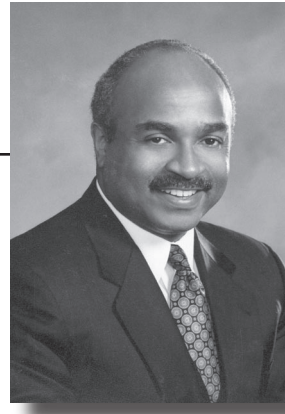


Warren H. Cole Society Annual Dinner and Lecture

Dr. Britt's presentation will address "Surgery: The Next Generation."

The annual meeting of the Warren H. Cole Society at the American College of Surgeons meeting in San Francisco will be Monday Oct. 17 in the Cornelian room at the Bank of America Center. The Council will meet at 5pm. The cocktail reception will follow at 6 pm, with dinner and the Warren Cole Lecture to follow.

The Warren Cole lecture will be delivered by L. D. Britt, M.D., the Brickhouse Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Surgery at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Dr. Britt is a graduate of Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health. He completed general surgical residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago- Cook County Combined program in 1984. He is the first African-American in the US to occupy an endowed chair in surgery. Dr. Britt has held many national and international leadership positions in surgery, and has won numerous honors in teaching. Dr. Britt is a Regent of the American College of Surgeons.



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A Message From The President

Paul Thomas

The Warren H. Cole, University of Illinois Department of Surgery Alumni Society has had a fruitful year. The surgery Residents of both the Chicago and Peoria programs were enrolled as Associate Members and they were (for the first time) presented certificates attesting to their membership. I have personally contacted many of our members to stimulate renewed interest in the Society which has resulted in some constructive suggestions for consideration. We are all eager to attend the next Warren Cole Lectureship which will be presented at our annual meeting, Oct. 17th by L. Delano Britt, Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery, Eastern Virginia School of Medicine, a well known post Cole era graduate of our program. Also, Council has approved commitment of significant financial

stipends to support the travel of selected Residents to attend the American College of Surgeons and Warren H. Cole Society meetings each year.

Dr. Jan Rakinic, editor of our newsletter, has refined and improved each new issue. Your suggestions, ideas or relevant concerns are welcome and will be very much appreciated; we encourage each and every one of you to contribute. It has been said by some that "now is the time for the post Warren Cole alumni of the University of Illinois Department of Surgery to take leadership and revitalize the Cole Society". **This is your opportunity to promote surgical education and scholarly achievement, to sustain lasting friendships, and, above all to be proud of your surgical heritage.**

Nyhus Campaign Now Online

Appreciative former residents of Lloyd M. Nyhus, M.D., chair of the UIC Dept. of Surgery from 1967-1989, are sponsoring a fund drive for an endowed chair in Dr. Nyhus' name. This campaign is led by James R. DeBord, M.D., a former Nyhus resident, along with ten other UIC alumni surgeons.

The campaign's goal is to raise \$1.5 million in capital to fund the Lloyd M. Nyhus Chair in Surgery as a way to honor a cherished mentor and friend.

You can log onto www.uic.edu/com/surgery/ and click on "Nyhus Campaign" to see photos taken at a party given by Dr. Nyhus' former residents to celebrate his 80th birthday. There is a short video of Dr. Nyhus' life and an opportunity to participate in the capital campaign.

For more information on the Nyhus Chair campaign, contact Ray Kovach at rkovach@uic.edu or 312-996-8769.

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On 4/29/05, we had **Dr. Loren Humphrey** come to the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria to help induct our residents as associate members of the Cole Society. All 16 of our residents were inducted into the Cole Society. We thought the best way to help encourage our residents to continue to be members of the Cole Society was to get them involved as early as possible. Hopefully, this will facilitate them in becoming active members of the Warren Cole Society upon graduation.

Dr. Humphrey gave us a great description of what it meant to be a Cole resident. It is always interesting to hear stories about Dr. Cole. I have heard them many times, and I always seem to learn something new. It was truly an outstanding Grand Rounds and I think it was very rewarding for our residents. I am very happy to see that they are all participating now in the Warren Cole Society.

Richard C. Anderson, M.D.



Left to Right: Bill Marshall, Loren Humphrey, Jim Debord, Paul Thomas & Norman Estes

Member Transitions

Dr. Sidney Levitsky elected president of STS

Dr. Sidney Levitsky, Professor and Head of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Illinois-Chicago from 1975-1989 was elected President of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons for 2005-06.

