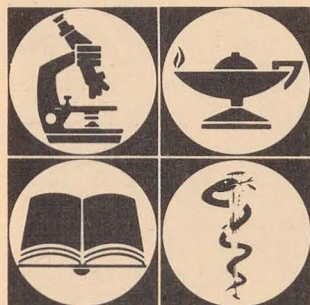


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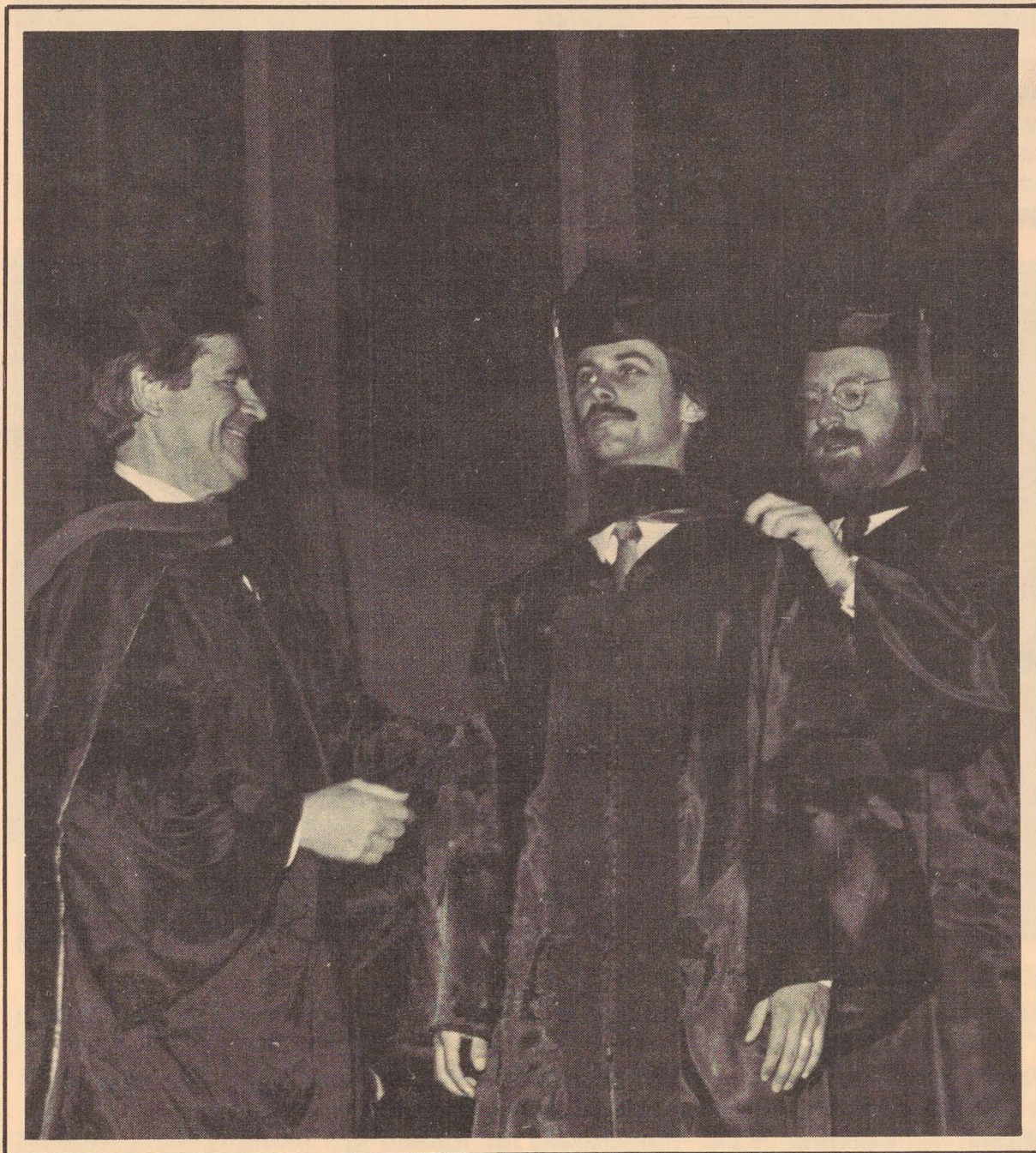
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The new Dr. John J.E. Betz of Reno is hooded by Dr. Richard A. Bargen of Fallon, as Dr. Owen Peck, associate dean, watches.

