

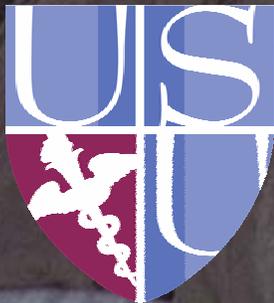
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USU President Announces New Brigade Commander, Addresses Week of Activities

Dear Colleagues,

Throughout the past few months the university's Brigade Commander Search Committee has put in much effort to select our next commander. I am pleased to announce to the USU community the selection of COL Jack Wempe, MC, USA as the new Brigade Commander.

Colonel Wempe is currently commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity and director of Health Services, Fort Drum, NY. During his tenure at Fort Drum, Colonel Wempe has been responsible for total health care benefits for the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) community and surrounding areas. In addition, he is responsible for leading more than 600 soldiers, civilians, and contractors in seven clinics and facilities.

Prior to commanding the hospital at Fort Drum, Colonel Wempe was commander, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and director of Health Services, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., from July 2003 to June 2005. He was also the division surgeon, 1st Infantry Division. Colonel Wempe is a DVM and MD, holds a Ph.D. in Pathobiology with an emphasis on Microbiology, and has Master Degrees in Preventive Veterinary Medicine, Comparative Pathology and Public Health.

Colonel Wempe not only comes to us with excellent credentials, but with great recommendations from some well-respected senior Army Officers. MG Ben Freakley, USA, Commanding General of the 10th Mountain Division said, "Colonel Wempe is a brilliant trainer, mentor and coach; a role model for career-oriented military health professionals to emulate." In describing Colonel Wempe, MG George Weightman, USA said, "To my knowledge, we have never had a leader with his unique academic and assignment qualifications...he will serve you well and bring tremendous talent and a very diverse experience level to the great staff of our prestigious university."

In his role as the USU Brigade Commander Colonel Wempe will serve as the senior military officer of the university and senior military advisor to the university president. He will have the responsibility for command of all the uniformed services at USU. We are fortunate to have him accept this position; please join me in welcoming him.

I am grateful for the work of each member of the selection committee chaired by Acting Dean of the Graduate School of Nursing William T. Bester. I also wish to take this opportunity to recognize the great leadership and support of LTC John Maurer who ably led the Brigade during this period of transition. We are all grateful to him for his many contributions to the university.

National Nurses Week

It is also my pleasure to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of our Graduate School of Nursing. The nation celebrated National Nurses Week last week, May 6-12 with the

theme: *Nursing: A Profession and a Passion*. Dean Bester put it best when he said, "I can't think of a place that better exemplifies those words than right here at the Graduate School of Nursing. The professionalism that you all display each and every day here at the GSN reflects extremely well on both the profession of Nursing and on the University. Training, educating and mentoring the next generation of nursing clinical experts, nursing leaders, nursing scholars and nursing researchers is something that each of you should be extremely proud of doing. And the fact is that each day I witness your involvement in our profession, and specifically your involvement with the students, being carried out in a very passionate and dedicated way."

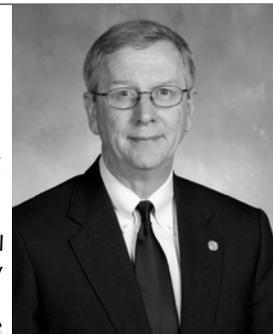
Each of you display exactly what nursing is all about – caring, compassion, commitment, focus, clinical expertise and a strong desire to do whatever is needed to care for the patients and students entrusted to your care. I congratulate each of you on your many accomplishments during this past year and I wish you all the best as we prepare to graduate one group of students and receive yet another. This profession and the university are very fortunate to have each of you as part of the team.

Research Week, USU Board of Regents Spring Meeting, Commencement

As most of you are well aware today marks the start of Research Week. This year's event, *Celebrating Excellence in Research*, reflects the complementary roles that nursing, public health, behavioral science, basic science and medicine play in health promotion and disease prevention. Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health, will deliver the plenary address May 16 on *HIV/AIDS: Much Accomplished, Much to Do*. Dr. Fauci is a pioneer in the field of human immunoregulation and was recently awarded the 2007 George M. Kober Medal of the Association of American Physicians (AAP) for his outstanding contributions to academic medicine.

