



Message from Dr. Sachs:

In Memoriam

On Saturday October 31st we, the Tulane family and the people of New Orleans lost Dr Edward Newsome.

"For each one of us there is a future we will not see, a river Jordan that we will not cross and a promised land that we will not enter." ¹ However, for each one of us we have the choice as to how we will live our lives. Edward chose to live his life by making a difference every day by healing the physical wounds of his patients and teaching the next generation of physicians. May we find comfort in the memory of his achievements

and know that his legacy lives on in his students.

Dr. Mary Jo Wright, Dr. Newsome's student, spoke at his memorial service. She has recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. Dressed in her US army uniform, she saluted Edwards's parents. In that salute she not only showed deep respect and thanked the Newsome's for Edward's life, but also recognized all parents that have lost a child.

New Beginnings and Achievement

Last month, Tulane University School of Medicine signed a letter of intent with Baton Rouge General Medical Center to create a satellite Tulane medical school campus in Baton Rouge. The Baton Rouge General Medical Center, a two hospital, not-for-profit healthcare system with 544 beds, will become a teaching affiliate of the School of Medicine beginning in 2010. Baton Rouge General will offer new and unique clinical training experiences for some of our third and fourth year medical students by the creation of an "academy" that will focus on physician leadership development and healthcare policy and building on our outstanding MD/MPH program. This new curriculum will feature a longitudinal ambulatory experience and in the fourth year unique opportunities to work with leaders in health care.

I am very excited about the opportunities this partnership creates for the future of Tulane University School of Medicine and Baton Rouge General Medical Center as we educate and train the next generation of clinicians and physician leaders. We plan to finalize our agreement with Baton Rouge General Medical Center by the end of the calendar year.

Research is flourishing with applications to the National Institutes of Health increasing more than 33 percent in the last academic year. Tulane School of Medicine's faculty, comprised of 519 medical professionals, is committed to expanding research and continuing to work with other academic departments for successful collaborative projects. Congratulations to Drs. Sam Landry, Zac Pursell and Art Lustig in the Department of Biochemistry who recently received new NIH funding.

Selma and Lois DeBakey, sisters of Dr. Michael Bakey, shared a wonderful article with me that communicates the essence of Dr. DeBakey as well his accomplishments. I encourage you to learn more about Dr. Debakey by reading this article.

Finally, I want to congratulate Dr. Jeff Wiese, department directors, chairs and faculty for a remarkable achievement. The Department of Surgery has received a five year accreditation, and the overall average for all GME programs is 3.27 years from 1.86 just two years ago. This is a 172% increase, and is indicative of the improvement in the quality of our residency programs.

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. R. Edward Newsome

Dr. Edward Newsome, Chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery and the Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education at Tulane University School of Medicine, died on October 31.

Dr. Edward Newsome received his MD from the University of South Alabama where he also completed his residency in general surgery. Dr. Newsome then went into private practice in general surgery and emergency medicine in Mississippi. In 1996 he continued his graduate medical education in the Plastic Surgery Residency Program at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and the American Board of Surgery.

He joined the faculty at Tulane University School of Medicine in 1998 in the Department of Surgery, Section of Plastic Surgery. Dr. Newsome developed an active clinical practice and was respected for his surgical skill, dedication to excellence, and commitment to all patients. He had a special interest in reconstructive surgery, complex wounds, lower extremity salvage, skin cancer and melanoma. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, American Board of Plastic Surgery, the American Association of Plastic Surgeons and the Association of Academic Chairmen of Plastic Surgery. In addition, Dr. Newsome was a member of several local organizations, including the Tulane Surgical Society, Orleans Parish Medical Society, New Orleans Surgical Society, and the Surgical Association of Louisiana.

Dr. Newsome had a strong commitment to the academic mission of Tulane University

School of Medicine. He was devoted to surgical education. He worked tirelessly to establish a unified plastic surgery residency in southern Louisiana.

Dr. Henry W. Glindmeyer

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Dr. Henry Glindmeyer, who held Tulane professorships in Medicine, Engineering, and Environmental Health, died on October 30, 2009, of complications following heart surgery.

Hank became associated with Tulane's Pulmonary Disease Section in the early 1970's, while working on his doctoral dissertation in mechanical engineering. His degree work came at a time when the section had a multi-project NIH center grant to study occupational lung diseases, and a need to collect lung function data in the field. Hank's expertise in mechanical engineering was needed, and he was appointed to the faculty and set to designing and configuring a mobile laboratory that could measure lung function at plant sites. This was quite effective, and it served in many studies and diverse places.

No biographical sketch of him would be complete without mentioning Hank's extraordinary courage in the face of multiple health problems. He not only continued to work, he maintained a positive outlook and a sunny disposition. Those of us who worked with him over the years marveled at his capacity to not only endure his afflictions but to enjoy a happy and productive life. He was, to us, a virtually unique exemplar in overcoming illness through the sheer strength of his personality. Our lives have been greatly enriched by his own.

Dr. Raeburn Llewellyn

Dr. Raeburn Llewellyn, former chairman of neurosurgery at Tulane University School of Medicine, died October 18 in New Orleans.

