



# ON THE INSIDE

LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport

## Drs. McDonald and Pou Honored With Endowed Chairs

Two local surgeons who helped to train a generation of surgeons were honored for their contributions to medical education at the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport with the establishment of the John C. McDonald, M.D., Endowed Chair in Surgery and the Jack W. Pou, M.D., Endowed Chair in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery.

Louisiana's Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph Savoie made presentations during ceremonies at LSUHSC-S attended by dozens of donors who contributed the \$600,000 in local funds raised for each of the \$1 million endowed chairs.

The LSU Health Sciences Foundation spearheaded the local fundraising effort.

Both Drs. McDonald and Pou are graduates of the Tulane University School of Medicine, served internships at the hospital that is the forerunner of today's LSU Hospital in Shreveport, and both later assumed leadership roles in the young Shreveport medical school and its teaching hospital.

Dr. Pou, one of the local physicians who supported the establishment of the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport, was founding chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology and served in that capacity for two decades.

Dr. McDonald is currently Chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport and Dean of the School of Medicine, where he has been on the faculty since 1977. Until



(Left to right) John C. McDonald, M.D., Chancellor and Dean; William Jenkins, D.V.M., Ph.D., President of LSU System; Jack W. Pou, M.D., former Head of the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery

2000 when he became the chief executive officer of the campus, he was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery.

His professional life has been devoted to academic medicine and biomedical research related to rejection in patients who receive transplanted organs. In 1977, Dr. McDonald established the first organ transplant program in North Louisiana, the forerunner of today's collaborative Willis-Knighton/LSU Health Sciences Center Regional Transplant Center. ■

## Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Granted Department Status

The Louisiana Board of Regents has granted approval to create the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, an academic clinical sciences department.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery was previously within the Department of Surgery, LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport. G. E. Ghali, D.D.S., M.D., Professor of Surgery and Jack W. Gamble Chair, will head the department.

As a Division of the Department of Surgery, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery has established a nationwide reputation for excellence, especially in the area of cleft/craniofacial deformities, maxillofacial trauma and facial reconstruction.

The new department is the first created in the school of medicine since Neurosurgery was established as a department in 1995.

The change brings the total number of academic departments in the school of medicine to 25. ■

## Dr. Turnage Elected to Organization



Richard Turnage, M.D., Professor and Head of the Department of Surgery, has been elected to the prestigious American Surgical Association, founded in 1880 to cultivate and improve the science and art of surgery.

He joins LSUHSC in Shreveport Chancellor/Dean John C. McDonald, M.D., and Mary Mancini, M.D., Professor of Surgery, as the only other

Shreveport – Bossier City area surgeons who are members.

Since its formation, the ASA has been a leader in articulating the issues that affect surgeons and their work.

It extends membership to only the most respected members of the surgical community.

Dr. Turnage is a 1983 graduate of the LSU School of Medicine and completed residency training at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1989.

He returned to LSUHSC-S in 2001 as the Head of the Department of Surgery. ■

## PeopleSoft System Upgrade

A major upgrade of the LSUHSC in Shreveport PeopleSoft system is currently under way.

During the next few weeks the system, which is used in Human Resource Management, Benefits and Payroll, will be switched from the current 7.6 version to 8.0.

The change will allow for the system to be web-based, meaning it will now display on an internet browser for employees who have access to the system. The change should not, however, affect paychecks or the way employees clock in.

Target date for completing the change is late October. ■

## Move to Clinical Trials Building Begins

Clinical researchers from the LSUHSC in Shreveport Department of Psychiatry have moved into the new clinical trials building in the former Caddo School for Exceptional Students.

The building was acquired a year ago by the LSUHS Foundation and is being purchased by LSUHSC-S under a lease/purchase agreement for use as a clinical trials facility. It provides the additional space required to conduct on going clinical trials.

Researchers in the Department of Neurosurgery are also planning to move into the new building soon. They should be set up and ready to begin conducting trials there by the end of October. ■

## LSU Hospital Completes JCAHO Survey

Hospital Administration wishes to commend all employees involved in the recent Joint Commission On Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) survey, according to Joe Miciotto, LSU Hospital Administrator.

Four members of the JCAHO survey team spent the week of August 9 - 13 on campus interviewing personnel from many areas of the hospital and scrutinizing the hospital's overall performance.

The team identified five minor issues during the survey. Administrators have 90 days to complete and submit an action plan detailing how the hospital intends to remedy the deficiencies.

Mr. Miciotto said he is pleased with the survey results and realizes the positive outcome is not the result of the efforts of any one individual as the JCAHO team analyzed the entire process involved in the delivery of patient care. ■

## Power Outage Planned to Repair Equipment

Areas of the hospital affected by the recent power outage (except K-wing) should make preparations for a planned outage as crews make necessary repairs.

Hospital Administrator Joe Miciotto said the power will be off for approximately 36 hours in late October while crews install new equipment.

The specific time and date will be announced nearer the outage.

The initial power outage in late August was the result of an electrical fault which destroyed a major piece of electrical transmission equipment at the hospital.

Physical Plant workers were able to restore power to about 98 percent of the hospital in a couple of days after the accident, but needed parts were not immediately available to make permanent repairs.

Supervisors will inform staff of the exact date and time for the planned outage. ■

## LSUHSC-S United Way/E.A.P. Campaign Kicks Off

The LSUHSC in Shreveport annual United Way/Employee Assistance Program campaign has begun.

Employees paid on a monthly basis should have received a pledge card with their September 30 check. Those paid bi-weekly should have gotten theirs on October 1.

The campaign will run from October 4 through 15.

During that time, tables will be set up in the hospital cafeteria and medical school deli for donors to drop off their cards.

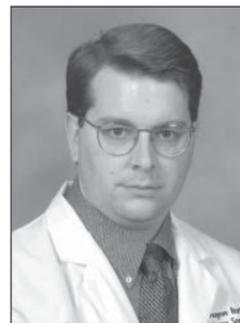
Last year LSUHSC-S raised more than \$30,000. This year's goal is \$32,500.

This year's campaign will also feature a way to designate contributions for the LSUHS Foundation.

The Foundation was recently designated as an approved non-member agency, so employees can designate all, or a portion, of their donation to the Foundation.

Foundation administrators say the money will be used to help fund the ongoing Women's Wealth and Wellness program.

## Dr. Barlow Recognized for Achievement



Shayne Barlow, D.V.M., Ph.D.

Shayne Barlow, D.V.M., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Molecular and Cellular Physiology and Head of Veterinary Services for LSUHSC-S, recently completed the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) certification.

Dr. Barlow has been designated as a Diplomate American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine, the highest

level of achievement presented in the field of laboratory animal medicine.

In order to achieve diplomate status, qualified applicants must possess at least a D.V.M. as well as complete a residency and pass a rigorous exam.

Only about 700 veterinarians worldwide have attained the diplomate designation since the organization was founded in 1957.

The ACLAM was created to encourage education, training and research in laboratory animal medicine, to establish standards of training and experience for veterinarians professionally concerned with the care and health of laboratory animals and to recognize qualified persons in laboratory animal medicine by certification examination. ■

## Feist-Weiller Cancer Center Prepares for Grand Opening

Faculty, staff and students of LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport are invited to attend the grand opening of the new Feist-Weiller Cancer Center at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 14.

The 55,000- square-foot facility is located east of the Allied Health and Administration Building. It features state-of-the-art treatment areas for both adults and children and has a separate entrance for St. Jude patients. In addition it will offer a medical library geared to lay persons that is open to the public. Other features include a staff conference room, day surgery and endoscopy suites, and digital mammography.

There will be fish tanks in the adult chemotherapy room. An interactive sculpture will be located near the pediatric chemotherapy area.

Outside the building are two gardens, the Donald J. Zadeck Jr. Memorial Garden and the Percy Sharp Memorial Garden. Donors will have an opportunity to place the names of individuals they wish to memorialize or honor on The Life Savers Wall in the Donald J. Zadeck Jr. Memorial Garden.

The building will also be open for those wishing to take a tour.

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## Employees Honored with Excellence in Service Awards

Fifteen employees who their peers agree make a difference at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport were honored recently during the second annual Employee Excellence Awards sponsored by Pfizer and hosted by the LSU Health Sciences Foundation.

Eleven winners from the Shreveport campus and four from E.A. Conway in Monroe were recognized during a luncheon at the University Club.

Officials praised the winners for their contributions and dedication to their jobs which make LSUHSC-S a better place.

Each winner was presented with a trophy and a check for \$500.

"The LSU Health Sciences Foundation is grateful to Pfizer for their lead support in a program to recognize the most valuable asset of LSUHSC, its employees. Based on any organization only being as great as its employees, LSUHSC has a lot to celebrate as demonstrated by the credentials of those individuals selected as recipients of the 2004 Employee Excellence Awards," said Lisa Babin, President and CEO of the LSUHS Foundation.

Recipients were selected from a pool of nominees submitted by co-workers this summer, and chosen by an anonymous committee. ■



The 15 LSUHSC-S winners of the Pfizer Employee Excellence Awards pose with campus and Pfizer officials following the presentation luncheon on Sept. 22. They are (seated left to right) Peggy Mitchell; Ruth Trahan, R.N.; Carmel Van Dyke, R.N.; Nancy Mack, R.N.; Dorothy Ausberry; (standing left to right) Sheila Faour; Shirley Taylor; Kenneth Brown; Chancellor/Dean John C. McDonald, M.D.; Lana Ethridge; Doris Smith, R.N.; Jere Bellar; Annella Nelson; Ron Hollis; LSUHS Foundation President Lisa Babin; Dorothy Whittington; Buddy Cherry; and Kenneth Ardoin of Pfizer. Ms. Mack, Ms. Ausberry, Ms. Whittington and Mr. Hollis all are employed at E.A. Conway Medical Center.

## Peter Pan Event Benefits LSUHSC-S Children's Hospital

The Children's Hospital at LSUHSC in Shreveport will receive more than \$5,500 dollars raised by the first Peter Pan Birthday Party held recently in Shreveport.

The idea behind the party, part of the Shreveport Regional Arts Council's Peter Pan Celebration, was for guests to bring whatever amount of money they would have spent on a gift in the form of a check to benefit the LSU Health Sciences Center Children's Hospital through the Peter Pan Children's Fund.

The party was held in conjunction with the centennial anniversary celebration of the creation of Peter Pan by James Barrie.

Mr. Barrie left all Peter Pan copyright royalties to a children's hospital in London, the Great Ormond Street Hospital.

After a visit to that hospital Julia Hart, whose father was the screenwriter of the film "Hook," decided she would rather give gifts to those children than to receive them herself and the Peter Pan Birthday Club was begun.

Anyone wishing to hold a birthday party benefiting the LSUHSC-S Children's Hospital may contact the LSUHS Foundation office at 675-5002 for details. ■

## Dr. Veillon Presents Lectures at Regional Seminar

Diana M. Veillon, M.D., Professor of Clinical Pathology, recently presented two lectures at the College of American Pathologists (CAP) Laboratory Accreditation Program Regional Training Seminar in New Orleans.

Dr. Veillon's lectures were "Inspecting Common Checklist Items" and "Managing a Successful Inspection."

The regional training seminars provided participants with information on the inspection process, and are designed to train inspection team leaders and inspectors.

The goal of the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program is to improve the quality of clinical laboratory services through voluntary participation, professional peer review, education and compliance with established performance standards. More than 6000 laboratories worldwide are CAP accredited.

Dr. Veillon, a Louisiana State Commissioner for the College of American Pathologists, is an alumna of the School of Medicine in Shreveport, class of 1985. ■

## Family Practice Resident Fair Planned

The Family Practice Resident Fair hosted by the Family Medicine Interest Group will be held Tuesday, October 5 in Room 3-405 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Representatives from Family Medicine Programs from Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas will be on hand to answer student questions about their programs and family practice in general. All medical students are invited to attend.

According to Debbie Henry, Academic Coordinator in the LSUHSC-S Department of Family Medicine and Comprehensive Care, the purpose of the fair is to help medical students preparing to enter the match decide how to know if a program is right for them, and show the students the variety of programs that exist in the area.

## E.A. Conway Employee of the Month



Connie Baker

Connie Baker has been named E.A. Conway Medical Center's September Employee of the Month.

An employee at the hospital for 12 years, she is an EKG Technician in the Cardiology Department.

Ms. Baker credits her training in private doctors' offices and at Conway for her knowledge and professional background. ■

## Event Raises Money for Cancer Research

The 2004 Life Savers Ball fundraiser for the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center of LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport raised more than \$100,000 for local cancer research grants, a huge success according to event organizers.