Also among the invited speakers is Stanley Maloy, Ph.D., professor and dean, College of Sciences, and associate director, Center for Microbial Sciences, San Diego State University, Calif., who will present the Bullard Lecture.

This annual three-day event incorporates Graduate School of Nursing and Graduate School of Medicine Student Colloquia by highlighting research in-



**USU President
Charles Rice, M.D.**

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terests and accomplishments of graduate students in both fields. The Faculty Senate Research Day includes poster presentations, distinguished guest speakers and panel discussions to share research achievements, foster collaborations and stimulate intellectual exchange.

Also, two highly anticipated lectures will be given by Chou-Zen Giam, from Microbiology and Immunology, the Henry C. Wu Award of Excellence awardee and Shiv Srivastava from the Center for Prostate Disease Research, the James J. Leonard Award for Excellence awardee.

Other significant events during the week include the Board of Regents quarterly meeting and a lunch reception to celebrate the opening of the Center for Deployment Psychology.

In addition, "Friends of USU" will host a special screening of the film *Fighting for Life* in Sanford Auditorium, May 17. The feature film, produced by an Academy Award-winning team, is a story about military medicine and includes USU-educated doctors and nurses currently serving on the front lines and around the world.

The week culminates as the students from the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine, Graduate Education programs and Graduate School of Nursing receive their degrees during USU's 28th Commencement ceremony May 19 at the Daughters of the

American Revolution, Constitution Hall, District of Columbia. This year's commencement speaker is Vice Admiral Donald Arthur, 35th Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

One of the highlights of the year and for me as a university president is to present degrees to the graduates, so I look forward to our 28th Commencement Exercise. It is with great pride that I say congratulations to our School of Medicine, Graduate Education Programs, and Graduate School of Nursing 2007 graduates and your families.

In addition, the university will recognize three Board of Regents medal recipients and the Carol Johns award winner, Dr. Neil Grunberg. We will also honor Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr. who recently stood down as Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs and will be joined by Dr. Winkenwerder's successor, Dr. S. Ward Casscells.

I invite everyone to attend the many activities taking place during Research Week. As colleagues and constituents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, we should feel a great deal of satisfaction in knowing the university continues to lead the nation with its considerable accomplishments in the fields of research and education.

For details about Research Week go to: <http://usuresearchday.hjf.org/> and commencement information is available at www.usuhs.mil/commencement/.

Research Week and Events

Featured Events May 11-19

Congratulations Graduates

The 2007 Commencement ceremony will take place May 19 at 11 a.m. at Daughters of American Revolution Constitution Hall. Transportation for students and faculty will leave from the USU flag poles May 19 at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Faculty that have rented regalia must pick it up today through Thursday, May 17 by COB in the MDL, Room A-2030. Tickets to Commencement will be in the regalia packet. Any questions please contact Carrie Hibler at 295-3791 or in room B-1009.

Welcome "Friends of USU"

"Friends of USU" will host a special screening of the film *Fighting for Life* produced by Academy Award Winner Terry Sanders May 17 at 7 p.m. in Sanford Auditorium. www.friendsofusu.org/

Welcome Board of Regents

USU Board of Regents will meet May 17 for working sessions. The meeting of record will take place Friday, May 18 followed by the President's Reception in the James A. Zimble Learning Resource Center.

Welcome Back Class of 1982

The School of Medicine class of 1982 celebrated their 25th reunion May 11 and 12.

Center for Deployment Psychology Opening Celebration

The Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) at USU will celebrate its opening with a lunch reception May 17 at 12:45 p.m. <http://deploymentpsych.org/>

Research Week Activities

May 14 - 16

Monday, May 14, 2007

Career Development Symposium

Graduate School of Nursing Colloquium

Research Week Symposia

Symposium A: The 14th CASH Deployed in Support of OEF VII

Symposium B: Cellular Response to Radiation Injury

Symposium C: Conducting Research in the Iraq Theater of Operation: Challenges and Possibilities

Symposium D: New Directions in Radiation Biology

GSN Awards Ceremony and Reception

Tuesday May 15, 2007

Henry Wu Symposium: Chou-Zen Giam, Ph.D., Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, *Activation of the Anaphase Promoting Complex and the I-kappa B Kinases by HTLV-1 Tax: Chromosome Instability, Senescence, and Adult T-cell Leukemia*

