, vice chairman and clinical associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was recognized as UND's nominee for the annual award which honors medical school faculty-physicians who embody the finest qualities in a healer who teaches healing.

Forty-six other nominees were also recognized.

"Medical students learn, and shape their ideas about what it means to be a physician, by exposure to capable, compassionate role models," said **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.**, of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences. "Dr. Obritsch is such a physician, and the students, through this recognition, have expressed their appreciation to him as both a physician and an outstanding human being."

He was selected by UND medical students, members of the AAMC Organization of Student Representatives, for recognition based on defining characteristics of humanism in medical education: positive mentoring skills, compassion and sensitivity,

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(student letter of nomination)

collaboration, community service activity, and observance of professional ethics.

Obritsch's humanism is evidenced by his "unusual sensitivity to a culture, the Native American culture, that is different from his own," according to the UND medical students' letter of nomination. He has worked to address the lack of continuity of care, which contributes to adverse outcomes, for patients on the Fort



Jerry Obritsch, M.D. '87

Yates Indian Reservation, while striving to honor their culture and beliefs as much as possible.

"Often his patients are young - 15-19 years old, single and scared," the students stated. In addition to his practice in Bismarck, he conducts a "difficult, high-risk, low-reimbursement practice (in Fort Yates) that no one else would do. He saw a need, and filled it without concern for monetary reward."

Alum from MD Anderson Cancer Center Visits UNDSMHS

Tim McDonnell, M.D., Ph.D. (Ph.D. in Anatomy and Cell Biology '82), of Houston, TX, visited UNDSMHS this spring and presented a research seminar on the topic, "The Role of Tissue-based Translational Research in Elucidating Disease Pathogenesis and Accelerating Therapy Development."

McDonnell, who earned his master's and doctoral degrees under the mentorship of **Drs. John and Jean Oberpriller**, former professors of the anatomy and cell biology, is an associate professor of molecular pathology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.



Tim McDonnell, M.D., Ph.D. (Ph.D. in Anatomy and Cell Biology '82), right, of Houston, TX, with Ed Carlson, Ph.D., chairman and professor of anatomy and cell biology, Grand Forks

ALUMNI

'98 Grad Receives Outstanding Achievement Award at Mayo

Amy (Korkowski) Oxentenko, M.D. '98, has been selected to receive the 2001 Outstanding Achievement Award for the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, MN.



Amy Oxentenko, M.D. '98

She was selected for this honor from a class of 48 residents who completed training in Mayo's three-year internal medicine program this spring. She is among four residents who were given the honor which is based on clinical performance, academic accomplishments and contributions to the residency program.

Oxentenko also was named as one of two chief medical residents for her final year there beginning this month. The chief resident serves in a leadership, supervisory and teaching capacity for the residency program.

She "has been praised for her excellent clinical skills and her ability to handle very difficult and complex cases with apparent ease," according to Mayo officials in a letter announcing the award. "Others have noted her outstanding interpersonal skills and collegiality..."

Oxentenko also has been academically productive, officials

'Her outstanding performance is a direct reflection of her outstanding undergraduate medical education at your institution.'

(Mayo official)

noted. She has written for publication "two abstracts with several ongoing research projects and submitted a manuscript to the journal, Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, titled 'Insensitivity of Endoscopic Markers in Celiac Disease.'

"(Her) outstanding performance is a direct reflection of her outstanding undergraduate medical education at your institution."

She is married to **Shawn Oxentenko, M.D. '98**, who recently completed residency training in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Mayo.

Grads of Yesteryear Meet for Annual 'Alumni Days' Event

Alumni enjoyed the opportunity to meet and catch up with classmates at the annual Alumni Days' Medical School Breakfast this spring at UND. The event included remarks by **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.**, who spoke about current highlights at the school.

Visiting alumni (standing, from left): **John DeKrey, M.D. (B.S. Med. '56)**, Moorhead, MN; **Harold Piltingsrud, M.D. (B.S. Med. '41)**, Park River; **John ("Doc") Graham, M.D. (B.S. Med. '53)**, Indianapolis, IN;

Richard Leigh, M.D. (B.S. Med. '45), and **Rodney Clark, M.D. (B.S. Med. '46)**, Grand Forks; **John Wade, M.D. (B.S. in Natural Science '56)**; **Dean Wilson, M.D.**, Grand Forks, and (seated, from left): **Mack Traynor, M.D.**



(B.S. Med. '47), Fargo; **Albert Samuelson, M.D. (B.S. Med. '54)**, Bismarck; **Glenn Brown, M.D. (B.S. Med. '53)**, Halstad, MN, and **Ralph Heising, M.D. '53)**, San Diego, CA.

The Stadter Center's mental health programming and treatment is based on these core beliefs:

- 1) Treatment addresses the "whole" person including emotional, physical, cognitive, social, spiritual and cultural components.
- 2) Treatment is individualized, dynamic and process-oriented.
- 3) Treatment strengthens and empowers family systems.
- 4) Treatment is provided in partnership with the community.
- 5) Resources are provided to empower the individual to orchestrate life decisions.

and Dr. Stadter's son, John Stadter of Fargo.

