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THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE SOCIETY
OF THE
TULANE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Dr. & Mrs. James Conyer
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Sixty-Third Anniversary Banquet
and
Forty-Fourth Annual B. Bernard Weinstein
Memorial Lecture

Saturday, April 5, 1997
ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

One of the oldest organizations of its kind in the United States, the Tulane University History of Medicine Society was established in 1933 by three Tulane medical students: B. Bernard Weinstein, G. Gordon Holcombe, and Bradley Browne. As the oldest history of medicine society run by students, the society plays a major role in medical student life at Tulane. Throughout the academic year, the society sponsors luncheon lectures on a variety of topics in the history of medicine. Past speakers include members of both the Tulane and LSU medical school faculty, physicians in the Greater New Orleans area, and visitors to our city who are attending medical meetings and conferences. New Orleans' unique status as a favorite site for national medical associations to hold their annual meetings presents a great opportunity to the society to further broaden its lecture offerings.

The 1996-97 officers and representatives of the History of Medicine Society would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the individuals who assisted the society this year by presenting lectures, hosting society functions, and providing their time and services to the benefit of the society. We would also like to thank the students for their overwhelming enthusiasm and participation in all of the society's activities.

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THE B. BERNARD WEINSTEIN MEMORIAL LECTURE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1953.
THE FOLLOWING LECTURES HAVE BEEN GIVEN:

1953 - Dr. Abraham Levenson, Chicago - "Some Pediatricians I Have Known"
1954 - Dr. Ben Mottet, Birmingham - "History of Anatomic Illustrations"
1955 - Dr. Adon Cohn, New Orleans - "Chicago Medicine"
1956 - Dr. Robert S. Munder, Lexington - "The Holy Wood"
1957 - Dr. M. Leffler, Boston, Chicago - "The History of Urology"
1958 - Prof. Harold Cummins, New Orleans - "The Quiet Life of an Anatomist"
1959 - Mr. Henry Schumann, New York - "Book Collectors I Have Known"
1960 - Dr. Carlos P. Lamar, Miami - "History of Diabetes"
1961 - Mr. W.D. Postell, New Orleans - "Magnolia Vale"
1962 - Dr. M. Edward Davis, Chicago - "Joseph B. DeLee"
1963 - Prof. H.S. Mayerson, New Orleans - "Carlon and Cannon: A Study in Contrasts"
1964 - Prof. M.I. Marshall, New Orleans - "A Medical Student 100 Years Ago"
1965 - Dr. Richard H. Shroyer, Philadelphia - "The Development of American Medical Education"
1966 - Dr. Robert Heath, New Orleans - "Chemotherapy in Psychiatry"
1967 - Dr. Vincent DeBakey, New Orleans - "Eulogy"
1968 - Dr. Lester S. King, Chicago - "Definition of Disease: A Problem in Medicine"
1969 - Dr. Chauncey Leake, San Francisco - "The Ancient Medical School of Salerno and Its Revival"
1970 - Dr. Harvey Young, Atlanta - "Medical Quackery: Then and Now"
1971 - Dr. William Boer, New York - "Medical Analysis of Literary Problems"
1972 - Dr. Onneth Timon, Baltimore - "Diseases of the Famous"
1973 - Mr. Charles B. Snyder, Boston - "The Doctor and His Dog"
1975 - Dr. Jeffrey F. Elston, New Orleans - "Medical Training: The State of the Art"
1976 - Dr. Chester R. Burns, Galveston - "Richard L. Gwiazda (1868-1988) and American Medical Ethics"
1977 - Dr. William L. Mamelza, Los Angeles - "Roots, Ghosts, and Gene: A Native Son Returns"

1978 - Dr. Michael DeBakey, Houston - "Some Significant Historical Developments in Cardiovascular Surgery"
1979 - Dr. H. Thaddeus, Washington, D.C. - "Focalitis and the Subordination of the Clinic"
1980 - Dr. Gerald G. Cohen, Princeton - "Disease Patterns, Medical Efficacy, and the Physician's Role in Western Society"
1981 - Dr. Arthur J. Viscol, New Haven, Charles Edward Amory Winslow and the Heroic Age of Public Health"
1982 - Dr. Stanley J. Reier, Boston - "The Machine in the Doctor's Life"
1984 - Dr. Robert P. Halden, Kansas City - "The Psychology of Quackery"
1986 - Prof. T. N. J. Smith, Greenville, N.C. - "Educating Black Physicians in New Orleans and the South, 1865-1929"
1987 - Dr. John H. B. Smith, Boston - "Public Pharmacology: Sites and Modes of Action of 19th Century Patent Medicines"
1988 - Dr. Donald L. Miller, Madison - "The Making of a Medical Monopoly: Myth or Reality?"
1989 - Dr. Sherrin N. M. Newmarch, New Haven - "Discovering the History of Medicine"
1990 - Dr. Arthur G. Jackson, Jackson - "William Harvey's Understanding of Circulatory Physiology: How Far Have We Come in the Last 400 Years?"
1991 - Dr. Samuel J. Belkin, Boston - "The House of God: A Historical Perspective"
1993 - Dr. Norman G. Thagard, Space Medicine"
1994 - Dr. John Salwood, New Orleans, "The History of Charity Hospital"
1995 - Dr. Donald R. Hopkins, Atlanta, "The History of Smallpox"
1996 - Dr. Richard Fox, "The Levelland Winds of Surgery"
ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Claude H. Organ, Jr., MD, MS (Surg), FACS, FCM (S Afr), FRCAS