Bullard Lecture: Stanley Maloy, Ph.D., Dean, College of Sciences, San Diego State University, San Diego, Calif., *Of Mice and Men: How Pathogens Target a Host*

www.bio.sdsu.edu/faculty/maloy.htm

Reception and Poster Viewing

Wednesday May 16, 2007

Plenary Speaker: Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, Bethesda, Md., *HIV/AIDS: Much Accomplished, Much to Do*

www3.niaid.nih.gov/about/directors/biography/

James Leonard Symposium: Shiv Srivastava, PhD Professor and Co-Director, Center for Prostate Disease Research, Department of Surgery, *ETS-Related Gene (ERG) Alterations: A Common Feature of the Prostate Cancer Genome*

Postdoctoral Fellows Symposium

Research Day Symposia

Symposium A: Infectious Diseases Affecting Military Personnel and Related Research Efforts

Symposium B: Therapeutic Intervention in Ischemia/Reperfusion-Induced Cellular Injury

Symposium C: The Psychological Impact of Combat Exposure

University Research Awards Banquet

Market Level Integration

*Courtesy of the
BRAC/Integration Flag
Officers*

Military healthcare practitioners and our patients

have long envisioned a fully coordinated and integrated military health system in the National Capital Area (NCA). That vision was greatly advanced by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) directives of 2005 which dictated that Walter Reed Army Medical Center must realign its assets with other medical and educational facilities in the NCA. The current campus in Northwest Washington will close, and the world renowned healthcare services provided by that facility will be redistributed between a new 120 bed community hospital at Ft. Belvoir and an expanded and renovated National Naval Medical Center. This new tertiary care medical center will be renamed Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda. This directive will change the physical structure of numerous medical facilities in the NCA. More importantly, the realignment affords military medicine an unprecedented opportunity to create a new integrated Multi-Service healthcare delivery system unlike anything existing in the Military Health System. Our new organizational structure has the potential to become a model for efficient joint operations for all military medicine and rival premier national healthcare institutions across the country.

This lofty goal is clearly outlined in our shared vision as penned by the original four NCA Flags, the Commanders of the nine NCA Medical Commands, and the Uniformed Services University (USU):

We envision and are committed to one integrated health system which leverages the assets of all DoD health care treatment facilities in the National Capital Area (NCA). The tri-service Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda will be a worldwide military referral center and together with the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) will represent the core of this integrated health system. All tri-service facilities in the NCA and USUHS will serve as a premier academic medical system focused on delivering the highest quality care, distinguished health professional education, and exemplary clinical and translational research.

This vision statement emphasizes our commitment to an integrated health system that is devoted to quality care, education, and research. We are now faced with two separate but interdependent tasks that will challenge not only our resources but also our ability to blend our cultural differences. The two Medical Centers, Walter Reed Army Medical Center and National Navy Medical Center must begin to function as one long before the doors are opened at the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda after 2011. Functional integration of the two Medical Centers, which was initiated under the direction of the Office of Integration (OI), will be continued by the Deputy Commanders for Integration (DCIs) at both of these two premier institutions. They will manage a cooperative and smooth transition to a truly integrated organization that meets the needs of all three Services.

Our second task is to mold an efficient and effective integrated healthcare delivery system throughout the entire NCA. This system reinforces the interdependence between specialized care delivered at the Medical Centers and a robust primary care base in the entire market. The OI and the Multi-Service Market Office (MSMO) will partner to lead this integration effort for the nine independent medical commands and USU.

We must continue to build on our previous successes. The Integration Steering Committee (ISC) made up of clinical and administrative leaders in all three Service medical systems, has been very successful with a number of notable achievements. The ISC created a selection process for the new integrated departmental and service chiefs that ensured selection of the best qualified candidates. Over-

sight of this process has been transferred to the DCIs for future selections. The ISC has established both public and secured integration web sites to keep all NCA staff and beneficiaries informed about the integration progress. The newly selected orthopaedic residency program director has submitted a formal proposal to the American College of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requesting approval for the new integrated orthopaedic training program. Tentative approval has been granted and the new program should begin in July 2007. The Nursing Sub-committee has outlined a standardized approach to nursing care for both MEDCENs and other NCA medical treatment facilities (MTFs). In addition, they have established a standardized scope of practice for Navy Corpsmen, Army Medics, and Air Force Medical Technicians. The Research Sub-committee has developed a unified format with standardized forms for the submission of all research protocols. The Information Services have dramatically improved e-mail access for all area healthcare professionals by revitalizing the Web Based Outlook via government computers and CAC card access.

