

# THE REVIEW

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES



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*Along with 60 other graduates, Jason Graff (center) received the Doctor of Medicine degree in commencement ceremonies for the M.D. Class of 2000 this spring at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Here, he poses for pictures after the ceremony with his parents, Benny Graff of Bismarck and Patricia Graff of Columbus, OH. His class is the 25th to receive the M.D. degree at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.*

# IN REVIEW

## Retirement Events to Honor Nordlie Set for June 23-24

Everyone is invited to several events planned for June 23-24 to honor **Robert Nordlie, Ph.D.**, Chester Fritz Professor and chairman of biochemistry and molecular biology, Grand Forks, on the occasion of his retirement as chairman and 70th birthday.

### A day-long scientific symposium

June 24 at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences will feature leading biomedical scientists who are colleagues of Nordlie or alumni of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

A reception is set for June 23 at the North Dakota Museum of Art and a retirement banquet June 24 at the UND Memorial Union.

Alumni and friends are cordially invited to attend all or selected events.

If you are unable to attend these events, but wish to send a personal mes-

sage to the honoree, please contact **John Shabb, Ph.D.**, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, P.O. Box 9037, Grand Forks, ND 8202-9037

(phone 701/777-4946 or e-mail: [jshabb@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:jshabb@medicine.nodak.edu)).

A **lectureship is being established** in Nordlie's honor (*see Dean's Letter, page 3, for more information*).

## LETTERS from Alumni

It was fun to read about **Adil Husain, M.D. '95**, in THE REVIEW ("M.D. Alums Selected as Chief Residents at University of Iowa," March '00). We worked together at the homeless clinic in Fargo where he was on staff for several months and I was on the volunteer staff. It is not surprising he is excelling in his chosen field. He is extremely bright, pleasant and fun to be associated with.

*John R. Holten, M.D. (B.S. Med. '53)  
Surprise, AZ*

Hello from Grand Rapids. Things are

going well here in the emergency medicine residency. I greatly enjoyed the recent article on all the chief residents from UND; it speaks volumes for our school. Following in **Kevin Omilusik's (M.D. '95)** footsteps, I have been selected as chief resident for my final year. We are looking forward to the addition of **David Burt, M.D. '99** as well... UND is taking quite a stronghold out here with residents scattered across various specialties.

*Mitchel Schwindt, M.D. '98  
Kentwood, MI*

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## Calendar

June 23-24

**Robert Nordlie Retirement/Recognition Events and Symposium**, for more information, call **John Shabb, Ph.D.**, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, 701/777-4946 (e-mail: [jshabb@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:jshabb@medicine.nodak.edu)) or visit the web site: <http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/biochem/symp2000.htm>

September 7

**Robert Eelkema Retirement Banquet**; for more information, call **Sue Huus**, Department of Community Medicine and Rural Health, 701/777-2397

October 5-7

### UND Homecoming

Honoring classes of '75 and '60; for more information, call the UND Alumni Association, 1-800-543-8764

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# DEAN'S LETTER

## M.D. Class of 2000

### Celebrating Their Success, Prepared for the Future

One of the most gratifying aspects of our work in medical education is to see the tremendous growth and development of this region's finest men and women as knowledgeable, capable and caring physicians.

On May 6, 61 members of the 25th M.D. class of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences concluded their experience here. They walked across the Fritz Auditorium stage to receive the Doctor of Medicine degree and now they will proceed into the next phase of their careers, residency training in the specialty of their choice.

We celebrate their accomplishment as we share this important milestone with them and their families. We wish them the very best. And we know that they go forward with a firm foundation for the physician's life, one of meaningful service to mankind.

#### Remembering a great leader in neuroscience

It is with sadness that we learned of the death of **Lee Christoferson, M.D.**, formerly of Fargo and Naples, FL. He passed away March 19 in Fargo.

**Dr. Christoferson was a giant in the field of medicine and medical education**, and his contributions to the advancement of both in the state of North Dakota cannot be overestimated.

By all measures, he was an extraordinary leader who championed and saw to fruition great, innovative ideas which improved the lives of the citizens of this region. He was known as a man of conviction, courage and foresight who pursued excellence in neuropsychiatric research, practice and teaching.

His name and legacy will live on through the **NRI/Lee A. Christoferson, Sr., M.D., Chair in Neuroscience** at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, which was announced this past winter. We are honored that the Neuropsychiatric Research Institute (NRI), of which he was a founder, saw fit to establish the chair to recognize his remarkable career.

