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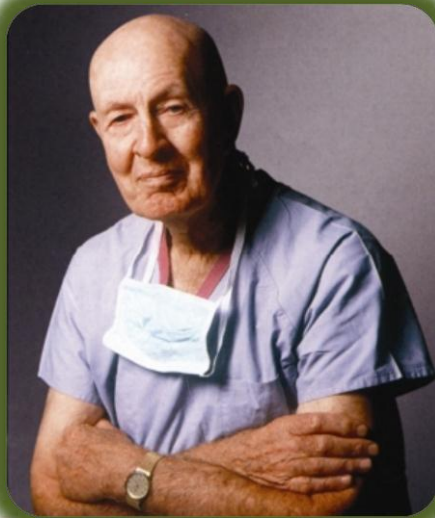


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Historical Highlight

A Tribute to Dr. Watson



While a bit of a cliché, history tends to repeat itself. That fact will never again be true for the man known as “Papa Doc” to his family or “Curly” to many others in Augusta, Georgia. Dr. Watson certainly broke the mold in nearly every way.

Outside of Augusta, Dr. Watson was popularized as the oldest physician in the nation as he continued to see patients past his 100th birthday. The CBS evening news highlighted Dr. Watson in July 2010 for his tireless and seemingly unending dedication to the profession and the community he served. There was much appreciation for the national attention for such a remarkable man.

However, everyone in Augusta will remember Dr. Watson in a very different way. The fact *that* he lived 102 years is not nearly as important as *how* he lived those years. He was one of the most respected and

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admired physicians, and citizens for that matter, that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting.

With pride and admiration, over 15,000 individuals proclaim themselves to be “Watson Babies.” For more than five decades, Dr. Watson served the Augusta community as Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at University Hospital. Always sharp, he presided over the staff meetings until his passing in October of this year. His legacy will forever be as a loving family man, a humble and caring physician, a life-long educator, and a man of unwavering faith and integrity.

Perhaps we should all adopt “Papa Doc’s Creed,” posted around the Women’s Center that bears his name, into our everyday personal and professional lives.

Dr. Watson was honored by GHSU with a Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award last year.

PAPA DOC’S CREED

Always do your best.

Never give up.

There is room at the top.

Be a lady or a gentleman.

Global Health Program Update

In September 2012, the final arrangements were made in preparation for beginning the experiential portion of the Global Health Program. Dr. Chadburn Ray, Residency Program Director for the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, visited CerviCUSCO with Dr. Daron Ferris, President and Founder of the modern medical and dental facility. CerviCUSCO is the Global Health Center for GHSU located in Cusco, Peru.

In addition to evaluating the practice site, Drs. Ray and Ferris met with officials at Es Salud Hospital for resident participation in inpatient obstetrics and gynecological surgery, finalized the administrative needs for Dr. Eliana Ojeda's clinical faculty appointment, and lectured at the University of Cusco in an annual symposium focusing on women's health. Dr. Ojeda, Clinical Associate Professor, is the third Peruvian physician at CerviCUSCO to be appointed to the clinical faculty.

Residents will travel to Peru beginning in January 2013 for a 6 week rotation focusing on aspects on international medicine and global health. CerviCUSCO has a mission of gynecologic



CerviCUSCO, located in Larapa, a suburb of Cusco in the Andes Mountains of Peru, is the Global Health Center for GHSU. The Global Health Program for the Dept. of Ob/Gyn at GHSU is perhaps the only program in the country to integrate global health into the curriculum for all residents entering the program, making participation mandatory.

cancer prevention. Residents will be exposed to a general population of women with one of the highest rates of cervical cancer in the entire world. Cervical cancer is a major public health concern as the leading cause of death in women aged 15 to 45 in Peru.

Recognition for a Remarkable Career

The Flexner Award, the AAMC's most prestigious honor, is granted annually to an individual for extraordinary contributions to the medical education community.



Dr. Ruth-Marie "Rhee" Fincher, Professor Emeritus and inaugural Vice Dean for Academic Affairs for the Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Health Sciences University, was awarded the Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education by the Association of American Medical Colleges at the annual meeting in San Francisco in November 2012.

CONSOLIDATION



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CONSOLIDATION ACCREDITATION & BRANDING UPDATE

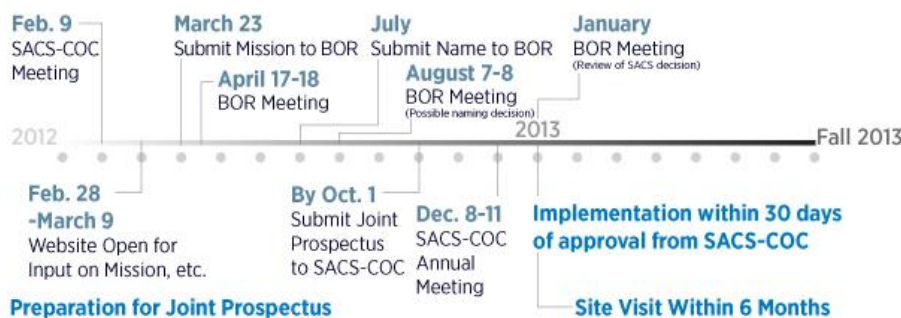
Georgia Health Sciences University and Augusta State University passed a major milestone in December following successful approval of the consolidation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS). The consolidated university will be named Georgia Regents University. The final step for consolidation will be approval by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents in January 2013. The first class for admission to the “New U” will enroll in Fall 2013.