Born in Marshall, Texas, Dr. Organ graduated summa cum laude from Xavier University in 1948 and went on to receive his M.D. and M.S. (Surgery) from Creighton University in 1952 and 1957, respectively. He received his residency training at Creighton, finishing as chief resident in 1957. Dr. Organ served in the United States Naval Reserves from 1957 to 1959, leaving the navy as a Lt. Commander. Dr. Organ served as a professor of surgery at Creighton University School of Medicine (also as Chairman), the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, and at the University of California, Davis, where he is the Chairman of the East Bay program as well. He also has been honored as a distinguished faculty member by the Tulane Department of Surgery. Dr. Organ is on the editorial board for the AOA’s publication The Pharoas and for the AMA’s JAMA and is editor of the Archives of Surgery. He holds honorary degrees from the University of Nebraska and from Xavier along with honorary fellowships from the Royal College of Surgeons of South Africa and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

The Rudolph Matas Award
— for the most outstanding paper presented on the History of Medicine
In memory of Dr. Rudolph Matas, who was born in New Orleans in 1860, and entered the Medical College of Louisiana (now Tulane) in 1877. After being awarded a residency at Charity Hospital and working in private practice, Dr. Matas served as Chairman of Surgery at Tulane from 1895-1927. Some of Dr. Matas’ surgical accomplishments include the first use of intravenous saline infusion, the invention of a cutover ring for suturing intestines, and the first use of positive pressure in thoracic surgery. So great was the influence of Dr. Matas, the world’s highest honor for surgery of heart and blood vessels has been named in his honor.

The B. Bernard Weinstein Award
— for outstanding original research in the History of Medicine
Established in memory of Dr. Benjamin Bernard Weinstein, who was born in New Orleans in 1913 and raised and educated in this city as well. He received his B.S. (1933), M.D. (1937), and M.S. (1940) from Tulane University. While a medical student at Tulane, Dr. Weinstein was instrumental in the founding of the History of Medicine Society. He was one of the first physicians in New Orleans to develop and pursue interest in the field of endocrinology. As an Obstetrician Gynecologist, he received international recognition for his work in the areas of fertility and sterility. Dr. Weinstein passed away in 1974.

The Isaac Ivan Lennard Award
— for the most outstanding oral paper on the moral and ethical aspects of medicine
Established in memory of Dr. Isaac Ivan Lennard, a native New Orleanian, who graduated from Harvard in 1896 and Tulane Medical School in 1900. Dr. Lennard served in the Tulane Medical Unit during World War I, after which he joined the Tulane Faculty. He became Professor of Medicine and was a pioneer in the use of insulin. Prior to his death in 1937, he was faculty advisor to the History of Medicine Society.

The William L. Marmelat Foundation Award
— for excellent quality of research and writing of a paper on the History of Medicine
Established by Dr. William Marmelat, a native of New Orleans and a 1944 graduate of Tulane Medical School. He delivered the 25th Anniversary B. Bernard Weinstein Memorial Lecture in 1977. He currently lives in Beverly Hills, California and is a practicing dermatologist.

The Sydney Jacobs Memorial Award
— for a paper of outstanding quality on the History of Medicine
Established in 1984 by Mrs. Bernice Jacobs in memory of her husband, the late Dr. Sydney Jacobs. Dr. Jacobs, a native New Orleanian, graduated from Tulane Medical School in 1930 and from the Trudeau School of Tuberculosis in 1937. He was a Clinical Professor of Medicine with Tulane Medical School and was the first full-time chairman of the Department of Medicine, Tulane Infirmary. Nationally known as a pulmonary physician, Dr. Jacobs was the national President of the TB and Respiratory Disease Association, now known as the American Lung Association. President Reagan named him to the American Lung Association Hall of Fame in 1981 and also appointed him to the Council on Aging.