**I cannot emphasize enough the impact of endowed chairs on the future of our medical school.** Such gifts are pivotal to the development of high quality medical education. They enable us to pursue and maintain a level of excellence for which individuals such as Dr. Christoferson stood. For his life, and his many contributions to medical education, we are truly grateful. *(For article, see page 14.)*

#### Lectureship will honor Dr. Robert Nordlie

The UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences has launched an effort to establish the Robert C. Nordlie Endowment in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. The endowment will support an annual lectureship through which we will invite a noted scientific researcher to our campus to share ideas and new information with faculty and students.

Many alumni will remember Dr. Nordlie for his teaching of the Krebs cycle, and for his renowned work in the area of glucose-6-phosphatase and the regulation of blood glucose. He is one of the giants in the history of this medical school: a world-famous researcher, a gifted teacher, and a warm and humble human being.

Over the course of his 40-year career of teaching, research and service, he has dedicated his whole life energies to this school. He plans to retire this year from the chairmanship of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He will stay with the faculty on a part-time basis.

**If you wish to contribute to the Robert C. Nordlie Endowment**, please make your gift payable to the UND Foundation, Nordlie Endowment and send to the Office of the Dean, P.O. Box 9037, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9037. *(For more information on events planned in honor of Dr. Nordlie, please see page 2 of this issue.)*



Dean Wilson

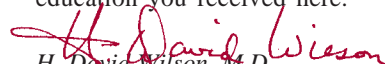
#### Our personal participation in the Harwood Initiative

I would like here to address, especially, alumni and friends of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Recently my wife, Jeanette, and I have decided to join the ranks of those of you who have become contributors to the Harwood Initiative.

As you know, this is the project which has been launched to honor the career of **Dean Theodore Harwood**, which spanned 20 critically important years (1953-73) in the history of the school. The funds given for this initiative will be used to create a modern, up-to-date entrance that will present a facade more in keeping with that of a professional school on a university campus. *(For more information on the Harwood Initiative, as well as the latest donors, please see page 14 of this issue.)*

**We have pledged a gift of \$10,000** over a period of years, and we hope that many of you who are considering a gift to support this project will do the same. I encourage you to give serious consideration to the role the UND School of Medicine played in preparing you for your career in medicine and the allied sciences. We hope you will be inspired to follow our example, and designate a significant gift for this project. **Names of all donors to the Harwood Initiative will be displayed** in the front hallway of the school, as part of the reconstructive design.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have taken action to support this effort. Your gifts testify to the importance and value you place on the education you received here.

  
H. David Wilson, M.D.  
Dean



*During the commencement ceremonies for the M.D. Class of 2000, UND officials, honored faculty members, mentors and others fill the stage of UND's Chester Fritz Auditorium. Standing (above, left) Associate Dean Judy DeMers waits to congratulate a new graduate, crossing the stage to receive her diploma.*

## UNDSMHS Confers Degrees on 25th M.D. Class

The University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences conferred the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree May 6 in ceremonies at the Chester Fritz Auditorium on the UND campus in Grand Forks.

**Sixty-one candidates** participated in the event, which represented the school's 25th granting of the M.D. degree.

Presenting the keynote address was Drew Pinsky, M.D., of Pasadena, CA, board-certified internist and addictionologist who serves as medical director for the Department of Chemical Dependency Services and chief of service

in the Department of Medicine at Las Encinas Hospital in Pasadena.

He is also editor-in-chief of [drDrew.com](http://drDrew.com), a website offering information and discussion on health and relationships, and co-host of syndicated radio and TV programs.

Commencement day included an awards brunch for students and their families at the UND Memorial Union. *(For information on awardees, see pages 9-13)*

Graduating senior medical students have completed a four-year program of study which includes the first two years

at the UND campus in Grand Forks, the third year in Bismarck or Fargo, and the fourth year in Bismarck, Fargo, Minot or Grand Forks. In the final two years, students are taught in clinics and hospitals by practicing physicians who are faculty members of the school.

Graduate **James Mehus**, who has completed requirements of the combined M.D./Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy) degree program, also received the doctorate in biochemistry and molecular biology during commencement ceremonies. He is the fourth student in the school's history to complete this special

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program, which generally requires six or seven years of study.

**Graduates will go on for residency training**, most beginning this summer, in the medical specialty of their choice. **Ten percent of the class will begin training in programs offered by the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine** in Rochester, MN, or Scottsdale, AZ. Other graduates have also been selected to train at prestigious academic medical centers.

Since becoming a four-year, M.D. degree-granting school in the mid-'70s, the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences has conferred more than 1100 degrees.

