

THE REVIEW

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Midway through medical school, **Robin Hape, M.D. '02**, and his wife, Molly, faced a serious challenge when she was diagnosed with cancer. The experience altered his idea of the kind of physician he wants to become: instead of emergency medicine, he's chosen surgery. Now the outlook for Robin and his family, including Sam, 8 (front), and Drew, 6, is optimistic. They look back with gratitude and awe at the outpouring of support they received. Says Molly, "People here are just remarkable."

IN REVIEW

Undergraduate Med Student Awards Announced

Undergraduate medical students received awards recently for outstanding performance during the first two years of study at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The awards and recipients (all are sophomore students unless otherwise noted) are:

Named to membership in Alpha Omega Alpha, the national honor medical society (as juniors): **Duncan Ackerman** and **Derek Wayman**

The Dr. James Kelleher Award (from the Department of Microbiology and Immunology): **Gregory Mumm**

The Dr. Stanley J. Brumleve Award (from the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics): **James Bares**

The Dr. Arthur Saiki Award (from the Department of Pathology): **Justin Buls**

The Dr. Philip H. Woutat Memorial Scholarship Award (from the Department

of Anatomy and Cell Biology): **Leah Metz**

The Altru Clinic Award (given by the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology on behalf of the Altru Clinic, Grand Forks): **Andrea Howick**

The DeBoer Memorial Award (presented by the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics): **William Kurtz**

The McGraw Hill/Appleton and Lange Book Award: Brent Barnstuble and **Shaun Christenson**

The Campus Medical Group Award: **Jamie Vennes**

North Dakota Medical Association Awards:

Group Leadership and

*Professionalism: **John Sillery***

Peer Teaching: **Jill Melicher**

Integrative Reasoning and

Patient Application: **Daniel Lewis**

Alums Finishing Residency Training:

What Are Your Plans?

To keep our records up-to-date, we are asking alums who are completing (or have completed) residency training to send us your new information.

If you are making the transition from residency to practice (or fellowship training), please send:

☞ where you plan to practice (city, state)

☞ name of employer (hospital, clinic, medical center, university) you'll be joining

☞ fellowship program (specialty, institution, city, state) - if applicable

If you're changing residency programs, please let us know:

☞ your new residency program

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All Alumni Invited!

UND Homecoming

Set for Oct. 18-20

All alumni of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences are invited to return to campus for Homecoming '02, set for Oct. 18-20.

It's not too early to make your plans to attend. We look forward to many alumni coming back to visit the School of Medicine and Health Sciences this fall!

For more information, please contact the Office of the Dean, 701/777-2514 or the UND Alumni Association at 1-800-543-8764.

Calendar

August 22-23

Healthy North Dakota, Bismarck; for more information, call Melissa Olson, North Dakota Department of Health, 701-328-4908

September 13

Allergy and Asthma Conference for Primary Care Providers, begins at 10:30 a.m., UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Grand Forks; keynote speaker Martin Sachs, M.D., Mayo Clinic; tickets available for Saturday, Sept. 14, football game; for more information, contact Mary Johnson, 701-777-3201; e-mail: mjohnson@medicine.nodak.edu

September 26-28

North Dakota Medical Association Annual Meeting: Minot Holiday Inn; for more information, call 701-223-9475

October 18-20

UND Homecoming, Friday, Oct. 18: 2 p.m. - medical school tours and 3 p.m. - dedication of new front entrance (funded by Harwood Initiative); Saturday, Oct. 19: Medical School Alumni Banquet, 6:30 p.m. social and 7 p.m. dinner, Alerus Center, Grand Forks; for more information, contact the Office of the Dean, 701-777-2514 or losannes@medicine.nodak.edu

DEAN'S LETTER

Construction Under Way

Renovation of Entrance Funded by Gifts to Harwood Initiative

Gifts totaling more than \$231,000 from alumni and friends are being used to renovate the front exterior and inside lobby of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Formal dedication of this entrance will take place Friday, Oct. 18, during Homecoming events. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Donors to the Harwood Initiative have made it possible for construction of a beautiful new entryway to welcome the visiting public, students, faculty and staff.