Dorgan, who called the center "an idea fueled by passion and energy," noted that federal funding for "the area of mental health has had difficulty keeping up... but progress is finally being made."

Brown credited the center with providing 75 new jobs, and the potential for more.

John Stadter spoke of the need to educate people about mental health,

He had a simple idea: to provide respectful, compassionate, responsible care for those suffering mental health problems.

*Thomas Peterson, M.D. '90
Stadter Center
Chief Medical Officer*



A bronze relief of Dr. Stadter, commissioned by Winnie Stadter (right), is displayed in the entrance to the Stadter Center. At right, the center's chief executive and medical officer and one of its founders, Tom Peterson, M.D. '90.

saying, "There still is a stigma... (but) people don't have to suffer needlessly. We certainly have made progress over the years."

The center is "a big step in helping people" with mental illness, he added.

"People don't have to live with the pain." His father "was a gracious man, a very intelligent man, and we do miss him," he said, speaking for his family. "We are honored by this lasting legacy in our father's name."

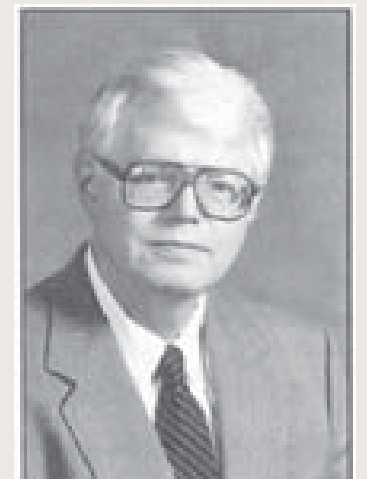
He was an educator and scholar who nurtured and mentored young people who wanted to do good. Richard Stadter, M.D., was remembered for these attributes and others during this spring's dedication ceremony for the center which bears his name in south Grand Forks.

Dr. Stadter taught the fine points of his profession, not covered in textbooks, said Stephen Wonderlich, Ph.D., associate professor of neuroscience, Fargo. He was a strategist, organizer and builder, all in the name of mental health.

Dr. Stadter served as chairman of the Department of Neuroscience at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences from 1985 to 1994. He taught medical students and psychiatry residents, and worked to improve mental health services and coordination of those services throughout the region.

He died Nov. 6, 1994, at the age of 62.

A bronze relief, which graces the entry of the center, is inscribed with the words: Richard P. Stadter - Physician, Mentor and Teacher.



Richard P. Stadter, M.D.

By *U.S. News & World Report*

Med School Ranks Nationally among Best in Rural Medicine

The highly regarded newsmagazine, U.S. News and World Report, has ranked the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences as one of the top schools in the nation for its reputation in rural medicine.

The ranking, released in the 2002 edition of Best Graduate Schools by U.S. News and World Report and published in the April 9 issue of the magazine, is based on results of a survey of deans and senior faculty members at 125 U.S. medical schools accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education.

"It is an honor to be recognized at the national level by our colleagues in the academic medical community for the

commitment we have made to rural medicine," said **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.**, of the UND medical school, Grand Forks. **"We are pleased to be considered a model for the way medical education and practice can best be carried out in a sparsely populated region."**

In the newly released survey, the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences is ranked fourth in the country, behind the universities of Washington, New Mexico and Iowa for the reputation as having a deep concern for rural medicine.

This marks at least the third time U.S. News and World Report has recognized the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences for its interest in and commitment

to the problems of rural medicine.

The UND medical school offers medical students a third-year experience in a rural community through its Rural Opportunities in Medical Education (ROME) Program. It also conducts research on rural health care through its Center for Rural Health, founded 21 years ago.

The magazine also reported the rankings of the top medical schools in research and primary care, and ranked medical schools for their reputations in women's health, family medicine, AIDS, drug and alcohol abuse, geriatrics, internal medicine and pediatrics.

Med Students Receive NDMA Awards

Three second-year medical students at the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences recently received North Dakota Medical Association (NDMA) awards as outstanding students in their class.



Ackerman



Caillier



Wayman

Duncan Ackerman,

Rebecca Caillier and **Derek Wayman**, members of the M.D. Class of 2003, accepted the awards during a special awards presentation event recently at the UND medical school.

Ackerman, the son of Rolly and Vicki Ackerman of Minot, received the NDMA award in recognition of his outstanding performance in group leadership and professionalism. The award is given to the student who most effectively demonstrates these characteristics: engages in ethical conduct, facilitates group interaction and productivity, motivates others to learn, and exhibits personal integrity.

Caillier, the daughter of David and Patricia Fedje of Minot, received the NDMA award for her outstanding contributions to peer teaching. The award is presented to the student who contributes in a superior way to the study group's data

base and facilitates learning, makes skillful and accurate presentations, and shows exceptional willingness to assist fellow classmates to learn complex concepts.

Wayman, son of Michel and Nancy Wayman of Great Falls, Mont., accepted the NDMA award for integrative reasoning and patient application. The award recognizes the student's ability to analyze problems, generate hypotheses, set priorities, test hypotheses and formulate alternative hypotheses, draw appropriate conclusions and apply the knowledge to patient cases.

Under the UND medical school's patient-centered-learning curriculum, much of the learning occurs in small groups in which students identify learning objectives and pursue and share knowledge. The awards are meant to honor student leadership in the renewed curriculum.

Sopher Receives 'Golden Apple' Award

Roger Sopher, M.D., chairman and professor of pathology, Grand Forks, received the Golden Apple Award recently from medical students at the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences.



Roger Sopher, M.D.

Each year medical students, members of the American Medical Student Association, select the recipient of the Golden Apple Award which is given for outstanding teaching. The award was presented to Sopher during a ceremony to recognize sophomore medical students and faculty for outstanding performance in the past year.

Two years ago Sopher, who has been with the school's Department of Pathology since 1988, also accepted the Portrait Award from then-sophomore medical students for outstanding teaching.

Dean Wilson Elected to AMA Council on Medical Education

Dean H. David Wilson, M.D., of the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences, has been elected to the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association (AMA) by members of the AMA House of Delegates at their annual meeting in June at Chicago.

Wilson was elected to a four-year term on the prestigious 12-member council which provides the AMA House of Delegates and Board of Trustees with requested information and in-depth reports on subjects covering the full spectrum of medical education, from medical school to residency training to continuing education

for doctors.

"I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve the medical profession in this important role," said Wilson. **"It is, equally, an honor for the UND medical school and the state of North Dakota to be represented, and have a voice in critical discussions, at the national level."**



H. David Wilson, M.D.

Wilson was one of 12 candidates vying for six seats on the council which has functioned for nearly 100 years. The only medical school dean serving on the council, he was endorsed by the North Dakota Medical Association (NDMA), the AMA North Central Conference and the AMA Section on Medical Schools.

"Dr. Wilson's election is certainly a feather in the cap for him, the medical school and organized medicine in North Dakota," said **Jack Kerbeshian, M.D.**, clinical professor of neuroscience, Grand Forks, and the sole delegate from the NDMA to the AMA House of Delegates. "The NDMA was pleased to play a part in his attaining this position."

Former Chairman

Russell Wilson Dies

Russell Wilson, M.D., Ph.D., former chairman of physiology and pharmacology, died April 26 from fibrosis of the lungs in Dallas, TX. He was 88.

Born in Eldorado, OK, he attended the University of Oklahoma where he earned a bachelor's degree and doctor of medicine degree. He served in the U.N. Relief and Rehabilitation Reconstruction Medical School Hospitals during World War II.

At the University of Minnesota, he received a master's degree and a doctorate of philosophy in medicine. He practiced and taught in Dallas until 1965, when he joined the UND School of Medicine as chairman of physiology and pharmacology. He left the school in 1972 to return to Dallas to work with the county health department and Kaiser Permanente and, later, to conduct a private practice.

"He thought teaching was the greatest thing in the world, to teach young minds," said his wife, Elizabeth Ann Wilson of Dallas. **"He thought it a very honorable profession."**

His family is in the process of donating selected items from his medical book collection to the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, according to his daughter, Mary Wilson Dibbern, Paris.

Allen Receives Portrait Award from Med Students

Jon Allen, M.D. '84, assistant professor of internal medicine, Grand Forks, recently received the Portrait Award from second-year medical students.

Allen, director of the second-year, "introduction to patient care" course, was selected for the award by members of the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Class of 2003.

The award, given to one person annually, was announced during an event at which students and faculty members were recognized for outstanding accomplishment. As Portrait Award winner, Allen's portrait will be hung, along with past awardees, in a hallway of the school.

Allen was chosen to receive the award by students who wished to honor him for outstanding teaching and contributions to the renewed medical curriculum which was launched three years ago. The M.D. Class of 2003 is the second to be educated under in the new curriculum which departs from a former emphasis on lectures and passive learning and adopts a greater focus on patient-centered learning through small-group and independent initiative.

Allen, who has been a faculty member in internal medicine for many years, was voted in 1995 as Outstanding Teacher of the Year by senior medical students at the

school's Northwest Campus, based in Minot where he practiced at the time.

In the spring of 1999, he took on increased teaching responsibility with the UND medical school when he joined its Office of Medical Education which administers and evaluates the effectiveness of the school's medical education program. In 2000 he was selected by members of the M.D. Class of 2002 to receive the Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching. Allen also practices internal medicine at Altru Health Systems in Grand Forks.

Members of the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Class of 2003 have spent their first two years on the UND campus and, beginning next month, will pursue their third year of medical studies in Bismarck, Fargo or a rural community where their education will continue in hospitals and clinics with practicing physicians who serve as faculty members for the school.



Jon Allen, M.D. '84