**Almost half of the physicians practicing in North Dakota have received some or all of their education through the school, compared to less than 20 percent in 1970.**

Members of the M.D. Class of 2000, their hometowns, undergraduate alma maters and residency plans are:

**Shaun L. Adams**

Mandan, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.A.  
Emergency Medicine Residency  
Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals, Inc.  
Saginaw, Michigan

**David L. Appert**

Mandan, North Dakota  
Jamestown College, B.A.  
Dermatology Residency  
Mayo Graduate School of Medicine  
Rochester, Minnesota

**William A. Arnold**

Bismarck, North Dakota  
North Dakota State University, B.S.  
Family Practice Residency  
University of North Dakota  
School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
Bismarck, North Dakota

**Gregory G. Berglund**

Carrington, North Dakota  
Concordia College, B.A.  
Luther Theological Seminary, M.Div.  
Family Practice Residency  
University of Minnesota Hospitals and Clinics  
Minneapolis, Minnesota



*Dr. Charles Kupchella presides over his first M.D. commencement ceremony as president of UND.*

**Michael J. Blake**

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St. Mary of the Plains College, B.S.  
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Medicine/Pediatrics Residency  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
School of Medicine  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Karl O. Borge**

Conrad, Montana  
Luther College, B.A.  
Family Practice Residency  
Franciscan Skemp Healthcare, La Crosse  
Campus  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Kristina A. Bosch**

Bismarck, North Dakota  
Moorhead State University, B.A.  
Pediatrics Residency  
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
Iowa City, Iowa

**Tara S. Bowman**

Bowman, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota  
Radiology Residency  
Sacred Heart Medical Center  
Spokane, Washington

**Robyn A. Brady**

Fargo, North Dakota  
Moorhead State University, B.A.  
Family Practice Residency  
Franciscan Skemp Healthcare  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Steven E. Briggs**

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Preliminary Surgery Residency  
Mayo Graduate School of Medicine  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**Chris L. Cleveland**

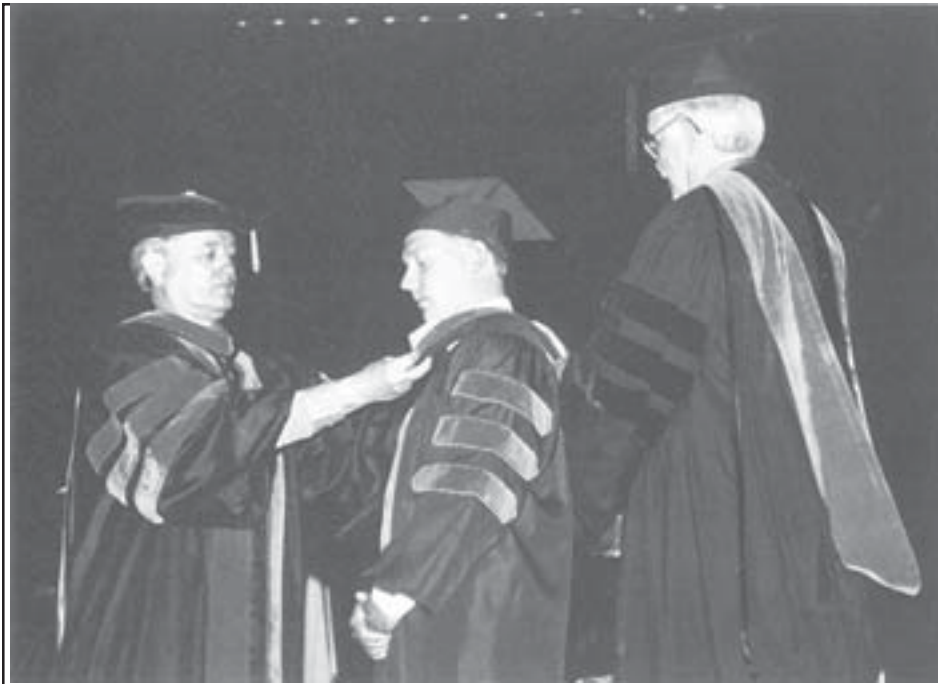
Fargo, North Dakota  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, B.S.  
Pediatrics Residency  
Keesler AFB Medical Center  
Biloxi, Mississippi

**Chaun C. Cox**

Devils Lake, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.  
Family Practice Residency  
Mayo Graduate School of Medicine  
Rochester, Minnesota



*R.J. Moen, president of the class, holds his diploma for the Doctor of Medicine degree. He is the son of Phillip and Donna Moen of Arnegard.*



*James Mehus (center) is hooded by UND President Kupchella as he becomes the fourth student in the school's history to complete the combined Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy degree program at UNDSMHS. His advisor, David Lambeth, Ph.D. (right), professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, looks on. Mehus is the son of Jeroy and Debbie Mehus of Hatton.*

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Keynote speaker Drew Pinsky, M.D., with  
a graduate

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Heidi Roeber Rice, hugging Associate Dean Judy  
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*Andrew Stevens with his family*

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*Mary Jo Crissler, the daughter of Carol  
and the late Farrel Crissler of Wahpeton*

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Hennepin County Medical Center  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

## Teacher and Student Recognized for Humanism in Medicine

For the second year, the Humanism in Medicine Award was presented to honor a physician and senior medical student who exhibit compassion and sensitivity in the delivery of care to patients and their families.

**Byron Danielson, M.D. (B.S. Med. '64)**, chief of nephrology and associate professor of internal medicine, Fargo, practices and teaches at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Fargo.  
**Carol Johnson**, member of the M.D.



*Danielson*



*Carol Johnson accepts the Humanism in Medicine Award from Steffen Christensen, M.D., assistant dean for student affairs, Fargo.*

Class of 2000, is the daughter of the Reverend Clarence and Alice Johnson of Plummer, MN. She plans to pursue family medicine training at the University of Oklahoma in Tulsa.

Award recipients are selected by the UNDSMHS Student Performance and Recognition Committee, which bases its decisions on review of nominations.

UNDSMHS was chosen to participate in the award program, funded by The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey which provides a \$2500 cash gift for each recipient.

## Ehmann Award Given in Pediatrics

*The Laura Ehmann Memorial Pediatric Scholarship Award was given for the second time this year.*

*Kristina Bosch, daughter of Charles and Patricia Bosch of Bismarck, accepted the award.*

*Pictured, from left: Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.; Kristina Bosch, and Mary and Darcy Ehmann of Council Bluffs, Iowa, who sponsor the award.*



## Awards Presented to Outstanding Graduating Seniors

Senior medical students, members of the M.D. Class of 2000, received awards from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences during an awards brunch May 6 in Grand Forks.

**Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.**, presided over the program during which the following awards were presented to graduating seniors:

*The North Dakota Medical Association Awards*, presented to three outstanding students in each class: **David Appert, James Mehus, Lesley Soine**

*North Dakota District Medical Society Awards*, given by the district medical society in each campus to the student who best exemplifies high scholarship and characteristics of integrity, leadership and initiative: First District (Fargo) - **Gregory Berglund**, and **Heidi Roeber Rice**, Third District (Grand Forks) - **Michael Blake** and **Cheryl Serb**, Fourth District (Minot) - **Kristina Bosch**, Sixth District (Bismarck) - **Thomas Wyatt**

*LeBien-Poindexter Outstanding Pediatric Student Award*, given by the MeritCare Department of Pediatrics to the student who best exemplifies the qualities of a general pediatrician in the tradition of Drs. LeBien and Poindexter: **Tania Hassler**

*Department of Pediatrics Award - Southwest Campus*, awarded to the outstanding student in pediatrics on the Southwest Campus: **Sara Solberg**

*University Alumni Special Awards* for special service to the School of Medicine and Health Sciences: **Robyn Brady, Sharon Hovey** and **Amy Stenehjem**

*Merck Award*, given to outstanding seniors: **Karl Borge** and **Kristen Townley**

*Society for Academic Emergency Medicine*, awarded to a senior medical student who has demonstrated excellence in the specialty of emergency medicine: **Stewart Schanzenbach**

*The Endocrine Society Award*, given in recognition of special achievement and interest in endocrinology:

**Lisa Henry**

*Dr. H.E. French Memorial Award*, given by the Campus Medical Group in memory of Dr. H.E. French, dean of the School of Medicine from 1911 to 1947; for a senior who in addition to scholastic excellence has manifested originality, interest, initiative and persistence, and has shown improvement and growth: **Steven Briggs**

*Department of Family Medicine Research Awards*,

♦ *The Altru Health System Family Practice Study Award* given by Altru Health System of Grand Forks for a study of a specific disease which affects an urban or rural population: **James Mehus**

♦ *N.D. Academy of Family Physicians Research Award*, given to a medical student who is entering a family medicine residency and who has demonstrated potential in the area of research: **Robyn Brady**

♦ *St. Alexius Medical Center Award*, given by St. Alexius Medical Center of

Bismarck for an outstanding research project in family medicine: **Cheryl Serb**

♦ *Medcenter One Award*, given by Medcenter One of Bismarck to a senior for an outstanding research project in family medicine: **Keri Hill**

♦ *MeritCare Health Systems' Department of Family Medicine Research Award*, given to a medical student for an outstanding research project: **Chaun Cox**

♦ *West River Regional Medical Center Award*, given by the West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger to a senior medical student for an outstanding research project related to research of a primary health care problem in a rural area: **Michael Blake**

♦ *Drs. O.W. and C.G. Johnson Award*, given by the Johnson Clinic of Rugby to a native North Dakotan demonstrating outstanding research in rural family medicine: **Christopher Wall**



Associate Dean Judy DeMers (left) presents the Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation to Cheryl Serb, Keri Hill and Lesley Soine. The award recognizes the women medical students who rank in the top ten percent of the graduating class.

*Dr. John Graham Memorial Medical Scholarship Endowment Award*, given to a senior who possesses the personality and drive to become a competent and caring physician: **James Mehus**

*Dr. Charles H. Fee Memorial Endowment Award*: established in memory of Dr. Charles H. Fee for his many personal and professional accomplishments; awarded to a junior or senior medical student who has strength of character, attitude, desire and academic achievement, and a high potential for success in family medicine: **Chau Cox**

*Dr. John Wahl Memorial Rural Health Scholarship Endowment*: given by parents and family members in memory of Dr. John Wahl to a senior medical student who has demonstrated an interest in practicing rural health in North Dakota and who has shown a capacity for compassionate and dedicated family practice: **R.J. Moen**

*Kokila and Raman Patel, M.D., Family Practice Award*, given by the Tioga (N.D.) Medical Center to a senior who has been accepted into a family medicine residency in North Dakota and who has shown a strong interest in rural health: **Brian Riddle**

*Robert C. Painter, M.D., Internal Medicine Award*, given to a senior medical student who exhibits scholastic achievement and the attributes of conscientious concern for the patient, exceptional communication skills and a caring, humanistic personality as exemplified by Dr. Painter throughout his 40-year career: **Julie Hallanger-Johnson**

*Lloyd S. Ralston, M.D., Memorial Endowment Award*, given by Mrs. Ruth Ralston in memory and honor of her husband to senior medical students or residents who best display Dr. Ralston's dedication to excellence, respect for the intrinsic dignity of each patient and the ability to apply basic science thoughtfully and critically to clinical practice: **Matthew Hopkins** and **Christen Richard**

*Laura Ehmann Memorial Pediatric Scholarship Award*, given by Darcy and Mary Ehmann as a living memorial to their daughter Laura Marie, and a tribute



*Matt Hopkins is surrounded by his family after the commencement ceremony May 6 in Grand Forks. He is the son of Terry and Debra Hopkins of Fargo.*

to an extraordinary child whose life was cut short; awarded to a senior student who is entering pediatric residency and ultimately a career in pediatric medicine: **Kristina Bosch**

*Louis B. Silverman, M.D., Medical Endowment Award*, given by Thelma K. Silverman in loving memory of her husband and in recognition of his many professional contributions to the Grand Forks community; given to graduating seniors who show an interest in becoming pediatricians and who have qualities of compassion, dedication, integrity, leadership and interest in community service as exemplified by Dr. Silverman: **Chris Cleveland** and **Michael Metz**

*Department of Internal Medicine Senior Award*, given for outstanding humanistic qualities and scholastic excellence to a senior student choosing internal medicine as a career: **Keri Hill**  
*Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Senior Award*, given for scholastic excellence and exceptional clinical potential to a senior student selecting a career in obstetrics and gynecology: **Sara Solberg** and **Brian Wagner**

*Department of Surgery Senior Award*, given to a senior student who has

demonstrated excellent capabilities in the specialty of surgery: **Chau Cox** and **David Hyjek**

*Richard P. Stadter Excellence in Psychiatry Award*, given in Dr. Stadter's memory to recognize a senior medical student who best exemplifies excellence in the areas of psychiatric knowledge base, psychosocial skills, enthusiasm and curiosity in working with psychiatric issues, and the ability to interact with sensitivity and perception: **Heidi Roeber Rice**

*Altru Clinic Senior Medical Student Fund Award*, awarded to a student (or students) displaying excellent scholarship, character, leadership and integrity; in recognition of physicians who have worked for the Grand Forks Clinic (now Altru Clinic): **David Appert** and **Lesley Soine**

*Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation*, presented by the American Medical Women's Association to women students who rank in the top ten percent of the class: **Keri Hill**, **Cheryl Serb** and **Lesley Soine**

*Tiongson Humanities Award*, presented to a graduating senior medical student in recognition of continuing involvement in and appreciation for the arts and the humanities: **Shaun Adams**

## Grads Named to Alpha Omega Alpha Recognition

Eight members of the M.D. Class of 2000 have been selected this spring for inclusion in the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) scholastic honor society in medicine. Selection into AOA is based on academic performance.

Graduating seniors **David Appert** and **Keri Hill** were selected for AOA membership last year, during their junior year in medical school.

The new members, announced at the commencement awards brunch May 6 in Grand Forks, are: **Michael Blake, Ph.D.**, son of Lawrence and Nancy Blake of

Dodge City, KS; **Julie Hallanger-Johnson**, daughter of H. Chris and Janice Johnson of Grafton (formerly of Northwood); **Matthew Hopkins**, son of Terry and Debra Hopkins of Fargo; **David Hyjek**, son of Frank and Jane Hyjek of Fargo;

**James Mehus**, son of Jeroy and Debbie Mehus of Hatton; **Christen Richard**, daughter of Gerald and Vicki Richard of Fargo; **Cheryl Serb**, daughter of Stanley and Karen Ernste of Rochester, MN, and **Lesley Soine**, daughter of William and Jennifer Kibble of Montevideo, MN.

