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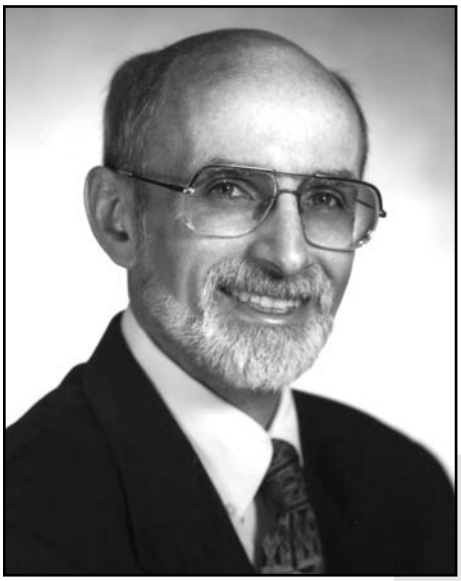

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER

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This is our first issue for the Communicator a newsletter about the KUSM-W department of psychiatry. It is our way of keeping in touch with our graduates and friends.

The department has undergone many exciting developments and has faced many challenges during its 25 years of existence. It has become an important and integral part of the medical and mental health provider community of south central Kansas.

Graduates of our residency and psychology internship program have proven critical to the effort to supply well trained professionals for citizens of this state suffering from mental illnesses.

This year is an essentially appropriate time to initiate this newsletter. George Dyck, M.D. who was the founding chair of this department became the first professor emeritus in psychiatry on this campus. The Ronald L. Martin scholarship fund was successfully established to honor Ron and to fulfill his desire to nurture an interest in psychiatry among KUSM-W medical students.

Through this newsletter, we look forward to being able to share with you the growth and evolution of the department and to help you stay abreast of the faculty, the staff and your fellow graduates and friends of the department. To accomplish the latter goal, we need to hear from you. Please let us know how you are doing.

I want to acknowledge and thank Mary Spachek and Janice McAdam for their work and dedication to make this newsletter a reality.

Best wishes,

Sheldon Preskorn, M.D.

Psychiatry Interest Group Forms at KU School of Medicine-Wichita

Mania, ECT, paraphilias, psychosis, time to speak with patients-who wouldn't be interested? In addition to being intrigued, KU medical students have realized the significant community needs of the mentally ill and the opportunity to help.

This school year a group of third and fourth year medical students have formed a psychiatry interest group. The group was formed to foster interest in psychiatry, advocate for the mentally ill and perform social service. Desire to complete a residency in psychiatry is not necessary for membership, only interest in mental illness. The group is planning on sending a student representative to the Suicide Prevention Task Force Meeting in Wichita on September 20. Many other planned activities are being considered by the group including:

- Sponsoring speakers
- Discussing psychiatric themes in pop culture and movies
- Advocating for the mentally ill politically
- Attending conferences
- Volunteer work
- Fostering social skills

Officers for the next school year were elected during the last meeting.

President: Amy Burns MS4
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Vice-President: Adam Graff MS3

Secretary: Mitchell Isaac MS4

Treasurer: Aaron Lentz MS4

Community Service Co-chairs:
Brook Allen MS3, Shauna Jarma MS3,
Dr. Lyle, PG4, and Dr. Burke, attending, have been instrumental in organizing and facilitating the group.

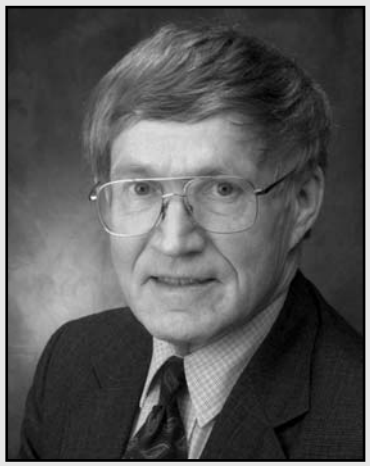
– Amy Burns, MS4

Dr. Ronald L. Martin Student Scholarship Fund

The KUSM-W Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences established the Dr. Ronald L. Martin Student Scholarship to recognize the many years of dedicated service of a distinguished physician and educator. Dr. Martin was Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences from 1990 to the time of his death in 1998. Prior to his death in 1998 he specified that any memorials established in his name be dedicated to fostering interest in psychiatry. As a result the department established a scholarship fund; the fund started with original gifts of $5,000 and we are striving for $25,000. We have reached the $22,000 mark. This fund makes three awards available to third and fourth year students at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, who have successfully completed their required psychiatry clerkship.

Interested students can contact the director of medical student education in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences – Wichita Campus for additional information on application procedures and award availability.

Donations continue to be accepted. For more information regarding the Dr. Martin Scholarship Fund you can visit our web site at http://wichita.kumc.edu/psych/martin.



PROFESSOR EMERITUS

George Dyck, MD received the appointment of Professor Emeritus for his years here at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Dr. Dyck has retired as Professor with the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He had been with the department since 1973. Dr. Dyck officially retired in June 2001 but stayed on board as faculty until June 2002.