All donors' names will appear on a "wall of honor" which is being designed as part of a display featuring former **Dean Theodore Harwood** who led the school through an important period of growth from 1953 to 1973.

Opening the third-year clinical campus in Grand Forks

Another milestone in the history of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences has been reached as we begin to train third-year medical students this month in Grand Forks.

This is the first time third-year students will spend their full year in Grand Forks. To date, juniors were assigned to the clinical campuses of Bismarck and Fargo where they have been trained for the past 20 years. (These campuses will continue to have third-year students.)

We are excited and pleased about the participation of numerous, talented physicians who are excellent role models. Our strong partnership with the medical community, particularly Altru Health

Systems, will result in a successful third-year medical education program for our students.

Make your plans now to attend UND's Homecoming this fall

We invite all alumni of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences to return to campus this fall for Homecoming. Many events are planned which will make the weekend of Oct. 18-20 enjoyable for everyone.



*Jon Eylands, M.D.
(B.S. Med. '56)*

Physician-alums, as well as alumni of our programs in the allied health fields of physical therapy, clinical laboratory

science, cytotechnology, the physician assistant (PA) program, and basic science graduate programs, are welcome to medical school Homecoming events.

This school has a tradition of excellence that spans nearly 100 years. As dean, I am deeply honored to serve, and I look forward to visiting with alumni and friends who return to this beautiful campus to see the remarkable progress we've made and to renew acquaintances with your classmates.

For more information, please contact the UND Alumni Association at 1-800-543-8764 or the Office of the Dean at 701-777-2514.

See you in October!

H. David Wilson
H. David Wilson, M.D.
Dean
Vice President for Health Affairs



Alums shared memories and renewed friendships during UND's Alumni Days this past spring. After the breakfast for med school grads, these alums gathered for a photo: (standing, left to right) **Spencer McCrae, M.D. (B.S. Med. '41)**, Salina, KS; **Walt Kelley, M.D. (B.S. Med. '42)**, Downey, CA; **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.**; **Ben Clayburgh, M.D. (B.S. Med. '47)**, Grand Forks; **Phillip Dahl, M.D. (B.S. Med. '49)**, Bismarck; (seated) **Jerry Kavanaugh, M.D. (B.S. Med. '52)**, Fargo; **Paul Richter, M.D. (B.S. Med. '52)**, Fergus Falls, MN; **John Swenson, M.D. (B.S. Med. '52)**, Grand Forks; **John Graham, M.D. (B.S. Med. '53)**, Indianapolis, IN, and **Glenn Brown, M.D. (B.S. Med. '53)**, Moorhead, MN. Also attending, **Jon Eylands, M.D. (B.S. Med. '56)**, Scottsdale, AZ, pictured at right.)

Class of '02 Grads Ready for Next Step: Residency Training

Here is a glimpse into the lives of three M.D. grads, members of the Class of 2002, who are moving on to residency training in the specialty of their choice,

Four years ago **Robin Hape, M.D. '02**, came to medical school, a little older than most of his classmates, with a wealth of experience - as an electrical engineer working in the aerospace industry and paramedic. In May he left, completely changed.

Halfway through medical school, at the end of his second year, his wife, Molly, was diagnosed with breast cancer that had advanced to the lymph nodes. The devastating news jolted his family.

"I thought I'd have to drop out of school for a year," he says. **The reaction he encountered at the school, however, was beyond his expectations.**

"What can the medical school do to help you?" was the question he remembers hearing from **Associate Dean Judy DeMers**, Student Affairs. Faculty and staff rallied to help his family and assure he could continue, if he chose.