We propose that the ISC will continue to work on market issues to improve the efficiency of the whole integrated healthcare system in the NCA. The Clinical Sub-committee plans to facilitate the implementation of Centralized Credentials Quality Assurance System (CCOAS) at all MTFs in the NCA. We are supportive of using the NCA as a pilot project to standardize the privileging process across all three Services. This will facilitate the transfer of clinicians and providers between the MTFs and USU.

The MSMO in coordination with the Administrative Sub-committee is reinvestigating the possibility of implementing common contracting vehicles with multiple MTFs. A single nursing contract, a common laundry contract, and a unified sole source contract are high on their list of potential advances. The Nursing Sub-committee plans to implement the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing Guidelines as the standard of practice in all clinics within 60 days of selection of the new integrated service and department chiefs. Following the selection of a chief of the Integrated Clinical Investigation Department, steps will be taken to create a single administrative review process so that protocols may be more easily and efficiently approved at all involved MTFs.

The Health Care Operation Sub-committee is close to establishing linked call centers throughout the NCA. This will improve patient access and ensure more efficient use of all clinic resources. USU, in cooperation with our clinical services, is preparing a major National Institutes of Health grant application to address state-of-the-art translational research at the new Medical Center. This research will enable healthcare personnel to provide cutting edge treatments more efficiently and rapidly to our beneficiaries. The Health Professions Education Committee will continue to address integrated training programs. It will also champion the establishment of a central web based medical library system with an expanded variety of information resources based at USU. A single user interface will improve and standardize access to the entire resource collection at all MTFs in the NCA.

Integration cannot occur in a vacuum. Functional integration of the MEDCENs and the development of an integrated healthcare delivery system must be coordinated. The appropriate roles for education and research must be collectively agreed upon. This can only be accomplished by constant communication and cooperation between the MEDCENs, the University, and the rest of the market. We will include Health Net, our purchased care partner, and Veteran's Affairs in future planning to ensure a smooth transition of care with each of these entities.

Our Organizational Development Practitioners (ODPs) will continue to assist us in understanding our cultural differences and guide this important transformation. For example, they will contrib-

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ute to a reciprocal feedback loop between the MTFs and the leaders of the integration process, so that decisions can be data driven. In order to support clarity, understanding and effective decision making, the ODPs will facilitate meetings between the Services at multiple levels. They will continue to educate the NCA about the process of change through monthly articles in the available media. Market wide distribution of the monthly *Office of Integration News-*

letter and the *Integration Week in Review* will enhance dissemination of accurate information. Weekly meetings between the DCIs, MSMO and OI will insure effective planning, coordination and cooperation on all integration issues.

We have an unprecedented opportunity to change the face of military medicine in the NCA. With your support and cooperation, we will maximize our ability to offer the best care to our wounded heroes, both past and present, their deserving family members and our entire beneficiary population. This is the right thing to do.

Leading HIV/AIDS Expert Dr. Anthony Fauci Addresses Plenary Session During Research Week

Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., *director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD*, will speak on *HIV/AIDS: Much Accomplished, Much to Do* at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) May 16 as part of the university's annual Research Week.

Dr. Fauci has been instrumental in developing strategies for therapy and immune reconstitution in leading the world's efforts in fundamental research on HIV/AIDS. He continues his research in pursuit of identifying the nature of the immunopathogenic mechanisms of HIV infection and the scope of the body's immune responses to the AIDS retrovirus.

Dr Fauci is one of the most-cited scientists in all disciplines throughout the world in and was the world's 10th most-cited HIV/AIDS researcher in the period 1996-2006. He recently received the 2007 George M. Kober Medal of the Association of American Physicians (AAP) for his outstanding contributions to academic medicine. The Kober Medal is named after George M. Kober, M.D., a pioneer in public health reform in the late 19th century and the early 20th century. It recognizes physicians acknowledged as leaders in internal medicine and is the highest

honor of the Association of American Physicians.

