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FROGs, Colleagues and Friends:

Winter— 2006

As many of you know, we are in the middle of a serious crisis for the future of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the training of physicians to provide women's healthcare in the future. There has been a steady decline in the number of medical students who have taken interest in Obstetrics and Gynecology in the last several years. If this trend continues, well-trained women's healthcare providers will not be readily available to women in this country. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) through the Residency Review Committees (RRCs) have implemented new policies that allow for more attractive working conditions during residencies including Obstetrics and Gynecology. Part of this refers to work hour restrictions but also policies regarding the residency curriculum have been relaxed to allow for a certain amount of individualized training during the residency curriculum. In the UC Davis/Kaiser Permanente Integrated Program in Obstetrics and Gynecology, we have added substantial elective time to the residency training program curriculum to allow residents to begin to differentiate their interests while they are still residents and to explore areas of the specialty that they might not otherwise be able to investigate. These elective experiences along with a series of innovative educational opportunities have created new excitement among the candidates we have interviewed for our residency.

Examples of innovation in our curriculum include the following:

1) the use of simulators to provide basic training in clinical techniques (e.g., shoulder dystocia management); 2) international medical electives to provide exposure to medical care in third world environments; 3) mock trials and other presentations by the Center for Perinatal Medicine and the Law; 4) intensive workshops for surgical skills training, using animate and inanimate models; 5) teaching of evidence-based medicine using regular journal club conferences; 6) Professional Development conferences providing training in professionalism and teaching skills; 7) mentoring in clinical research projects.

*Although these efforts have definitely increased interest in our program, a financial challenge is created to sustain such programs and to develop new programs to fulfill the interests of our residents. Consequently, in the future we will depend heavily on revenue from the **Richard H. Oi Endowment for Education** in Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women's Health. As you know, this endowment was started two years ago and in 2004/05 we raised over \$10,000. The endowment principal now stands at \$564,977 with a goal of \$1,000,000 within the next five years. This endowment, as it grows and matures and provides its interest revenue to support the education mission, will come to be a source of great strength for the program.*



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In looking across northern California, we now find our graduates in all major medical groups. In fact, for inland northern California, we are the main source of well-trained providers in Obstetrics & Gynecology & Women's Healthcare. Allied to the innovative educational opportunities that we have developed in the residency, our faculty have also developed new programs for student training in Obstetrics & Gynecology and we are determined to recruit the best new physicians for training in our programs. Our new fellowships in Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Gynecologic-Oncology and Women's Midlife Health add to the diversity of training at UC Davis in women's healthcare.

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***The Richard H. Oi Endowment** stands for the qualities of compassionate care and teaching manifested by Dr. Oi during his long career at UC Davis. Increasingly, this endowment will support innovative, educational opportunities for our trainees. We are confident that our program will continue to be able to train the best physicians to care for women in our region. We hope that you will support the growth of the **Richard H. Oi Endowment** with a generous gift in the coming year. I want to personally thank the donors from 2004 & 2005 listed below. I hope you will join us in this important effort during 2006.*

***The Inaugural Event for the Richard H. Oi Endowment has been scheduled for Saturday evening, April 29, 2006.** This will truly be a special evening with a Hawaiian motif, cuisine and music. We hope you will plan to join us for the evening. Please spread the news about the growth of our endowment and its mission to your colleagues and friends who are also welcome to join us on April 29! As always, thank you for your continued support.*

Lloyd H. Smith, M.D., Ph.D.

President, FROG Society-UCD

*P.S. If you would like to talk more about the **Richard H. Oi Endowment**, please call me at 916/734-6946 or e-mail lhsmith@ucdavis.edu.*

Richard H. Oi, M.D., Endowment Donations 2005

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SAVE THE DATE!

THE RICHARD H. OI, M.D. ENDOWMENT INAUGURAL EVENT WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 29 IN LIEU OF THE ANNUAL FROG REUNION!

The Richard H. Oi, M.D. Endowment for Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology has been created to ensure a permanent commitment at UC Davis to teaching of compassionate health-care for women and to provide unique educational opportunities for students and residents in training. Please join us in building a lasting endowment in honor of Dr. Oi's career, one that will ensure that dedication to quality teaching will endure at UC Davis.

The Fourteenth Annual FROG Society-UCD Reunion

took place on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at the UC Davis M.I.N.D. Institute where Curt Klooster, MD was honored for his teaching, service and leadership for students and residents in the UC Davis/Kaiser Permanente Residency Training Program.



Mrs. Azevedo, Dr. Singh-Kopff, Dr. Watkins, Dr. King, Dr. Jue



Heather Awaya, MD, Sara Koehler, MD, Carrie Gordon, MD



Dr. & Mrs. Curt Klooster

2005 Resident / Fellow Graduation and Awards Banquet

Congratulations and welcome to the newest members of the FROG Society! The 2005 Graduation and Awards Banquet took place at the Firehouse in June 2005, and we were fortunate to have as our invited speaker Cheryl Walker, MD, Associate Professor

OB/GYN Resident Graduates - Where are they now?

Heather Awaya, MD - Kaiser Permanente, Sacramento, CA
Sloane Berger-Chen, MD - Columbia University, New York
Jenny Dai-Biller, MD - UC Davis Women's Health Fellow, Sacramento, CA
Karen Goodrich, MD - Arbor Medical Group, Santa Maria, CA
Jeanette Lee, MD - Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles, CA
Shilpa Pakala, MD - Catholic Healthcare West, Northridge, CA



Drs. Cheryl Walker & Véronique Tâche,



Drs. Dena Towner, Heather Bevan, Gary Leiserowitz

Highlights from the 2005 Grad Banquet



Dr. Richard and Rhea Sweet



Dr. William Gilbert & Pamela Bigelow



Drs. Lloyd Smith, Heather Awaya, Jenni Dai-Biller, Jeanette Lee, Karen Goodrich, Sloane Berger-Chen, Mary Ciotti



Linda Boyers, Bill Harp & Dr. Stephen Boyers

Obstetrics and Gynecology and Women's Health Prospectus - 2006

The 2005 Prospectus is available on the Web at <http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/obgyn/obgyn>, click on Education, then on Residency Prospectus 2006. Be sure to read the Message from the Chair to learn about recent achievements in the Department of OB/GYN and the exciting changes.