Robin Hape, M.D., receives his hood from Eric Lunn, M.D. '82 (left), assistant dean for the Northeast Campus, Grand Forks, during commencement exercises for the M.D. Class of '02 in May. This summer he began the first of five years of surgery residency training in Grand Forks.



Todd Schaffer, M.D., discusses a patient's case while Jon Allen, M.D. '84 (left), associate professor of internal medicine, Grand Forks, supervises. Originally from Carrington, Schaffer is a resident-in-training at the UND Family Practice Center in Grand Forks.

The Hapes recall gratefully the assistance of **DeMers; Dean and Mrs. H. David Wilson; Jon Allen, M.D.; David Theige, M.D.; Rick Vari, Ph.D.; Drs. Kurt and Holly Brown-Borg; Drs. Jon and Laura Raymond**, and many others who helped with babysitting (their boys were 2 and 4 at the time), bake-sale fund-raisers, and other support.

"We feel we have a lot to pay back," says Molly whose illness affected her husband's view of how he wanted to practice medicine. During medical school, Robin was drawn to family medicine and emergency medicine but, in his third year, "I really enjoyed my surgical rotations," he said.

"It was hard for me, knowing how much I enjoyed emergency medicine," he said, but "I needed more, more than just the medicine component of it." So he began to recon-

sider his choice of emergency medicine in which patient encounters are so brief.

"He's the kind of guy who will explain things," Molly says. "He's a compassionate, sensitive man. He's a caring man," traits that will, no doubt, be appreciated by his patients.

"If you want a good, basic, 'nuts and bolts' education, I can't picture that there's a better medical school in the country," Robin says. "I'm really thankful that we're here."

"From my earliest childhood memory I was committed to medicine," says Todd Schaffer, M.D. '02, son of Sharon Hesch of Carrington, and Marvin Schaffer of Jamestown.

He is one of the brightest students in his class, says **Judy DeMers**, associate dean for student affairs and admissions, Grand Forks. As a junior, he was one of two students who was selected to membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha

Even though third-year medical education was not offered in Grand Forks at that time, arrangements were made for him to take most rotations locally, with faculty-physicians at Altru, so he could be near his wife for her treatment.

(AOA) honor society in medicine.

With such recognition, given only to the most highly qualified students, Schaffer could be admitted to any residency program in the world, DeMers says, but he prefers to stay in North Dakota. He has begun residency training at the UND Family Practice Center in Grand Forks where he will study for the next three years.

It is the latest step in his long-range plan. During all four years of his medical studies he has known what he wants to do: return, after residency training, to his hometown of Carrington and practice family medicine.

He “loved” his time at the UND medical school, he says, and “enjoyed every second” of his education leading to the M.D. degree which he received in May.

His was the first class to be introduced to the “renewed” curriculum which focuses on patient-centered learning. It was “scary” at the beginning, he says, but it turned out to be “a much better way to acquire the information that you really need.”

The long-term goal of Todd Schaffer, M.D. '02, is to practice family medicine in his hometown, Carrington.



For Karilyn Avery, M.D. (left), one of 53 grads in the M.D. Class of '02, the idea of going to medical school took root during her high school years in Velva and grew from her love of science. Now pursuing pediatrics training in Iowa, she says she eventually wants to establish her practice in North Dakota.

Small classes and one-to-one interaction between students and professors distinguishes the UND medical school above others, he points out. He favored the clinical rotations, and is convinced that interaction with a patient is the best way to study medicine.

It's not only medicine that fills his life. He and his wife, Erin, keep busy raising their daughters, Kendall, 6; Madison, 4; Paige, 2, and Amanda, six weeks.

Schaffer is also a medical officer in the North Dakota National Guard with ten years' service behind him. This experience complements his medical studies, he says, and gives him a real-life perspective.

The M.D. Class of '02 proved that the patient-care-oriented approach to medical education works.

Karilyn Avery, M.D. '02, daughter of Stanley and the late Kathryn Avery of Velva, is pleased with the quality of her experience at UND.

“It is a very good medical school,” she says. Compared to other schools, classes at UND are smaller, allowing for more support from faculty members. Professors are more focused on students' education, and on how they learn.

Patient-centered learning featured in the “renewed” curriculum that today is so familiar to medical students was brand-new when she entered in 1998. She and her classmates were able to prove that the patient-case-oriented approach to medical education works.

After finishing her three-year residency training program in pediatrics at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, she plans to stay in the Midwest, she says, and eventually wants to practice in North Dakota.

Pediatrics is a perfect match for her, says **Judy DeMers**, associate dean for student affairs and admissions, Grand Forks. She describes Avery as a bright, caring person who relates exceptionally well to children.

“One thing that impressed me most is her high level of maturity,” says DeMers. “In spite of life's turns she always had a firm plan in mind.”

“I think after completion of residency training, Karilyn will be a very busy, sought-after practitioner,” adds DeMers. “People feel her love of children and will be drawn towards her.”

She and her husband, John Avery, have a one-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Rebecca.

UPDATE

Cancer Researcher

Sens Selected as Chair of Department of Pathology

Mary Ann Sens, M.D., Ph.D., of West Virginia University (WVU) has been appointed to head the department of Pathology at the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She takes over leadership of the department on Sept. 1.

Sens, selected after a national search, comes to the school from her position as professor of pathology at WVU in Morgantown. She assumes the role of chair from **Marvin Cooley, M.D. (B.S. Med. '69)**, who has served as interim chair since the retirement of **Roger Sopher, M.D.**, last fall. Cooley continues as associate professor of pathology.

“Dr. Sens is an outstanding teacher and researcher, who conducts cutting-edge research in cancer of the kidney, breast and bladder, funded by two major grants from the National



Mary Ann Sens, M.D., Ph.D.

Institutes of Health,” said **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.** “She will be a tremendous role model, particularly for women students and faculty members. We are delighted she has decided to join us.”

Also joining the UND medical school, in its surgery department, will be Sens’

husband, **Donald Sens, Ph.D.**, professor, and in the pathology department **Scott Garrett, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, and **Seema Somji, Ph.D.**, research assistant professor. These talented scientists function as a team in the research program.

Sens, a native of Berea, OH, earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry at Eastern Michigan University, the Ph.D. degree in physical inorganic chemistry from the University of South Carolina and M.D. degree at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Certified by the American Board of Pathology in anatomic and forensic pathology, she has been with West Virginia University since 1994. From 1994 to 1999, she also served as professor and chair of the pathology department at the Robert C. Byrd Health Science Center of West Virginia University.

Students Choose Carr For ‘Golden Apple’ Award

Patrick Carr, Ph.D., assistant professor of anatomy and cell biology, Grand Forks, received the Golden Apple Award recently from second-year medical students, members of the M.D. Class of 2004.



Patrick Carr, Ph.D.

The award is given annually by medical students, members of the American Medical Student Association, who select the recipient on the basis of outstanding teaching. It was presented during an event to recognize sophomore medical students and faculty for outstanding performance in the past two years.

Carr, who teaches gross anatomy and serves as a facilitator for the renewed medical (M.D.) curriculum, came from Wright State University in Dayton, OH, to join the UND medical school in 1998. He earned the Ph.D. degree at the University of Manitoba in 1992.

Search Initiated for Associate Dean

A committee will be appointed soon to begin a national search for an associate dean for academic affairs, according to **H. David Wilson, M.D.**, dean of the medical school and vice president for health affairs at UND.

Robert Rubeck, Ph.D., who has been serving as associate dean for academic affairs and information resources at the school since the fall of 1998, has been appointed as chief information officer, effective July 1.

“We essentially have been asking Dr. Rubeck to manage two major areas, the academic program and technological advances, with the School of Medicine and Health Sciences,” Wilson said. “Increasing demands and many emerging opportunities, especially in technology, require his full attention.”

“We will begin the process of recruiting an associate dean for academic affairs to help direct the academic affairs of our faculty and all the educational programs of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences,” Wilson said.

“We wish to thank Dr. Rubeck for his leadership in academic affairs and educational and information technology in the past nearly four years,” Wilson said. “His expertise and talents will continue to be valuable assets to the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.”

Wakefield Named to VA Nursing Commission

Mary Wakefield, Ph.D., director of the Center for Rural Health, Grand Forks, has been appointed to the National Commission on VA (Veterans Affairs) Nursing, by the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony Principi.

The 12-member commission provides advice and makes recommendations to Congress and the VA secretary on legislative and organizational policy changes to enhance the recruitment and retention of nurses and other nursing personnel in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Her appointment continues through August 2004.

Construction Under Way on Entrance, Funded by Harwood Initiative

Construction has begun on the east entrance of the UND School of Medicine, creating a new exterior and interior lobby space. The project, to be completed in the fall, is a result of the **Harwood Initiative**

The new front entrance of the medical school will feature a display honoring former Dean Harwood and a "wall of honor" with the names of all who contributed to the Harwood Initiative.



for which alumni and friends have donated more than \$200,000 in honor and memory of former **Dean Theodore Harwood, M.D.**, who led the school from 1953 to 1973.

The new entrance will be dedicated during Homecoming activities this fall - the ceremony is set for 3 p.m., Oct. 18.

All donors will be sent a letter of invitation; their names will appear on a "wall of honor" as part of the display featuring Dean Harwood.

"This new facade and foyer will present a beautiful image of the medical school to the public," said **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.** "We owe a great deal of thanks to alumni and friends whose gifts have made this renovation possible.

"They will be very proud and pleased with the finished product."

Third-year Campus Opens in Grand Forks

For the first time in the school's history, junior medical students of the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences will take their full third year of training in Grand Forks.

This month, four students, who are in the third of the four-year program leading to the doctor of medicine (M.D.) degree, began studying and working with physicians under an arrangement between Altru Health Systems and the UND medical school.

Having third-year medical students in Grand Forks "is something I've had in mind since I arrived here" seven years ago, said **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.** "I felt that we have many, very capable physicians here who could serve as role models for our students."

Since the early 1980s, third-year medical students have gone to Bismarck and Fargo for their clinical science education with practicing doctors in clinics and hospitals. At the time the decision was made to educate third-year students in those cities, Grand Forks had about 50 physicians, or one-third of the number it has today, Wilson noted.

"Most importantly, we have a wonderful partnership with Altru Health Systems which, under the leadership of Casey Ryan,

M.D., seeks to hire physicians who are interested in teaching medical students and residents," said Wilson. **"I really see this as a win-win-win situation: it's good for our students, for Altru and for the medical school."**

The third-year educational program in Grand Forks, considered as a "start-up" program this year, will likely involve an increasing number of medical students in the future, he said.

The first students are: **Justin Buls, Joshua Gapp, Todd Officer and John Sillery**, studying in the areas of internal medicine, surgery, psychiatry, obstetrics-gynecology, pediatrics and family medicine.

"For some students, moving to another city to continue their education is a hardship," especially for those with families or employed spouses, said Wilson, adding that he fully expects "more students will stay (in Grand Forks for their third year) in the future."

UND medical students also may take their third year in rural communities through the Rural Opportunities in Medical Education (ROME) program. The first two years of medical education occurs primarily at the UND campus in Grand Forks. The fourth year of medical education is provided in the state's four major cities.

Carlson Receives Portrait Award

Edward Carlson, Ph.D., professor and chairman of anatomy and cell biology, Grand Forks, received the Portrait Award recently from second-year medical students who wished to



Edward Carlson, Ph.D.

honor him for outstanding teaching.