## Awards Given for Scholarship and Achievement

Several faculty members and physicians with UNDSMHS received awards announced at the commencement awards brunch May 6 in Grand Forks.

The following were selected for inclusion into Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), the national honorary society in medicine:

**Nathan Kobrinsky, M.D.**, associate professor of pediatrics, Fargo, and **Robert Rubeck, Ph.D.**, associate dean for academic affairs and information resources, Grand Forks, were selected for faculty recognition;

**Ralph Levitt, M.D.**, clinical professor of internal medicine, Fargo, was selected as a volunteer clinical faculty member;

**Walter Cook, M.D. '90**, clinical associate professor of pediatrics, Grand Forks, and **Julie Blehm, M.D. '81**, clinical associate professor of internal medicine, Fargo, were selected as alumni, and

**Debra Schell, M.D.**, and **Jody Thompson, M.D. '97**, both residents in internal medicine, and **Girsh Luthra**, (continued on page 13)

## Mentors Participate in Commencement

Some members of the M.D. Class of 2000 invited mentors to participate in the commencement ceremony by assisting with their hooding.

Mentors, pictured at right, standing (left to right): **Bruce Hetland, M.D. (B.S. Med. '73)**, Bismarck; **Tracy Martin, M.D. '88**, Fargo; **Louise Murphy, M.D. '86**; seated (left to right): **Guy Tangedahl, M.D. '82**, Bismarck; **David Field, M.D.**, Bismarck, and **Alan Velander, M.D.**, Bismarck

Pictured below, standing (left to right): **Kenneth Ruit, Ph.D.**, Grand Forks;



**Preston Steen, M.D.**, Fargo; **Dennis Trzpuć, M.D. (B.S. Med. '66)**, Minot; **David Lambeth, Ph.D.**, Grand Forks; **William Newman, M.D. (B.S. Med. '72)**, Fargo; **Richard Vari, Ph.D.**, Grand Forks; **Robert Nordlie, Ph.D.**, Grand Forks; **Russell Petty, M.D. (B.S. Med. '72)**, Devils Lake; **Steven Scherr, M.D. '90**, Mandan; **Mark Wallert, Ph.D.**, Moorhead, MN; **Richard Blaine, M.D. (B.S. Med. '65)**, Fargo;

Seated (left to right): **Robert Roswick, M.D. '84**, Bismarck; **Donald McBane, M.D.**, Devils Lake; **Jon Dangerfield, M.D. '92**, West Fargo; **Gary Hill, M.D.**, Omaha, NE; **Robert Oatfield, M.D.**, Bismarck; **John Crary, M.D. (B.S. Med. '67)**, Fargo; **Nicasio Trinidad, M.D.**, Jamestown; **Gunay Raghīb, M.D.**, Minot; **Thi Nguyen, M.D.**, Bellevue, WA; **Myra Quanrud, M.D. '90**, Jamestown; **Charles Pap, Ph.D.**, Fargo; **Stephen Setterberg, M.D.**, Fargo (Not pictured: **James Brosseau, M.D. (B.S. Med. '68)**, Grand Forks; **Lillian Elsinga**, Grand Forks; **George Johnson, M.D. (B.S. Med. '58)**, Fargo, and **Alan Lindemann, M.D. '77**, Fargo)

## Dean's Special Award Recognizes Volunteer Faculty

Ten faculty members were recognized May 6 during commencement ceremonies for the M.D. Class of 2000 for their contributions to medical education in North Dakota.

Each of the faculty members, who were invited to participate in the commencement ceremony, were selected to receive the Dean's Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Volunteer Faculty. Not all were able to be present.

Recipients of the award are: **Walter Cook, M.D. '90**, clinical associate professor of pediatrics, Grand Forks; **William Cornatzer, Jr., M.D. (B.S. Med. '79)**, clinical professor of internal medicine, Bismarck; **Peter Czernek, M.D.**, clinical professor of internal medicine, Fargo; **William Elder, M.D. (B.S. Med. '68)**, clinical associate

professor of surgery, Hettinger; **Bret Haake, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of neuroscience, Fargo; **Kenneth Keller, M.D. '79**, clinical associate professor of radiology, Minot; **Akiko Saberi, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of pathology, Fargo; **Albert Samuelson, M.D. (B.S. Med. '54)**, clinical associate professor of neuroscience, Bismarck; **Mark Siegel, M.D.**, clinical associate professor of surgery, Grand Forks, and **Richard Vetter, M.D. '88**, clinical assistant professor of family medicine, Fargo.