A native of Corbin, Kentucky, Dr. Llewellyn earned an undergraduate degree at the University of Alabama and a medical degree at the University of Virginia. He was a flight surgeon in the Air Force, and came to New Orleans in 1947. Dr. Llewellyn was the chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at Tulane from 1960 to 1979. He went into private practice after leaving Tulane. Dr. Llewellyn stopped operating in 1996, but provided chronic-pain management until he retired in 2001.

Dr. Ruth L. Kirchstein, M '51

Dr. Ruth Kirchstein (M '51), the first woman appointed director of a National Institutes of Health institute, died October 6 in Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Kirchstein joined NIH in 1955 as a resident in clinical pathology and laboratory medicine. From 1957 to 1972, she tested the safety of vaccines for polio and measles. In 1972, she came deputy director of the former Division of Biologic Standards when it transferred from NIH to the Food and Drug Administration. At the FDA, Dr. Kirchstein researched the safety of artificial sweetener cyclamate before returning to NIH in 1974 to direct the National Institute of Federal Medical Sciences for 19 years.

Dr. Kirchstein was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive (1985), the highest civil honor in the country.

CHAIR'S COLUMN: Dr. Erin Boh, Chair, Department of Dermatology

The Department of Dermatology is committed to making our department one of the country's most outstanding programs in clinical dermatology and research as well as a resource for patients, community dermatologists and other physicians.

After Katrina, our department was downsized to a division within the department of medicine. With support from the dean and chairman of medicine, we have returned to departmental status and now have clinics at our downtown facility, uptown New Orleans and in Covington. Resident training is in full operation in these clinics and at the Medical Center of Louisiana in New Orleans (MCLNO) and the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Biloxi.

We are active in clinical research and currently have ongoing studies involving psoriasis treatment registry, psoriatic

arthritis, lymphoma, hand eczema and skin infections.

We also focus on providing an excellent training environment for our residents and fellows. The Dermatology resident training program at Tulane draws from a long history at one of the top medical institutions in the country. The program excels in preparing physicians for a career in clinical dermatology, providing a balance of medical, procedural and cosmetic dermatology. Our residency program was successfully re-accredited by ACGME in 2008, and we have increased our residency slots to four per year for a total of 12 residents, one clinical fellow and one medical dermatology fellow.

In 2007, the department established a Medical Dermatology Fellowship, a one year post residency position where the physician trains under my tutelage. This fellowship

provides intensive training in the care of complicated medical dermatologic diseases with the emphasis on career development in Medical Dermatology. We are currently in our third year of the fellowship program.

Our residents have gone on to become officers and leaders in the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, the Women's Dermatologic Society as well as leaders in education and practice. Dr. Ron Davis is serving on the AAD Board of Directors, and I am chair of the National Psoriasis Foundation Resident Symposium and serve on the editorial board of the AAD. Dr. Joseph Shrum is working to create a teledermatology clinic for the HPL facility. Drs. William Coleman, Patricia Farris and Mary Lupo and other distinguished dermatologists staff our resident clinics on a regular basis.

Cohen High School Students Train at Sim Center



By Jennifer Daniel, Senior Program Coordinator
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On October 19, a group of tenth grade students from Walter L. Cohen High School's Health Sciences Academy visited the Tulane Center for Advanced Medical Simulation and Team Training. Over the course of the afternoon, eleven students rotated through five simulation stations run by Tulane medical students. The students learned a variety of skills that complemented what they are learning about in school including CPR skills, vital signs assessment and head trauma assessment. They were also introduced to new medical topics like laparoscopic surgery. The students were enthusiastic about practicing what they are learning about in school, and one teacher commented that the most positive aspect of the event was "watching the students get so excited about their experience." The Health Sciences Academy at Cohen High School is split into five focus groups: First Responders, Pre-Nursing, Pre-Med, Sports Medicine and Food/Nutrition. The First Responders were the first group to visit the Sim Center, and the remaining four groups will visit throughout the rest of the academic year. (photos by Sally Asher)

PAINTBALL TOURNAMENT BENEFITS OPERATION WOUNDED WARRIOR

On a warm Saturday afternoon in early October, more than 100 medical students from Tulane University School of Medicine and Louisiana State University School of Medicine competed in a paintball tournament to raise money for Operation Wounded Warrior. Although no winner was declared and the capture the flag game ended in a tie, good times, laughs and bruises were had by all. Photos by Kristen Baird (MPH candidate).



A NICE DAY FOR A BIKE RIDE

A team of six riders representing Tulane School of Medicine completed the Baton Rouge Bike Club Fall Century ride on Saturday, October 11. The ride started at Centenary College in Jackson, Louisiana with "support and gear" stops at historic locations along the route, including Rosedown Plantation and Oakley House at Audubon State Historic site. Unfortunately, due to "inclement weather" characterized by 3 inches of rainfall, the event was converted to a metric century (100 km, 62 miles) ride. All Tulane riders finished, and there was not a dry eye – or body, for that matter – at the finish line.



From l to r: Dr. Marc Kahn, Brooke Danaher, Celeste Dolan (T1), Jove Graham (T2), Dr. Frank Rosinia, and Chuong Thai (T2). (photo provided by Dr. Kahn)