Carlson, who also serves as interim chairman of pharmacology, physiology and therapeutics, was selected for the award by members of the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Class of 2004. His portrait will be hung, along with those of past recipients, in a hallway of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Carlson, who earned a doctoral degree in anatomy from UND in 1970, has served as chairman and professor of anatomy and cell biology here since 1981.

ALUMNI

'81 Alum Named Chairman of Orthopedics at Wright State

Lynn Crosby, M.D. (B.S. Med. '81), has been named chairman and professor of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, OH. He previously served as chief of the Shoulder Division in the department.

After completing the B.S. Med. degree at the UND medical school, the North Dakota native went on to earn the M.D. degree at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He completed residency training in general surgery at Creighton University and in orthopaedic surgery at the Creighton-Nebraska Health Foundation in Omaha.

He also completed fellowships through the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association Traveling Fellowship and the Clinical Orthopaedic Society Traveling Fellowship of Great Britain.

He is a fellow in several professional societies, including (an invited member of) the American Orthopaedic Association



*Lynn Crosby, M.D.
(B.S. Med. '81)*

and the Shoulder and Elbow Society. He served as a major in the U.S. Army Reserves in support of Operation Desert Shield and received the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service.

A prolific author, he has written more than 50 articles, seven books and 23 abstracts. His research interests center on fatty degeneration of rotator cuff muscle. He has served as educator for medical students and post-graduate orthopaedic residents.

INMED Grad Selected as Wisconsin's 'Family Physician of the Year'

Adrienne Laverdure, M.D. '94, has been selected by the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians (WAFP) to receive the 2002 "Family Physician of the Year" award. The award is given annually in recognition of a physician who exemplifies the tradition of a "family doctor."

She will be presented the award at the Annual Scientific Assembly luncheon Oct. 25 at the Chula Vista Report in Wisconsin Dells, according to Larry Pheifer, executive director of WAFP. She was selected for the honor based on

nominations of nurses and physicians at the Peter Christensen Health Center in Lac du Flambeau, WI, and Ministry Medical Group in Woodruff, WI, where she maintains medical practices.

Laverdure is employed by the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians through the Peter Christensen Health Center.

"Dr. Laverdure is a provider who truly lives the axiom, 'Patient First,'" said Robin Carufel, administrator of the Christensen Health Center. "She is tireless in her pursuit of high quality patient care. She is very compassionate, empathetic and supportive to all who need her help and leads by example. She is always there for her patients and staff, and has a thriving practice..."

According to Mike Jones, executive director for Ministry Medical Group, Laverdure "is very dedicated to her profession... (She is able) to address the health care needs of the diverse communities we serve... with great care and concern."



*Adrienne Laverdure, M.D.
(B.S. Med. '94)*

In connection with the award, Laverdure was invited to throw out the ceremonial first ball at the June 15 Milwaukee Brewers' baseball game, Pheifer said.

Laverdure has also been elected to the Howard Young Health Care board of directors, effective in August 2002. Howard Young Health Care is a parent organization overseeing several health care entities in northeast Wisconsin.

The daughter of Andrew and Betty Laverdure of Aberdeen, SD, she received a diploma at Turtle Mountain Community High School in Belcourt in 1983 and earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology at UND in 1988. She was enrolled at the UND medical school through its Indians Into Medicine (INMED) Program.

After earning the M.D. degree in 1994, she went on for residency training at the UND's family medicine program in Fargo where she completed training in 1998.

Alumni Serve on State Board of Medical Examiners

Thomas Kempf, M.D. '78, Fargo, and **William Elder, M.D. (B.S. Med. '68)**, Hettinger, are serving as chairman and treasurer, respectively, of the North Dakota Board of Medical Examiners, the state agency which oversees licensure and discipline of physicians in North Dakota.