*Honored faculty (standing, left to right) included: William Cornatzer, M.D., Bismarck; Akiko Saberi, M.D., Fargo; Bret Haake, M.D., Fargo; and seated (from left): Walter Cook, M.D., Grand Forks; Kenneth Keller, M.D., Minot, and William Elder, M.D., Hettinger*

## Physicians Selected as Outstanding Teachers in Clinical Campuses

Four practicing physicians were selected to receive the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award by the senior medical students who studied this year in their respective campuses. The following North Dakota physicians, who serve as faculty members for the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, were selected:

**Michael Holland, M.D.**, clinical professor of pediatrics, Minot, for the Northwest Campus - he practices at the Medical Arts Clinic in Minot;

**Jon Raymond, M.D. '89**, clinical assistant professor of family medicine, Grand Forks, for the Northeast Campus - he practices emergency medicine with Altru Health System;

**Joseph Carlson, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of surgery, Bismarck, for the Southwest Campus - he practices at the Bone and Joint Center in Bismarck, and

**Bret Haake, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of neurosciences, Fargo, for the Southeast Campus - he practices with the MeritCare Clinic neuroscience department in Fargo.



*Holland*



*Raymond*



*Carlson*



*Haake*

The senior medical class is divided among four campuses - based in Grand Forks, Bismarck, Minot and Fargo - where students pursue individualized study in elective, month-long rotations with practicing physicians.

## Awards

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**M.D.**, resident in surgery, all of Fargo, were selected as residents-in-training.

Recognized as outstanding faculty members and presented with the Reverend Elmer and Min West Memorial Award were: **Jon Allen, M.D. '84**, assistant professor of internal medicine and director of Introduction to Patient-Centered (IPC) Learning (Year 2), Grand Forks, and **Kurt Borg, Ph.D.**, research associate professor of pharmacology, physiology and therapeutics and director of the Academic Learning Center, Grand Forks.

The Wayne M. Swenson, M.D., Award for Teaching Excellence is given to a surgical faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in teaching. It was presented in honor of Swenson of Bismarck, who continues to be an example for teaching excellence, to **Joseph Carlson, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of surgery, Bismarck.

## UPDATE

### Alumni and Friends Support Initiative to Honor Dean Harwood

A total of \$143,500 in gifts has been received from alumni and friends in support of the Harwood Initiative, according to the UND Foundation.

Contributions from 258 donors have boosted the fund which will be used to reconstruct the front entry of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences on the north end of the UND campus in Grand Forks. The school occupies the former St. Michael's Hospital at Fifth Avenue North and Columbia Road.

"We wish to thank our alumni and friends for their generosity and trust they have shown through their gifts, said **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.** "With their support, contributors to this effort are

honoring the memory and career of **Dean Theodore Harwood** who dedicated 20 years of his life to strengthening this medical school."

Here is a list of the most recent donors, whose gifts have been received between March 1 and May 5, to the Harwood Initiative:

Dr & Mrs Thomas B Cruden, Lenoir, NC  
Dr & Mrs John R Henneford, Great Falls, MT  
Dr & Mrs R S Lyle Hillman, Brainerd, MN  
Dr & Mrs Jerome E Kwako, Duluth, MN  
Jerry L McLain, MD, Chadron, NE  
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Dr & Mrs John W Vennes, Grand Forks, ND

#### 'Wall of Honor' to Recognize Initiative Contributors

If you wish to contribute to the Harwood Initiative, please note that a "wall of honor" is being designed for the front entry of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences where the names of all donors to this campaign will be displayed according to giving-level category.

Please send contributions to: The UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Office of the Dean, Box 9037, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9037. Make checks payable to the Harwood Initiative.

### Pioneer in Neuroscience Dies

A pioneering leader in medical education, research and the practice of neurosurgery, **Lee Christoferson, Sr., M.D.**, died March 19 in Fargo. He was 78.

Dr. Christoferson was honored recently when the Neuropsychiatric Research Institute (NRI) of Fargo announced a \$1 million gift to establish the **NRI/Lee A. Christoferson, Sr., M.D., Chair in Neuroscience**. It is the largest gift ever given to establish a chair in the history of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences (UNDSMHS).

The neurosurgeon was one of the founders of The Neuropsychiatric Institute, which began in 1955 as a non-profit organization providing specialized care for neurologically and psychiatrically ill patients. The institute later became NRI, an independent, non-profit biomedical research body.

A 1945 graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Dr. Christoferson completed a four-year fellowship in neurosurgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. In 1951, after establishing his practice in Fargo, he joined the UNDSMHS clinical faculty in neurosurgery.