USU researchers are at the forefront of HIV/AIDS through, among other efforts, a multi-faceted research program on HIV vaccine development. University Research Week lectures on HIV/AIDS include a symposium titled: *Pre-clinical and Clinical HIV Research in the Department of Defense IDCRP HIV Research*, with presentations by CAPT Gerald Quinnan, MC, USA, *Progress in HIV Preventive Vaccine Development*; Col Matt Dolan, MC, USAF, *The Impact of Host Genetic Factors on HIV Disease Progression*, and Nancy Crum-Cianflonel, Naval Medical Center San Diego, *Translational Clinical Research: MRSA in the HIV-Infected Military Clinic Population*.

University researchers are also active in infectious disease research as a part of DoD health promotion programs. A symposium titled: *Infectious Diseases Affecting Military Personnel and Related Research Efforts*, will include presentations by Dr. David Tribble, *Wartime Infectious Disease Threats Affecting Military Personnel*, MAJ Kim Moran, MC, USA, *Multidrug Resistant Gram Negative Bacterial Wound Infections*, COL Naomi Aronson, MC, USA, *Cutaneous Leishmaniasis*; LCDR Mark Riddle, MC, USA, *Diarrheal Disease*, and LCDR Todd Gleeson, MC, USA, *O Fever*.

USU Celebrates New Center to Educate Behavioral Health Specialist in Deployment Psychology

The Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) will celebrate its opening with a lunch reception on Thursday, May 17 at 12:45 p.m.

The CDP is an important tool in the Military Health System's approach to dealing with the mental health aspects of deployment for troops and their families. The Center was created through efforts of the American Psychological Association (APA) and Congressman Bill Young (R., Fla.). Working closely with military behavioral health care providers and experts in the mental health community, they created the center and established it at the university with training sites across the country at ten DOD/APA accredited clinical psychology internships sites.

The center is part of USU's mission to educate and train military and civilian health care professionals to "care for those

in harm's way." This tri-service center is an innovative Department of Defense consortium specifically charged with increasing the expertise and number of military and civilian behavioral health care providers to provide high quality deployment-related services to military personnel and their families.

During a time of increasing mental health difficulties associated with or exacerbated by deployment, it is vital to develop a well trained cadre of psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers to treat members of the military community.

The CDP is developing and conducting behavioral health courses, instituting research, making recommendations and proposals that support deployment-related policy and program development, operations, and management and increasing the awareness of the deployment-related behavioral health needs of service members

and their families. In the last three months alone, the CDP has trained more than 100 mental health professionals across the country in various Military Health facilities to work with service members and their families.

Current training topics include treatments for post traumatic stress disorder, caring for the seriously medically injured personnel and family issues related to deployment. The center is developing additional training modules to assist military mental health care providers working in deployed situations and addressing some of the unique concerns of reservists and the National Guard.

CDP, Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress and other USU military medical education and research programs, will continue to collaborate and extend the knowledge base and treatment capacity of the Military Health System.