The sold-out event featured dinner, dancing and an auction with a South Seas beach theme.

Last year, the event raised enough to help fund several grants, including one for \$80,000 over two years to Shile Huang, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Dr. Huang is studying how a known immunosuppression compound called Rapamycin might be used as an anti-cancer agent.

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

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## New Faculty

Stephen Maguire, M.D., Assistant Professor, Surgery  
Bishnu P. Devkota, M.D., Assistant Professor - Clinical, Family Medicine (E.A. Conway)  
Rosario M. Reil-Romero, M.D., Associate Professor - Clinical, Neurology  
Kristine M. Carter, M.D., Assistant Professor, Surgery  
Robin Wood, M.S., Instructor - Clinical Specialties, Pediatrics

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## Donation Helps Feist-Weiller Cancer Center Establish Clinic

A \$12,000 grant from Pfizer could increase preventive medical care to more people across North Louisiana through a community cancer-screening program in Grambling, La.

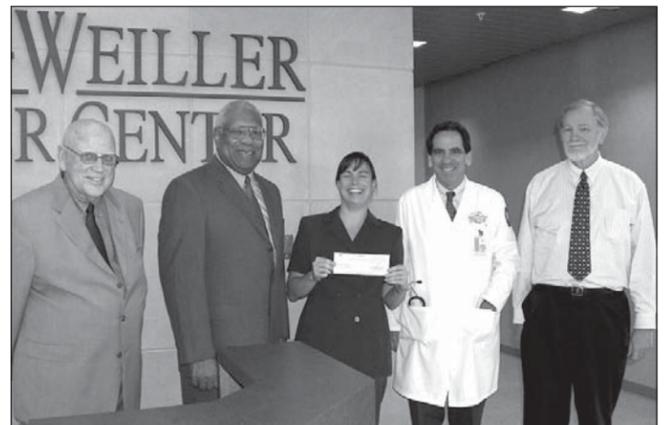
LSUHSC in Shreveport's current screening program, Partners in Wellness plans to add a monthly clinic at the Grambling Community Health Center starting in November.

Initially, the clinic will only serve female patients. A regularly scheduled men's clinic will be added.

Screening will be offered free of charge to all participants. Transportation will also be provided if needed.

To kick off the new clinic, health fair is planned in Grambling on October 20.

This fair will be multi-institutional with Partners in Wellness, Pfizer, Grambling University, the City of Grambling, Lincoln Parish General Hospital, and numerous local church, business and health care provider groups participating. ■



(Left to right) John C. McDonald, M.D., Chancellor and Dean; Dr. Gerald Ellis, Director, Grambling Medical Board; Theresa Saucedo, Pfizer, Inc.; Jonathan Glass, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Director of Feist-Weiller Cancer Center; Jerry McLarty, Ph.D., Professor of Medicine

## Psychiatry Faculty and Residents Assist at YWCA

Psychiatry residents at the LSUHSC in Shreveport have begun working with women at the Shreveport YWCA who are suspected of being victims of psychological and emotional trauma.

The YWCA's Family Violence Program is the only program of its kind in northwest Louisiana and Caddo, Bossier, DeSoto, Webster, Red River and Natchitoches Parishes as a haven for women and their children who need to escape from their situations.

Once a month, several residents provide psychiatric assessment and treatment to women designated by the YWCA counseling staff.

Assessment and treatment includes diagnostic screening of women as well as physician assessment to determine if psychopharmacology intervention is necessary.

The most frequent diagnoses of women who will be seen are expected to be: post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, bipolar, and borderline personality disorder.

The goal of the program is to provide services to physically and mentally abused women and their children. ■

## Conway Sponsors Patient Relations Fair

More than 600 E.A. Conway Medical Center employees attended the Patient Relations Fair held August 24 and 25 in Monroe.

Twenty booths emphasized skills that were taken back to the work areas and used as tools to improve communication with co-workers, patient service and satisfaction, and interaction between healthcare professional and patients.

Some of the booths included Team ER—Team Work; Medical Records- "You can make a difference," and Case Management A.L.E.R.T.—Attention, Listen, Extra, Respect.

All employees signed a giant banner proclaiming, "E.A. Conway Employees are Committed to Caring" that will hang in the hospital lobby. ■

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