Elder is a board-certified general surgeon and clinical associate professor of surgery with the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Kempf, a board-certified internist, has served since 1994 on the board which is consistently ranked as one of the most active in the country. He is a clinical associate professor for the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

'62 B.S. Med. Grad

Sarosi Receives Master and Distinguished Teacher Recognition from ACP-ASIM

George Sarosi, M.D. (B.S. Med. '62), Indianapolis, IN, has been selected to receive the 2002 Distinguished Teacher Award from the Board of Regents of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine (ACP-ASIM) and was recognized at the group's spring meeting.

Sarosi, professor of medicine at Indiana University and chief of medical services at the Roudebush Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, was selected from among a number of distinguished candidates to receive the award which was presented during the group's convocation ceremony at the annual session April 11 in Philadelphia. He also received a Mastership from the American College of Physicians.

Over the past three decades, he has held a series of senior administrative positions at every institution with which he has been affiliated.

"He is an outstanding teacher who has been recognized 17 times with teaching awards from every institution at which he has held an appointment," according to the ceremony program. "His influence on students and residents has been enormous. He is a great bedside teacher and he insists on attending 11 months out of the year to insure that he has optimal contact with students and residents.

"Dr. Sarosi has been very active in continuing medical education at the national and international levels. He has given a



George Sarosi, M.D. (B.S. Med. '62), (left) Indianapolis, IN, with Rolf Paulson, M.D., clinical professor of internal medicine, Grand Forks, are pictured at the convention of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine in Philadelphia where Sarosi was honored this spring with Master and Distinguished Teacher awards for 2002. Paulson is governor of the North Dakota chapter of the ACP.

An extremely rare honor

One of the UND medical school's most illustrious alumni, **George Sarosi, M.D. (B.S. Med. '62)**, of Indianapolis, IN, has been named a Master of the American College of Physicians.

"To be named a Master of the ACP-ASIM is a great honor... but that coupled with being named the National Teacher of the Year is truly both remarkable and outstanding," said **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.**

"(Dr. Sarosi) has had a sterling career and we are extremely proud that it all started at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine."

"This is an extremely rare honor," said **James Brosseau, M.D. (B.S. Med. '68)**, chairman and professor of community medicine, Grand Forks. "As I recall, George was a refuge from Hungary back in the 1950s. UND gave him a chance to become a doctor, and he has never forgotten his alma mater.

"His career has been very distinguished, and he is renowned around the world for his work."

Sarosi has made several trips back to the campus, and the UND Alumni Association presented him with a plaque for having contributed to the association for 25 consecutive years, Brosseau said.

number of invited presentations. A prolific writer, he has published extensively on the clinical diagnosis and treatment of fungal diseases. His contribution on the epidemiology of blastomycosis has been particularly important and has shaped current understanding of that disease."

After earning the B.S. Med. degree at the UND School of Medicine in 1962, Sarosi went on to earn the M.D. degree at Harvard University School of Medicine. He is board-certified in internal medicine.

He and his wife, Grace, live in Indianapolis.

Remembering the UND medical school

"I have many fond (and not so fond) memories," Sarosi writes. "Most of my great memories come from my introduction to American colleges and the college life in Grand Forks, which contributed a great deal to my becoming an American. (He emigrated from Hungary.)

"I also remember many great teachers - and first and foremost is Wally Wasdahl (former professor and chairman of pathology). He was probably the best I have ever met (in) bringing out the most from students - largely by a technique which today probably would not be acceptable: he made you mad...

"I was last back (to UND) for Homecoming when Wasdahl retired and participated in the roast for him... We always remember him very fondly."

In Memoriam

James Barger, M.D. (B.S. Med. '39), died April 4 in Las Vegas at the age of 84. A major donor to the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, he established the Dr. James and Jane Barger Endowment in 1993 to fund priority needs at the school.

His gifts to the school also included a collection of books which are housed in the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences. The Barger Collection reflects his many professional interests and passions, says **Lila Pedersen**, library director, Grand Forks. The oldest and most valuable books deal with the discipline of pathology; many are considered landmark publications in the field.