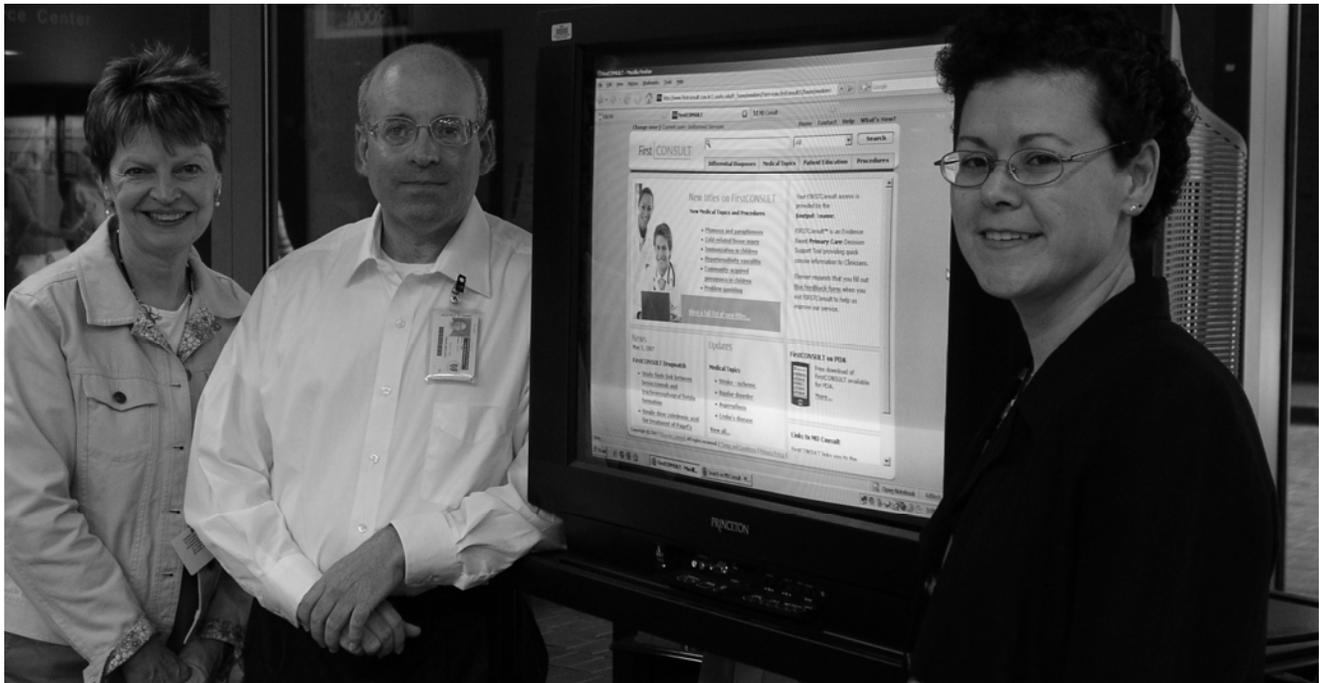


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Consult us First

This month's LRC Resource Forum highlighted First Consult for clinical work. First Consult is a web-based clinical information system that provides continuously updated guidance on the latest patient evaluation, diagnosis and management. It's designed for rapid access at the point of care. Pictured above, Linda Spitzer, chief of Reference and Interlibrary Loan Services (left), Charles Kelley, deputy director, User Services, and Nancy Morell, reference librarian - user education specialist, assistant professor, Dept. Biomedical Informatics.

Students put Medical Education to Use in Wilderness Adventure

*By Keren Arkin
USPHS, MSII*



Courtesy photo

Nine students from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) (3 teams of 3) drove down to Newport News Park, Va., March 30, 2007 for the Medical Wilderness Adventure Race (MEDWAR) that combines wilderness medicine with adventure racing to create unique events designed to teach and test wilderness survival and medical skills.

The race took place March 31, and there were 6 scenarios, 12 question checkpoints, and 6 canoe checkpoints on the course. Each scenario required some knowledge of basic medical skills and assessment. The questions required knowledge from a variety of educational levels (each USU team consisted of an MSI, II and III). Athletic ability required lots of running, canoeing, one person mountain biking and comfort on a tyrolean traverse.

The three teams took 7th, 8th and 13th place respectively out

USU School of Medicine students participate in the Medical Wilderness Adventure Race.

of 26 teams. This was a great experience, both for the athletic aspect, as well as the testing of our knowledge. It took our medical skills so far and our knowledge of the wilderness and made us apply it to "real world" scenarios. I think this should be an annual sponsored event by the Wilderness Medicine Interest Group at USU.

USU News Briefs

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month:

To honor and commemorate the distinguished service of Asian Pacific Americans, May is recognized as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This year's theme is "Pursuing Excellence Through Leadership, Diversity and Unity." The USU Asian Pacific Heritage Month Program will be held on May 22 at 10 a.m. in the USU Dining Facility. The Keynote speaker will be RADM Morit-

sugu, USPHS, Acting Surgeon General.

Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program:

The Navy Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program provides a path for Active Duty, Full-Time Support, and Active Duty Reserve enlisted Sailors in any rating, who already have some college credit, to obtain a baccalaureate degree in nursing and a commission in the Nurse Corps. For more info on this outstanding career opportunity, go to the official NAVADMIN at:

<http://www.npc.navy.mil/NR/rdonlyres/0B5656D8-3A7C-478B-AE3C-4F6BB7227DEC/0/NAV07096.txt>

Look Who's Talking...*What students had to say about USU.*



"Although I had the opportunity to attend a civilian university, USUHS was my first choice. Given the future of Tri-Service Military Medicine, I'm thankful to be completing my training and meeting such great people at MTFs from all branches of service. I'm certain that the camaraderie and faculty support I've encountered within the GSN program here at USUHS is unmatched by any other university."