Psychiatry Clinic Changes

The psychiatry clinic at KU Medical School-Wichita has undergone some changes in the last few years and is working on a few more. Our faculty clinic hours continue to expand. A new computer system called EPIC has been introduced to help improve our efficiency. Along with this a decision has been made to bring billing into the department. I am excited about the growth and prospects all this means.

With Connie Marsh, MD now the director of the geriatric psychiatry fellowship, she has started a geriatric psychiatry clinic one morning each week along with a resident. Mercedes Perales, MD has expanded her hours to include mornings. Glenn Veenstra, Ph.D. has moved from inpatient services to outpatient to provide supervision for the psychology interns and increase his available time for therapy. Brad Grinage, MD has shifted his time from inpatient services as well. Dr. Grinage is developing a forensic rotation for the residents, expanding his outpatient services, and continues to increase his forensic cases. So with all this activity, the outpatient clinic continues to expand the services provided and increase the availability of the faculty for patient care.

Our scheduling and billing system has been computerized for many years but was quite dated. As of December 2001, the clinic moved to a new system called EPIC. This new system is Windows-based and is easier to move around in. EPIC is designed to edit all claims going out so that the claim is as clean as possible. The change in systems has made us rethink how we do processes and the billing process as a whole.

In rethinking the billing processes, the decision has been made to bring as much of the process into the department as possible. This change means ending our long-time relations with Via Christi Medical Management and establishing our own billing procedures and unit. Diana Alderson will be leading the billing unit. Diana started in March and has been in training and working to establish the new unit while keeping up with the daily duties. Judy Stout is our first new hire for this unit as billing specialist and coder. A part-time billing specialist is still to be hired. Paula Tilson, lead receptionist will continue to head the front desk team consisting of Sansi Hargrove, receptionist and Tess James, medical records clerk. Overseeing all of the clinic operations will be a soon-to-be-hired clinic supervisor. The change over is scheduled for October 1, 2002.

Exciting times are happening at the clinic. Change seems to be constant but for the better service to our clients and best teaching experiences for our residents and medical students.

Janice McAdam
Associate Director

New Faculty on Board

Dr. Bradley Grinage joined the department in July 2001 as a full-time assistant professor with a special interest in Forensic Psychiatry. Dr. Grinage graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1990. Dr. Grinage works with the residents and the medical students who rotate through the department.

Before coming to KUSM-W, Dr. Grinage served with the United States Air Force. Dr. Grinage served as primary psychiatrist and clinic commander for six years overseas.

Dr. Grinage is working on building up his patient load as well as increasing his forensic psychiatry business. To find out more about Forensic Psychiatry you can log on to Dr. Grinage's web site at: www.wichita.kumc.edu/forensicpsych.

Farewell to
Outgoing Residents

On June 22 a dinner was held to say farewell to the fourth year residents. Following is a list of the fourth year residents and where they have gone.

Jyothi Chandra, MD – Prairie View, adult psychiatry
Hitesh Pandya, MD – Wisconsin, adult psychiatry
Dan Muschevicia, MD – New York, geriatric psychiatry
Gayatri Singh, MD – Texas, adult and geriatric psychiatry

The third year residents who left our program to pursue a Child Fellowship are as follows:
Joseph Martin, DO – Texas
Hemant Day, MD – Texas
Wajid Khan, MD – Illinois

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FACULTY, STAFF, RESIDENT AND STUDENT NOTES....

NEW FACES IN PSYCHIATRY

We are pleased to welcome these new members to our department:
Carla Alcazar, neuropsychometrician;
Sansi Hargrove, front desk;
Michelle Hertel, Clinic Supervisor;
Michele Ross, billing specialist, part time;
Judy Stout, billing specialist/coder.

PRESENTATIONS

Bradley Grinage, MD, presented "Volitional Impairment and the Sexually Violent Predator at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law.

Bradley Grinage, MD, presented "Treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder" at the Anxiety Symptoms/ Disorders Post-September 11th conference sponsored by The Kansas Psychiatric Society and The Kansas Medical Education Foundation.

Donald Brada, MD, presented "Differential Diagnosis of Anxiety Disorders" at the Anxiety Symptoms/ Disorders Post-September 11th conference sponsored by The Kansas Psychiatric Society and The Kansas Medical Education Foundation.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following KUSM-W Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences faculty were elected or re-elected to the board of directors of the Kansas Psychiatric Society. They include: John Bober, MD, re-elected secretary; Susan Carr, MD, elected Councilor – District II, and Donald Brada, MD, elected deputy assembly representative.

Debbie Conrady, part-time RN, has received the August Employee of the Month award. She was presented this award at the Employee of the Month on August 1.

WELCOME NEW INTERNS

Peter Feuerstein
Marny Hauge
Matt Woolley

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Akhtar Alam, MD –
Sind Medical College, Pakistan
Karla Eisele, MD –
University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver, CO
Kevin Sterk, DO –
Des Moines University, Des Moines, IA
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Kaleem Syed, MD –
Spartan Health Sciences University
Jeremy Tan, MD –
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Oklahoma City, OK
Dawn Varney, MD –
Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
Syed Waliuddin, MD – Gandhi Medical College, India