In 1975, he received the UND Sioux Award, the highest honor given by the UND Alumni Association. He was also named Pathologist of the Year in 1977 by the American College of Pathologists, a national medical specialty association for which he served as president from 1981 to 1983.

Born in Bismarck and raised in Linton, Dr. Barger received his bachelor of science in medicine (B.S. Med.) degree from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in 1939. He went on to complete the doctor of medicine (M.D.) degree at the University of Pennsylvania in 1941, and interned at Milwaukee County Hospital in Wauwatosa, WI. He was accepted as a fellow at the Mayo Foundation in Rochester, MN, in 1942.

From 1942 to 1946, he served during World War II in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, rising to the rank of major. After the war, he returned to Rochester where he earned a master's degree in pathology at Mayo in 1949.

Dr. Barger's career began in Arizona where he was director of the clinical laboratory at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix. In 1964, he was named director of clinical pathology at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.

Later, he served as senior consultant in pathology for Laboratory Medicine Consultants in Las Vegas. He also held the position of clinical professor in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology at the University of Nevada where he was later named professor emeritus.

An early advocate of quality in medical organization, he was a charter member of the International Association for Quality Circles and the first physician member of the American Society for Quality Control.



*James Barger, M.D.
(B.S. Med. '39)*

Ralph Dunnigan, M.D. (B.S. Med. '53), Bismarck, former director of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences' Family Medicine Residency Program in Bismarck, died March 18 in Bismarck after an extended battle with cancer. He was 72.

Born in rural Walhalla, Dr. Dunnigan, was raised on the family farm and attended a local one-room school. A graduate of Walhalla High School, he attended UND and, after earning the B.S. Med. degree, went to complete the doctor of medicine (M.D.) degree at Creighton University in 1955. He took training in internal medicine at St. John's Hospital in Detroit.

Dr. Dunnigan moved with his family to Bismarck in 1959 where he became a partner in the Capital City Clinic and, later, a founding partner of Mid Dakota Clinic. During the early years of his career, he was one of a few local physicians responsible for starting the coronary care unit at St. Alexius Medical Center. He served as chairman of the board of Mid Dakota Clinic.

In the 1970s he left private practice to devote the remainder of his career to educating young physicians at the UND Family Practice Center. There he served as associate director and director until his health status forced retirement. He also served for a time as interim chairman of the UND medical school's Department of Family Medicine.

During his long career he was physician, friend and counselor to farmers, physicians, priests, bishops and governors. The many physicians he trained will continue his legacy of caring and healing. It has been said that he humbly changed the world around him.

Dr. Dunnigan is survived by his wife, Bernadette; his children, **Earl Dunnigan, M.D. '83**, Ann (Mike) Thorson, **Ralph (Leanne) Dunnigan, M.D. '89**, and Terry (Julia) Dunnigan, all of Bismarck; Kevin (Sharon) Dunnigan, and Shawn (Lisa) Dunnigan, all of Fort Collins, CO; 16 grandchildren; brothers and a sister.

Memorials are suggested to The God's Child Project of Bismarck.

Robert Carter, M.D. (B.S. Med. '55), died May 15 in Cottage Grove, MN. He was 72.

A native of Ohio, he grew up in Bemidji, MN, and Alderson, WV, where he graduated high school. He attended Mount Union College in Alliance, OH, and UND, and earned the doctor of medicine degree from the University of Washington in Seattle.

Dr. Carter practiced general medicine in Hettinger, ND; Washburn and Medford, WI, and Thief River Falls, MN, and radiology in Mora, MN.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; four sons, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



*Ralph Dunnigan, M.D.
(B.S. Med. '53)*

Memorials are suggested to: The UND Foundation for the James D. Barger Collection at the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences. Please send to: UND Foundation, PO Box 8157, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8157.

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