- LT Lina Badura, NC, USN, GSN student



"I was impressed with the different programs the University had to offer. How many other schools have courses in tropical medicine? Even if I had to pay to go to school here, I still would."

- ENS Obinna Ugochukwu, USN SOM Class of 2007

USU History



James Zimble
Fourth USU President
1991-2004

Rock, Ark. In his preschool years, he decided that he would be a doctor. His reasoning was that when he became a physician he could one day make his father and mother able to hear again. His parents, both hearing impaired, were themselves teachers of the deaf. At thirteen, he and his family returned to Philadelphia where he, an only child, spent pre-college time involved in many activities.

In 1951, at the age of seventeen, Jim Zimble entered Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 60 miles from his

home. Four years later he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. Also in 1955, he became a student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. After one year, he entered the Naval Reserve as an ensign and received, three years later, a Doctor of Medicine degree.

Beginning in 1959, Dr. Zimble interned for a year at the U.S. Naval Hospital at St. Albans, New York. He then trained in undersea medicine at the US Navy Deep Sea Diving, Submarine, & Nuclear Power Schools, and attended the Special Radiation Control & Health Physics course. As the submarine medical officer for commissioning crew of the USS John Marshall, he received his Submarine Medical Qualification.

Dr. Zimble returned to St. Albans in 1963 for residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN). He completed this in 1966 and was assigned, from 1966 to 1970, to the OB/GYN staff at the Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton, California.

He received orders to report to the US Naval Hospital in Philadelphia and was on his way to this new assignment when on Aug. 1 (1970), he was involved in a motor vehicle accident. This resulted in his being hospitalized for a year and a half. He vowed during this time that, if he sufficiently recovered, he would remain in the Navy and concentrate his skills in the arena where he felt he could do the most good. He did recover and his Navy career continued. After his ordeal, he reported to the hospital in Philadelphia and was on the staff until 1972.

Dr. Zimble then was sent to the Naval Hos-

pital in Lemoore, California, where he was the Chief of OB/GYN and the Director of Clinical Service. He remained there from 1972 to 1976. From 1976 to 1978, he was assigned as Director of Clinical Services at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Long Beach, California. Following this, and until 1981, he was Commanding Officer of the Naval Regional Medical Center in Orlando, Florida.

In 1981, Jim Zimble was promoted to flag rank and was sent to be "The Medical Officer" (TMO) of the US Marine Corps. He was stationed at US Marine Corps Headquarters. In 1983, RADM Zimble became Fleet Surgeon and Medical Advisor to Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic Fleet. There, he was responsible for the health of Navy and Marine Corps personnel and contingency and wartime planning of medical support to operational forces.

In 1986, RADM Zimble was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategic Planning & Medical Program Management in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. Zimble was the Executive Secretary of the Department's Advisory Committee on Graduate Medical Education. He was responsible for the oversight of the development of an integrated worldwide master plan for military medicine and the implementation of the Military Health Services System Sizing model.

In 1987, this "two star" was promoted to Vice Admiral and became Surgeon General of the Navy.

After serving as USU President for 13 years, Dr. Zimble retired from the university in August 2004.



USU Calendar of Events



<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; transform: rotate(-45deg);">May</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>USU 2007 Research Week, May 14-16: Celebrating Excellence in Research.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>Wu Award Lecture 9a.m.-10a.m. USU Graduate Student Colloquium- The Bullard Lecture 1p.m.-3p.m. Lecture Room E "Fighting for Life" Washington, D.C. Premier</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>James J. Leonard symposium- Leonard Award Lecture 9a.m.-10a.m. Lecture Room E Plenary Speaker, Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease 3:30p.m.-4:30p.m. Lecture Room E</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>USU Class of 2007 Graduation Awards Ceremony 11:30a.m. Sanford Auditorium "Fighting for Life" USU Special Screening 7 p.m. Sanford Auditorium</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>USU Board of Regents meeting, followed by the President's Reception in the James A. Zimble Learning Resource Center</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>USU's 28th Annual Commencement Exercises for the class of 2007 11a.m. National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall</p>
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