of the consolidated university. The online survey, conducted by the Division of Institutional Effectiveness, polled ASU and GHSU alumni, faculty, staff and students and revealed agreement by all groups for the new university’s primary logo. Leaders from the “Save the A” campaign met with Gov. Deal and Dr. Azziz recently with an agreement for keeping “Augusta” in the branding for the “New U.” The logo, seal, and colors are noted below.



The voting has been completed for the branding

ASU-GHSU Consolidation Timeline



Congratulations to Dr. Kelli Braun in the Section of General Obstetrics & Gynecology for her selection into the Educational Research Fellowship in the Education Innovation Institute at GHSU. Fellows participate in weekly workshops/meetings and complete at least one discovery project, suitable for peer review and publication or presentation, during their year-long fellowship.

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Dr. Michael Macfee, Professor and Interim Chair
Dr. Chadburn Ray, Residency Program Director and Editor
Dr. Erin Latif, Student Clerkship Director
Ms. Kathy Kline, Residency Coordinator

Just For Fun

The Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology was well represented in the recent Kiawah Marathon and Half-Marathon held on December 8, 2012. Congratulations to all those participating and finishing the race.

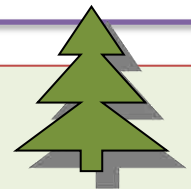
Those faculty completing the half-marathon (13.1 miles) included Dr. Kelli Braun, Dr. Brent Parnell, Dr. Barbara Robinson, and Dr. Jean-Paul McDonough.

On his birthday, Rhadi Latif, husband of Dr. Erin Latif, finished the full marathon (26.2 miles).

Ben Dannemann, husband of Dr. Tanya Dannemann finished the half-marathon in 1:24:34 earning him 10th place in his division and 34th place overall of the 2,746 who finished the race.



Tis the Season (for Recruitment)



The holiday season has arrived. For many, the holidays are met with both joy and stress in preparation for a busy couple of days or weeks. For programs in Graduate Medical Education, this time is busy for another reason, resident recruitment. Since mid-November, the Department of Ob/Gyn has been interviewing prospective interns for the 2013-2014 class. The program interviews approximately 54 candidates of the nearly 400 applicants to fill 4 spots. We have seen steady growth in the number of applicants and the quality of candidates over the past several years. The program leadership would like to thank all of those responsible for the success of this endeavor each year. The final interview date for the department is January 9, 2013. The deadline for a finalized rank list is February 20, 2013. Match Day is March 14, 2013. Good Luck and Happy Holidays!

The Final Word

Saigon Medical School, An Experiment In International Medical Education, An Account of the American Medical Association's Medical Education Project In South Vietnam, 1966-1975

By C. H. William Ruhe, M.D., Norman Hoover, M.D. and Ira Singer, Ph. D.
(American Medical Association , 1988)



Nineteen American medical schools, including the Medical College of Georgia participated in a bold experiment by the U.S. Government and the American Medical Association to provide medical education in South Vietnam. Following the construction of the medical school complex in 1966 at a cost of \$2.7 million dollars, equally shared between the U.S. and Vietnamese Governments, support programs were established to allow American physicians to train students in Saigon. The medical complex included a cafeteria, auditoria, classrooms, basic science laboratories, a library, and administrative offices for the AMA, ADA, and USAID. There were 8 teaching hospitals in the Saigon area for clerkships in general surgery, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, and numerous subspecialties.

The Vietnam medical education project ended when the government of South Vietnam fell to the invading armed forces of North Vietnam in April 1975. The support program was operative for almost nine years at a cost to the U.S. government of almost \$9 million dollars with additional undetermined costs borne by the AMA, nineteen American medical schools and many individuals. In 1975, a North Vietnamese official of the Communist Committee assigned to operate the school proclaimed, "The Americans are not very good at fighting a war, but they do know how to build a good medical school."



Saigon Medical School Class
(Dr. Sandra Tho, bottom row, third from left)

***Sandra P.T. Tho, MD** is a direct linear descendant of the Saigon affiliation. She completed residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology and fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology at the Medical College of Georgia. She joined the faculty in 1983 and retired in 2000.*

In November 2012, Dr. Michael Macfee turned an idea into reality. Together, he and Dr. Paul McDonough announced that Dr. Tho was named Emeritus Professor in the GHSU Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor.