

"ETHICS IN THE CORE CURRICULUM": YEAR TWO OF THE NEH GRANT

The Medical Humanities Program is now in the third and final year of our National Endowment for the Humanities grant to integrate ethics into the core medical and nursing curricula at Michigan State University. Our experience in these first two years has suggested some general conclusions, as well as some modifications of the initial grant proposal. One general conclusion is that the grassroots support of health care professionals, whether pre-existing or newly cultivated, is a necessary condition of success. One notable modification has been the abandonment of the intensive faculty development workshops originally proposed. A more feasible approach is that of working with individuals or small groups who have an interest in medical ethics or who have been assigned to teach specific courses or exercises. A second modification has resulted from the unforeseen development of intensified interest and involvement on the part of the College of Veterinary Medicine (see related article below).

EVALUATION. On the basis of numerous course and conference evaluations and a survey of the faculties of CHM, COM, and Nursing, the project clearly is valued by and enjoys strong support from both faculty and students. Students and faculty value most the intellectual stimulation, the opportunity to express their views, and the opportunity to learn the views of others. During the second year of the grant, the project was assessed by external evaluators Dr. Michael Scriven, University of San Francisco, and Dr. Denis Phillips, Stanford University. They generally gave the project high marks and compared it favorably to similar programs nationally. In their view, the basic approach of the project--namely, the integration of ethics into existing curricula--is the only one with real promise.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN MEDICINE. In general, the second year of the project saw a strengthening of the first year's programs rather than any instigation of new approaches. A more intensive effort was made in 1982 to integrate ethics teaching into Track II Focal Problems. During the summer of 1983, Dr. Bruce Miller, MHP Co-Coordinator, and Ken Howe, Project Evaluator, met several times with the Director of Track II, Dr. Jack Jones, who agreed that more ethical material should be systematically incorporated.

At the clinical level, attention continued to be focused on Year III and IV students in Lansing. We decided, with the concurrence of the external evaluators, to focus the exploration of off-campus teaching of medical ethics for CHM students in one or two, rather than all four, other communities in which students do their clinical work. Currently there are promising possibilities in both Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo.

COLLEGE OF NURSING. 1982 was a year of considerable progress in the College of Nursing, providing instruction for Nursing faculty, stimulating

involvement of a large segment of the faculty, and integrating ethics into additional new courses.

While teaching initiatives from the first year of the grant continued and were refined, new efforts during the second year included: (1) The establishment of a series of ethics case conferences at MSU's Clinical Center, an outpatient facility which provides the only on-campus site for clinical teaching, aimed at the Clinical Center nursing staff and the Nursing faculty; (2) the development of new course materials for NE 301, 581, and 582 in conjunction with Nursing faculty members Joanne Westrick and Sue Haviland; and (3) the election of Dr. Tomlinson, MHP Assistant Professor, to the College's Graduate Curriculum Committee. Since the duties of the Committee include periodic review of graduate-level courses and the approval of proposed course revisions, this new position will provide Dr. Tomlinson with opportunities for developing ethics materials in graduate level courses.

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE. The second year of the project saw not only the continuation and refinement of earlier efforts, but also the implementation of several important initiatives.

A major advance was the introduction in April of a medical ethics case conference series at Lansing General Osteopathic Hospital. This was accomplished with the support of Dr. Donald McBride, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (COM), and Dr. Gordon Spink, Director of Medical Education at Lansing General Hospital. Through the good offices of Dr. Spink, Dr. Tomlinson, was able to address the Council of Affiliated Hospitals, an organization of DMEs from osteopathic hospitals throughout the state. As a result of this presentation, Dr. Tomlinson was invited to speak both at the Michigan Osteopathic Medical Center and at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, as well as to deliver a lecture for the Internal Medicine Residency Program in the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

New this year was the development of ethics topics for OST 560 (musculo-skeletal system) and CMS 517 (Medical Jurisprudence). Working with Dr. Robert Fedore, Community Health Sciences, and Mr. Mark Diedenbach, an attorney with Flint Osteopathic Hospital and the main instructor for CMS 517, Drs. Tomlinson and Miller developed materials on refusal of treatment and on withholding treatment from defective newborns. Dr. Tomlinson also worked with OST 560 Course Coordinator Dr. James Rechten on plans for incorporating ethics materials into this sequence.

ETHICS IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

Susan Reardon, Information Coordinator, CVM

Public concern over the use of animals in biomedical research and education has increased dramatically in recent years. As the profession most intimately involved with the welfare of animals, veterinary medicine has a special responsibility to insure that all animals are treated humanely. Moreover, as scientists and educators, veterinary faculty are in a unique position to inform the public of the need for and benefits from animal experimentation.

To help meet these responsibilities, MSU's College of Veterinary Medicine has established a task force to evaluate the use of animals in the College's teaching and research programs. Comprised of faculty, students, administrators, and laboratory personnel, the task force also will recommend appropriate ways for the College to participate in the public dialogue on this important issue.

Plans also are underway for a half-day workshop on animal welfare and ethical issues for practitioners at the Postgraduate Conference for Veterinarians in January 1984. Additional ethics seminars for faculty and graduate students also are being developed.

ART AND ARTISTS: AGING AS A HUMAN VALUE

The art historian Geri Berg was on campus October 24 and 25, sponsored by the MHP, the Center on Aging, the Colleges of Osteopathic and Human Medicine, and the Department of Art.

Geri, who has a master's degree in art history and is presently a social worker with Kaiser-Permanente in Portland, Oregon, gave a slide-lecture presentation on Monday, October 24, in Erickson Kiva to an audience of over 70 people. Entitled "Art and Artists: Aging as a Human Value", the split-screen presentation illustrated the many ways in which the perspectives and skills of the art historian can contribute to medical education, with a particular emphasis on what art and artists can tell us about growing old.

While on campus, Geri met with medical and nursing faculty, as well as with a sizable group of faculty from the College of Human Ecology who have special interests in gerontology. She also met with a large group of graduate nursing and other students and faculty connected with NE 543 (Adaptation in the Elderly). A meeting was arranged with staff from the public broadcasting station WKAR-TV and the MSU Instructional Media Center to discuss the possibility of producing a video version of Geri's program which could be distributed to campuses around the country wishing to introduce art history into their health education programs.

MHP VISITING PROFESSOR DR. SHIRLEY BACH

We are pleased to note that Dr. Shirley Bach, Professor of Natural Science at Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo), has joined the MHP as Visiting Professor for the academic year 1983-1984. During her year with us, Dr. Bach will participate in a wide variety of MHP activities. One of Dr. Bach's major interests is in effective patient participation in clinical decision-making on both personal and policy levels. She has begun consulting with the MSU Office of Medical Education, Research and Development (OMERAD) on the question of how traditional ethical issues are integrated into medical decision-making. In October, Dr. Bach was guest speaker at a MHP Medical Ethics Case Conference titled "Resolving Ethical Dilemmas: The Role of Hospital Ethics Committees". In addition to attending and participating in many of the MHP seminars, case conferences, and other activities, Dr. Bach will also gain clinical experience by attending rounds in area hospitals with Drs. Andrew Hunt and Howard Brody.

Dr. Bach did her graduate study in natural product chemistry at the University of Wisconsin and post-doctoral research in human complement genetics at Harvard Medical School. Her long-standing interest in ethical issues in genetics and in bioethics generally led her to develop three new courses at WMU: "Issues in Social Biology", "Biomedical Ethics", and "Moral and Philosophical Foundations of Health Care".

In addition to her extensive teaching experience, Dr. Bach has also been involved in various ways in ethical aspects of biomedical research and clinical care. Since 1979 she has chaired the WMU Human Subjects Institutional Review Board, and last year she chaired the WMU Science for Citizens' Center Ethics and Values Advisory Council. For the past four and a half years Dr. Bach has been a Teaching Associate in Family Practice for the Southern Michigan Area

Health Education Council (SMAHEC), giving seminars on ethical issues in medicine, with an emphasis on gerontology. In 1976-77, Dr. Bach planned and presented a 12-part mini-course in medical genetics for the Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand Rounds at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo. She has also participated in in-service training on "Ethics in Health Care" and "Ethics in Research" for several area hospitals. In addition to these activities, Dr. Bach has presented papers on various ethical issues in biomedical research and clinical care at various workshops and symposia. During her sabbatical year, she is also working as bioethics consultant to Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo.

MHP VISITING MEDICAL STUDENT

Philip Hebert, a fourth year medical student at the University of Toronto, spent a month with the MHP this fall. Philip arrived on September 9 and returned to Toronto on October 25. During his stay, he divided his time between doing extensive readings in medical ethics under the direction of MHP Co-Coordinator Dr. Howard Brody and spending time in various area clinics. Besides attending the Family Practice Clinic with Howard at the MSU Clinical Center, Philip also visited the Adolescent Clinic at St. Lawrence Hospital (Lansing) under the supervision of MHP Director Dr. Andrew Hunt and the Geriatrics Clinic with Dr. Jim O'Brien, Associate Chairperson, Family Practice/CHM. In addition, Philip also participated in Family Practice Rounds at St. Lawrence.

Philip received his doctorate in philosophy of science from York University in 1982, writing his dissertation on the social aspects of science. He is one of several medical students who were instrumental in getting a course in medical ethics offered at the University of Toronto, and he is on the Dean's Committee on Medical Ethics. He is also active in the Medical Reform Group.

After getting his medical degree, Philip will spend a year practicing family medicine in northern Ontario. He plans to eventually combine work as a family practitioner with involvement in a medical ethics program in a hospital-based setting.

MEDICAL HUMANITIES HOUR AT THE MSU CLINICAL CENTER

New this year from the MHP is "The Medical Humanities Hour at the Clinical Center", a series of conferences which will be held on the third Thursday of every month from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the MSU Clinical Center Auditorium (A-219). The conferences will be on topics related to medicine and the humanities, and are open to all interested faculty, staff and students. Fall term conferences included: "Discussing Code/No Code with Patients", presented by Howard Brody, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Family Practice/Medical Humanities Program, Arnold Werner, M.D., Department of Psychiatry, and Mr. Kenneth Ousterhout, a patient; "Scarce Resources and the Rationing of Health Care: Federal Initiatives in Cost Containment", presented by Tom Herrmann, M.D., CHM Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, and Jay Rosen, Director of Health Planning, State of Michigan Office of Health and Medical Affairs; and "A Unified Field Theory of Mental Illness", presented by Gerald Osborn, D.O., Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Psychiatry (COM). Planned future conferences include "History of Medicine", "Medicine in China" (to be presented by Dr. Andrew Hunt--see related article under STAFF NEWS AND NOTES.), and "History of the Osteopathic Profession". For more information or to be put on our mailing list, call (517) 355-7550 or write "Medical Humanities Hour", Medical Humanities Program, A-106 East Fee Hall, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824. Come join us!

MEDICAL HISTORY ACTIVITIES FOR 1983-1984 (OR, WHAT TO DO UNTIL PETER GETS BACK)

The Medical History Brown Bag seminars will continue this year, even though the coordinator of our series, Dr. Peter Vinten-Johansen, is on sabbatical for the academic year. Not having Peter to select articles from journals for us, we have decided to devote the entire series this year to reading one book of major importance: Paul Star's The Social Transformation of American Medicine (Basic Books, 1982). The size of the book unfortunately precludes us xeroxing the readings as we have done in past years, and we regret the price tag (\$24.95 at local book stores). Based on reviews this book has received in the medical and lay press, however, it is an important work well worth our attention. As before, you may plan to attend any seminar session even if you've been unable to do the reading (although of course discussions will be more valuable the more people who have done the readings). We will begin each session with a brief recap before opening the discussion, and members of the MHP staff will alternate as discussion leaders unless YOU wish to volunteer. During Fall term, we read and discussed chapters 1 through 4 of Book I. The schedule of readings for the rest of the year is as given below. Please join us on the following dates from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in A-116 East Fee Hall:

January 9	Book I, Chs. 5-6	pp. 180-232
February 13	Book II, Chapter 1	pp. 235-289
March 12	Book II, Ch. 2 and part of Ch. 3	pp. 290-351
April 9	Book II, Conclude Ch. 3, start Ch. 4	pp. 352-405
May 14	Book I, conclude Chs. 4 and 5	pp. 405-449

MHP MEDICAL/NURSING ETHICS JOURNAL CLUB

The MHP Ethics Journal Club has resumed its meetings for the academic year 1983-84. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the Captain's Room of the MSU Student Union Building. This year the journal club is addressing ethical issues in both medicine and nursing and is open to all interested medical or nursing faculty and students. So far this year, sessions have been focusing on clinical or "bedside" ethics, though, depending on participants' interests, future sessions may include more theoretical articles on ethical methodology and principles. For more information or to get on the mailing list, contact Dr. Howard Brody in care of the MHP (355-7550).

SPECIAL EDITION OF THE MEDICAL HUMANITIES REPORT

Dr. Howard Brody, MHP Co-Coordinator, with the assistance of Medical Humanities Report Editor Susan Cope Ekstrom, has put out the first of what we hope will be an ongoing series of special Reports for undergraduate advisors of pre-medical, health professional, and other students in health-related fields at MSU. The purpose of the special Reports is to help provide advisors with information on the many courses on campus which study health and medicine from the distinctive perspective of the humanities.

The special Report, which runs 10 pages, lists some 19 course offerings in the humanities and social sciences which deal with medical and health care issues and which will be offered during winter or spring terms at MSU. They include offerings in anthropology, arts and letters, economics, English, history, music, natural science, public affairs management, philosophy, and sociology.

We hope that this special Report will mark the beginning of an ongoing dialogue with the undergraduate advisors at MSU. We in the MHP need to hear from the advisors about their needs and those of their students. Do MHP staff need to come and give talks before student clubs and student organizations? Do unrealistic prerequisites or other barriers prevent students from taking full

advantage of some of these courses? Could we investigate future strategies for strengthening or broadening course offerings in the field of health and humanities? Are courses being offered which are not included in the special Report which should be listed? If so, let us know--let us hear from you! (For a copy of this first issue of the special Report, contact the MHP at 355-7550.)

STAFF NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

ANDREW HUNT, M.D., Coordinator of the MHP, chair since June of a Medicaid Task Force established by the State of Michigan Department of Social Services. In November, Dr. Hunt served as Course Director of the MHP presentation on "Ethical Issues in Ambulatory Care" at the annual meeting of the Michigan State Medical Society. Participating in the presentation were MHP Co-Coordinators Dr. Bruce Miller and Dr. Howard Brody and Associate Professor of Psychiatry Daniel Bronstein. In June, Dr. Hunt participated in a three-week tour of the People's Republic of China sponsored by the People to People Program. Dr. Hunt was one of three sub-group leaders of the tour, which was composed of members of the American Pediatric Society. Tour members participated in professional and cultural exchanges in Guangzhou (Canton), Kunming, Chengdu, Xian, and Beijing (Peking). This was Dr. Hunt's second trip to China, and he will be giving a presentation on "Medicine in China" in the MHP series "Medical Humanities Hour at the MSU Clinical Center".

BRUCE MILLER, Ph.D., MHP Co-Coordinator and Chairperson of the Department of Philosophy, MSU, gave two presentations in October. The first, on "Privacy and Confidentiality", was given in Kalamazoo as part of a series sponsored by the Kalamazoo Area Council for the Humanities for the Kalamazoo medical community. The second was on "Protecting Autonomy for the Partially Competent Patient", given in Cleveland for the Critical Care Center of University Hospitals. In November, Dr. Miller gave a presentation on "Baby Doe: Who Decides? How Shall They Judge?" at a Detroit Conference of Executives of the Association for Retarded Citizens.

HOWARD BRODY, M.D., Ph.D., MHP Co-Coordinator, described teaching programs in medical ethics at MSU at two recent national conferences--the DeCamp Workshop on the teaching of ethics in medical schools at Dartmouth College, July 21-23, and the Second Conference on Humanities/Human Values Teaching in Primary Care Residencies, Airlie, Virginia, October 5-8. Dr. Brody has spoken on medical ethics topics in conferences at Burlington County Hospital in New Jersey (September 21) and at the University of Colorado (November 18-19), as well as delivering the keynote address at the Cancer Care Conference on the MSU campus (November 20). His recent publications include: "Empirical Studies of Ethics in Family Medicine" (guest editorial, Journal of Family Practice, June 1983); "Brain Death and Personal Existence: A Reply to Green and Wikler" (Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, May 1983); and "Does Disease Have a Natural History?" (Medical Anthropology Quarterly, August 1983). Another guest editorial, "Ethics in Family Medicine: Patient Autonomy and the Family Unit", is in press in the Journal of Family Practice. Winter term at MSU, Dr. Brody will be teaching Philosophy 494, "Philosophy of Medicine: Concepts of Health and Disease" on Mondays from 3-5 p.m. (For course descriptions, contact the Department of Philosophy, MSU, or Dr. Brody, c/o the Medical Humanities Program.)

TOM TOMLINSON, Ph.D., MHP Assistant Professor, made presentations on ethical and policy issues in surrogate mother contracts at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital and Michigan Osteopathic Medical Center in Detroit this

September. In addition, an editorial on the topic written by Dr. Tomlinson was carried on the op-ed page of the Detroit News, and Dr. Tomlinson was featured on several radio interview shows on the same issue during this fall. Dr. Tomlinson also read a paper, titled "The Nurse's Conscience and Just Allocation" before the Nursing Interest Group at this year's annual meeting of the Society for Health and Human Values in Washington. At this meeting, he also co-led a group discussion for the Organization of Student Representatives on ethical problems facing medical students. Dr. Tomlinson also recently read a paper, "Professional Autonomy and the Health Care Team", at a symposium sponsored by the Kalamazoo Area Council on the Humanities and the Southeastern Michigan Area Health Education Center. During Winter term 1984 at MSU, Dr. Tomlinson and Nursing faculty member JOY CURTIS will teach Philosophy 461, "Ethics in Nursing" on Thursdays from 3-4:50 p.m. (For a course description, contact the Department of Philosophy, 114 Morrill Hall, MSU.)

KENNETH HOWE, MHP Project Evaluator, and **ARTHUR ELSTEIN, Ph.D.**, OMERAD, exhibited the ethics and decision analysis curricula material developed for MSU's College of Human Medicine Track I Focal Problems at the annual meeting of the American Association of Medical Colleges in November. Mr. Howe also conducted a pair of workshops on "Ethical Issues in Occupational Health" at a November conference in Lansing organized by **Marsha Rohrer, M.D.**, Director of the Sparrow Hospital Family Practice Residency Program. Mr. Howe and MHP Graduate Assistant **MARTHA JONES** have a paper, "Techniques for Evaluating Student Performance in a Pre-Clinical Medical Ethics Course", forthcoming in the Journal of Medical Education. Also forthcoming, in the Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, is a paper, "Teaching Clinical Decision Making" by Mr. Howe, Dr. Elstein, and Dr. **MARGARET HOLMES** of OMERAD.

SUSAN COPE EKSTROM, Medical Humanities Report Editor, gave two presentations fall term titled "What is 'Normal' Birth?", one to ANP 495 (Anthropology of Birth) and one for the MSU Pediatrics Residency Behavioral Conference series. The presentation, which consists of two films followed by discussion, examines two different models of childbirth and the presuppositions underlying them.

DAN ENGLISH, M.D., Department of Surgery/CHM, has left MSU for the 1983-84 academic year. His effort on the grant is being assumed by **JAMES MAYLE, M.D.**, Department of Medicine/CHM, who has been active in the project requiring the ethics write-ups in the Lansing Medicine clerkships.

SUMER VERMA, M.D., Department of Psychiatry, is also away for the 1983-84 academic year. His place on the grant has been taken by **ROBERT K. RICHARDS Ph.D.**, Assistant Dean/CHM, Grand Rapids. Dr. Richards has shown considerable interest in clinical ethics training in his community and has been instrumental in organizing a group of clinicians in the Grand Rapids community into an ethics interest group.

DANIEL BRONSTEIN, J.D.,

Associate Professor in Resource Development and in Psychiatry, is working with the MHP this year on research on ethical issues in environmental toxicology.

LITERATURE AND MEDICINE CONFERENCE

The Human Values in Medicine program at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) is sponsoring a Literature and Medicine conference May 17-19, 1984, in Akron, Ohio. Presenters will include

physician-writers and humanities scholars, including John Stone, M.D., Richard Selzer, M.D., Dannie Abse, M.D., Joanne Trautmann, Maxine Green, and Anne Hudson Jones. For more information, contact Martin Kohn, Coordinator, Human Values in Medicine, NEOUCOM, Rootstown, OH 44272.

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