He was appointed as the first



*Christoferson*

chairman of the UNDSMHS Department of Neuroscience, a post he held from 1973 to his retirement in 1986. He advocated for establishment of the four-year, M.D. degree-granting program at UNDSMHS which, until 1973, was a two-year (or "half") medical school. Its graduates had to leave the state to complete requirements for the M.D. degree.

Dr. Christoferson earned numerous awards and honors, including appointment by former President Ronald Reagan to the President's Committee on Mental Retardation and service as vice president of the Neurological Society of America.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; three sons and three daughters.

### In Memoriam

**Irwin Epstein, M.D.**, vice chairman and clinical associate professor of internal medicine, Minot, died March 29 in a Minneapolis hospital after suffering a



ruptured brain aneurysm at his home earlier in March. He was 52.

He was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the UNDSMHS Northwest Campus in 1994. He also served on the Family Practice Advisory Board.

"Dr. Epstein was an extremely strong supporter of medical education in Minot," said **Martin Rothberg, M.D.**, assistant dean for the Northwest Campus, Minot. "He served as a clinical preceptor and his rotation was a perennial favorite among students and residents."

He established his practice at the Medical Arts Clinic in Minot in 1976. A co-founder of Centennial Medical Center (now Trinity Health Center), he was instrumental in forming DakotaCare Physicians' Association, a forerunner of Trinity Medical Group.

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## The Charitable Unitrust – You Will “FLIP” Over the Possibilities

You, and other graduates and friends of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences may now have a substantial amount of newfound wealth, perhaps held in a taxable brokerage account. Certain Internet or other technology stocks may have performed handsomely for you, but the dilemma lies in the unrealized capital gain. **How can you enjoy the growth of such assets without feeling the wrath of the IRS? Consider a Charitable Remainder Unitrust, or perhaps a “FLIP” Unitrust.**

A unitrust is a charitable income arrangement, usually established for your lifetime or the joint lifetimes of you and your spouse. You receive income for life based on a predetermined payout percentage, say 7 percent. As the unitrust grows in value, your income increases correspondingly. This can be a wonderful hedge against inflation. When the unitrust ends, the remaining value is made available for the benefit of UNDSMHS.

**Funding a unitrust with highly appreciated property such as stocks creates very attractive tax advantages.** After transferring appreciated stocks directly to the trustee (often the UND Foundation), they can be sold capital-gains-tax-free since a unitrust qualifies as a *tax-exempt* trust. Plus, you receive a charitable deduction for a portion of the gift value, immediately saving you dollars on income tax. (If you are unable to use all the charitable deduction in one year, you have a five-year carry-over available.)

But what if you don't need additional income at this time in your career, but would still like to “reinvest” some of your appreciated assets without the capital gains tax hit? A net-income

unitrust with a “FLIP” provision may be the answer.

You transfer your appreciated stocks to a trustee, but instead of investing the sale proceeds with an income and growth objective, the trustee manages strictly for *growth*, maybe in a

portfolio of growth issues averaging 0.5 percent yield and 9 percent to 12 percent capital appreciation. Since the agreement would incorporate a “net income” provision, the trustee will distribute income equal to the *lesser* of the payout percentage and net income. So, for example, if the payout percentage is 7 percent, and the unitrust yields 0.5 percent, the trustee distributes the lesser, or 0.5 percent. The result is very little income for you (now) and a tax-exempt trust that continues to grow in principal value. Then, at some predetermined date in the future (like your retirement date), the trustee, in accordance with the unitrust document, “flips” the investment portfolio asset allocation, and begins to

distribute income at the 7 percent level. Think of it as a flexible, private deferred compensation plan! Let's put some numbers to it (*see chart above*).

The FLIP unitrust is an excellent vehicle to make a tax-free reinvestment of appreciated assets, save on income taxes, supplement your retirement income, and do something very meaningful for the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. We will be happy to provide you and/or your professional advisor(s) an illustration of how a FLIP unitrust may fit into your plans.

**Just call Dave Miedema, UND Foundation, 1-800-543-8764, or Dean H. David Wilson, SMHS, 701-777-2514.** All contacts remain confidential.

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Capital Growth	9.5%	Capital Growth	3%
Income Payout	.5%	Income Payout	7%
Year	Unitrust Principal	Gross Income	Results
1	\$250,000	\$835*	• Bypass \$40,000 of capital gains tax
2	\$265,866	\$1,329	
3	\$291,123	\$1,456	
4	\$318,780	\$1,594	• Immediate income tax deduction = \$35,220
5	\$349,064	\$1,745	
6	<b>\$382,225</b>	<b>\$26,756</b>	• Projected gift to SMHS at end of unitrust term = \$874,503
10	\$430,198	\$30,114	
20	\$578,150	\$40,470	
30	\$776,985	\$54,389	
*First year's income prorated			

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