

Snapshots

2008 a banner year for sponsored fellowships

The medical school is on track to double the number of fellowships it sponsors in 2008. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has already approved new programs in geriatric medicine, maternal-fetal medicine, and surgical critical care, and an additional fellowship in hospice and palliative care is likely to be established by the end of the year, bringing the school's total to eight.

Larry W. Lawhorne, M.D., chair and professor in the Department of Geriatrics, will oversee two fellows in the one-year Geriatrics Fellowship program, which was developed under the auspices of the Department of Family Medicine.

The Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) Fellowship program, directed by David S. McKenna, M.D., clinical associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology,

features a three-year curriculum consisting of 12 months of clinical rotations and 20 months of protected research time.

Two fellows will enter the one-year Surgical Critical Care (SCC) Fellowship program this year under the guidance of program director Harry L. Anderson III, M.D., FACS, FCCM, professor of surgery.

Why students need to be quick on their feet



Associate deans LeRoy and Parmelee signal the start of "The Running of the Students."

In medical school, students learn to consider the pertinent facts carefully rather than leaping to conclusions.

Leaping over furniture, however, is sometimes perfectly acceptable. In fact, it can lead to personal glory and fabulous prizes.

On June 2 at 8 a.m., medical students converged on White Hall for "The Running of the Students," a special event to commemorate the unofficial

opening of the new Medical Education Center. Well in advance of an official grand opening ceremony in September, students were invited to use the center's study areas, computers, and other facilities over the summer.

To celebrate the milestone, the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions and the Office of Academic Affairs asked second-year students Maria Shaker and Melanie Golembiewski to organize a scavenger hunt. Participants grumbled

about the early morning physical competition at first, but when Gary LeRoy, M.D., associate dean for student affairs and admissions, and Dean Parmelee, M.D., associate dean for academic affairs, cut ribbons of caution tape marking the starting line, the race was on. Rounding the first corner, second-year student Steve Zitelli stunned the competition by hurdling a lounge chair, clearing the recently installed furniture by inches, and hitting the ground still in stride.

For a frenzied 10 minutes, students raced all over the newly renovated and expanded building, following a trail of cryptic clues and picking up a few prizes along the way. The grand prize, a restaurant gift certificate, ultimately went to Zitelli, whose aerobic maneuvers kicked off a successful chase for victory.