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#### **MINORITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WORK AS SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWS:**

Five minority students from Milwaukee area high schools recently completed their work as full-time research fellows in a special MCW program offered this past summer. Funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, the eight-week fellowships paid each student a salary of \$1,500.

The program, which ran from June 25 to Aug. 18, allows promising science students to participate in faculty-directed medical research. Its goals were to provide minority high school students with meaningful experience in various aspects of health-related research and to stimulate their interest in careers in science, according to **Lauree Thomas, MD**, assistant dean for minority student affairs.

Students were selected competitively on the basis of their academic performance and recommendations from their high school teachers or guidance counselors.

Participants in this year's program were: Thuu Luu, Riverside High School, who studied brain function with **Margaret Wong-Riley, PhD**, professor of anatomy and cellular biology; Tabarius Smith, Nicolet High School, who conducted research in audiology with **Edith A. McFadden, MD**, assistant professor of otolaryngology and human communication; Tawanda Strong, Rufus King High School, who conducted marijuana research with **Alan S. Bloom, PhD**, professor of pharmacology and toxicology; Tara Williamson, Wauwatosa West High School, who studied human gait and balance with **Barbara M. Myklebust, PhD**, assistant professor of neurology and director of the Gait Laboratory at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center; and Wendell Willis, Rufus King High School, who conducted research in hypertension with **Jeffrey L. Osborn, PhD**, associate professor of physiology.

**INAUGURATION RSVP REMINDER:** RSVPs still are being accepted for the presidential inauguration of **T. Michael Bolger, JD**, on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 4 p.m. at the College. Please RSVP by the end of this week. All faculty, staff, students and residents are invited to the inauguration of Mr. Bolger as the fifth president of the Medical College.

**DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS CLINIC NAMED:** **Gary P. Barnas, MD**, assistant professor of medicine, has been named director of the International Travelers Clinic (ITC) at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital. The ITC is a comprehensive outpatient clinic that provides complete

health information and care to people who will be visiting a foreign country. Dr. Barnas has been active in research and education on international travel medicine at the College since 1985 and was instrumental in developing the ITC. He has been with the Medical College since 1983.

Dr. Barnas received his MD in 1980 from Northwestern University Medical School, where he was enrolled in the Six-Year Honors Program in Medical Education.

#### **NEW ADMINISTRATOR IN RADIATION**

**ONCOLOGY:** **A. Timothy Longden Jr., CMPA**, is the new department administrator in Radiation Oncology.

Previously, he was financial manager in the Department of Radiology, director of finance at Midwest Medical Homecare Specialists, Inc., and acting director of admissions and patient accounts at the Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex.

Mr. Longden was also an investigative auditor for the Wisconsin Department of Justice-Medicaid Fraud Unit, vice president for Benefit Plan Services, Inc., and senior accountant for Sola Basic Industries, Inc.

He is a certified manager of patient accounts and an advanced member of Healthcare Financial Management Association. Mr. Longden is a licensed life and health underwriter for the state of Wisconsin. He also is a member of the Medical Group Management Association and the Society of Radiation Oncology Administrators.

He received his bachelor's degree in 1971 and pursued MBA coursework in accounting from New Hampshire College.

#### **SURGEONS EVALUATE NON-TRADITIONAL GALLBLADDER SURGERY:**

MCW surgeons at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital have begun the evaluation of a new, less painful and less costly procedure for gallbladder surgery.

"The new procedure is called laparoscopic laser cholecystectomy and it is both safe and effective," said **Constantine Frantzides, MD, PhD**, assistant professor of surgery, who has been instructing faculty physicians in the technique since last year.

According to Dr. Frantzides, the procedure requires only three tiny punctures below the chest, where instruments are introduced, and a very small incision near the navel, through which the compressed gallbladder is ultimately removed. A thin scope also is inserted through the incision to view the surgical field during the entire procedure.

"Patients undergoing the procedure can expect a shorter hospital stay, a faster recovery period and the advantage of virtually no scarring," he said.

Twenty million Americans suffer from gallbladder disease and surgical removal of the gallbladder is