At the 41st annual meeting of the STS in Tampa in January, Dr. Levitsky outlined the major agenda issues for his presidency year. These include: 1) working with the Relative Value Update Committee toward fair reimbursement of increasingly complex cardiothoracic interventions; 2) continued activity related to liability

reform; 3) increase of PAC support; 4) management of new technology, with emphasis on endovascular stenting; 5) focus on STS' strategic planning; 6) strengthening the STS National Databases; 7) adoption of Quality Initiatives for patient care improvement; 8) drafting Practice Guidelines; 9) expanding STS membership to welcome new categories of members; 10) continuing to encourage member participation. For more information: www.sts.org is the Society's website.

Dr. Warren Cole's Bequest to Students

In July the Warren and Clara Cole Foundation distributed \$80,000.00 to the Warren H. Cole Society. It was Dr. Cole's wish that these monies be used in support of deserving medical students with surgery career plans attending the University of Illinois College of Medicine. The Cole society now has the happy task of deciding how grants will be awarded to medical students and what criteria should be established to make student selections.

Honors Day Ceremony April 12, 2005



Left to Right: Douglas Nowak, UIC, Dr. Paul Thomas, President, Warren Cole Society; Jeremy W. Pyle, Peoria

The Warren Cole Society selected several senior medical students for recognition regarding their excellence in surgical studies. The recipients of this year's Cole awards, pictured above with Dr. Paul Thomas, President of the Warren Cole Society, are Douglas Nowak, UIC, who plans to study orthopedic surgery, and Jeremy W. Pyle, Peoria, whose career plan is plastic surgery. The Cole Society also selected recipients for the Nyhus Award, given to senior medical students showing promise in the field of surgery. This year's Nyhus award recipients are Ronald Kim of University of Illinois-Peoria and Parley Fillmore of University of Illinois at Urbana.

Surgeons have great job satisfaction! (Adapted from *General Surgery News*)

A survey of 97% of the surgeons who completed their general surgery residency at the University of Wisconsin Medical School-Madison (UWMS) between 1978 and 2002 reveals that surgeons are generally happy with their career choice and current practice. Compared to most Americans, surgeons are thinner, have fewer divorces, develop fewer work-related health problems, have marginally lower rates of drug and alcohol abuse, and are overwhelmingly content with where they live.

The study could serve to attract more medical students to general surgery.

Many students are deterred from general surgery as a career choice because of its reputation as a high-stress specialty that leaves no time for family or leisure. However, this study challenges that thinking.

The study was presented by Bruce Harms, M.D., at the 2005 annual meeting of the American Surgical Association. The group included 29 early-career surgeons (ages 30-39), 57 mid-career surgeons (ages 40-49), and 24 late-career surgeons (ages 50 and over). Of those surveyed, 14 were women.

Close to half (46%) of surgeons surveyed have a traditional general surgery practice, while 14% have an emphasis on colorectal (4%), breast/surgical oncology (3%), trauma/critical care (3%), vascular (2%), or minimally invasive surgery (2%). Nearly 16% specialized in cardiothoracic, 3.9% in transplant and 20.5% in plastic surgery. The majority (54.9%) were in group practice, followed by academic (18.6%) and multi-specialty (14.7%). Only 11.8% were in solo practice.

In Rememberence of Dr. Robert Canham

We regret the passing of **Dr. Robert Canham**, a member of the founding group of the Warren H. Cole Society and a past president of the Warren H. Cole Society. He is warmly remembered by **Robert Jensik M.D.:**

Bob Canham spent time in thoracic surgery in the Drs. Van Hazel/Jensik Division under Dr. Cole in the period of the mid 1950's. Because of his

excellent technical ability (Bob also had a D.D.S. degree) and great sense of humor, we had a wonderful relationship during this period of his training, prompting me to extend an invitation to him to join our private practice. Following the completion of his surgical training, however, he began his practice in Galesburg, but later moved to Decatur to joint Bill Requarth.

We kept in contact at various Dr. Cole

gatherings in Asheville, and in the past year had resumed communications via the internet.

I always considered Dr. Canham a superb surgeon with the highest ethical standards. He will be missed.

Also in memoriam:

Dr. Paul Y.M. Chan
Dr. Kenneth R. Vander Vennet