Hooding and Graduation, 1981

The members of the Class of 1981 and their chosen residencies are:

Joseph H. Allan, M.D. - Surgery - Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
Joseph Marshall Bayless, M.D. - Internal Medicine - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Las Vegas
John J.E. Betz, M.D. - Surgery - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Reno
Nicholas Blavatsky, M.D. - Surgery - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Las Vegas
Marc Robert Bush, M.D. - Surgery - Maricopa County General Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona
Robert Orman Cannon, III, M.D. - Internal Medicine - University of Massachusetts Hospital, Worcester
Myunghae Choi, M.D. - Internal Medicine - Loma Linda University Medical Center, California
Kathie Ellen Monson Coopersmith, M.D. - Pediatrics - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Reno
Kathryn Jean Crooks, M.D. - Family Medicine - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Reno
Bradley K. Cruz, M.D. - Pediatrics - Travis Air Force Base, California
Daniel W. Dees, M.D. - Internal Medicine - Public Health Service Hospital, San Francisco
John DeWeerd, Jr., M.D. - Internal Medicine - Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
Harry A. English, M.D. - Obstetrics/Gynecology - LA County/University of Southern California Medical Center, Los Angeles
James W. Ferguson, M.D. - Internal Medicine - Emanuel Hospital, Portland, Oregon
Kathryn Jane Flegel, M.D. - Internal Medicine - Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, Oregon
Frederick Albert Foss, Jr., M.D. - Surgery - Travis Air Force Base, California
Todd B. Fountain, M.D. - Family Practice - Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona
Sharon Carter Frank, M.D. - Internal Medicine - Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona
Richard H. Gerhauser, M.D. - Family Practice - San Joaquin General Hospital, Stockton, California
Raymond Paul Hooft, M.D. - Flexible - Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane, Washington
Shauna Jamison, M.D. - Obstetrics/Gynecology - San Joaquin General Hospital, Stockton, California
Jerry L. Jones, M.D. - Internal Medicine - Providence Medical Center, Portland, Oregon
Robert E. Kane, M.D. - Internal Medicine - Brook Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas
James Christopher Karn, M.D. - Anesthesiology - University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City
Steven Raymond Kennedy, M.D. - Internal Medicine - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Las Vegas
John Anthony Lavin, M.D. - Family Practice - University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver
Andrea Bynum Lanier, M.D. - Internal Medicine - St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center, Portland, Oregon

Fred Doeleeong Lee, M.D. - Obstetrics/Gynecology - St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Phoenix, Arizona
Terry Lynne McCaskill, M.D. - Obstetrics/Gynecology - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Las Vegas
Denise Diane Daily McKee, M.D. - Family Practice - Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor
James Donovan Nelson, M.D. - Pediatrics - University of Minnesota Hospitals, Minneapolis
Gray H. Neuweiler, M.D. - Anesthesiology - University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City
Jeffrey Fred Olliffe, M.D. - Internal Medicine - Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, San Francisco
James E. O'Malley, Jr., M.D. - Surgery - Emmanuel Hospital, Portland, Oregon
Michael A. Patmas, M.D. - Internal Medicine - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Reno
Michael Wesley Pearson, M.D. - Obstetrics/Gynecology - Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona
Susan Ruth Pintar, M.D. - Pediatrics - Children's Hospital of Northern California, Stockton
Patrice Kathleen Richardson, M.D. - Internal Medicine - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Reno
Gregg Mills Ripplinger, M.D. - Surgery - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Las Vegas
Barbara Eve Rizzardi, M.D. - Flexible - LDS Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah
Robert Dickinson Swackhamer, M.D. - Internal Medicine - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Reno
Robin Lee Titus, M.D. - Family Medicine - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Reno
Roy Tsuda, M.D. - Obstetrics/Gynecology - University of Arizona Affiliated Education Program, Tucson
William E. Von Tobel, M.D. - Family Practice - Scottsdale Memorial Hospital, Arizona
Joseph Gregory Warpinski, M.D. - Anesthesiology - University of California at Davis Medical Center, Sacramento
Thomas Wong, M.D. - Internal Medicine - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Reno
Sandra Lee Wilborn, M.D. - Internal Medicine - University of Nevada Affiliated Program, Reno
Anita Carol York, M.D. - Obstetrics/Gynecology - University of California at Irvine Medical Center

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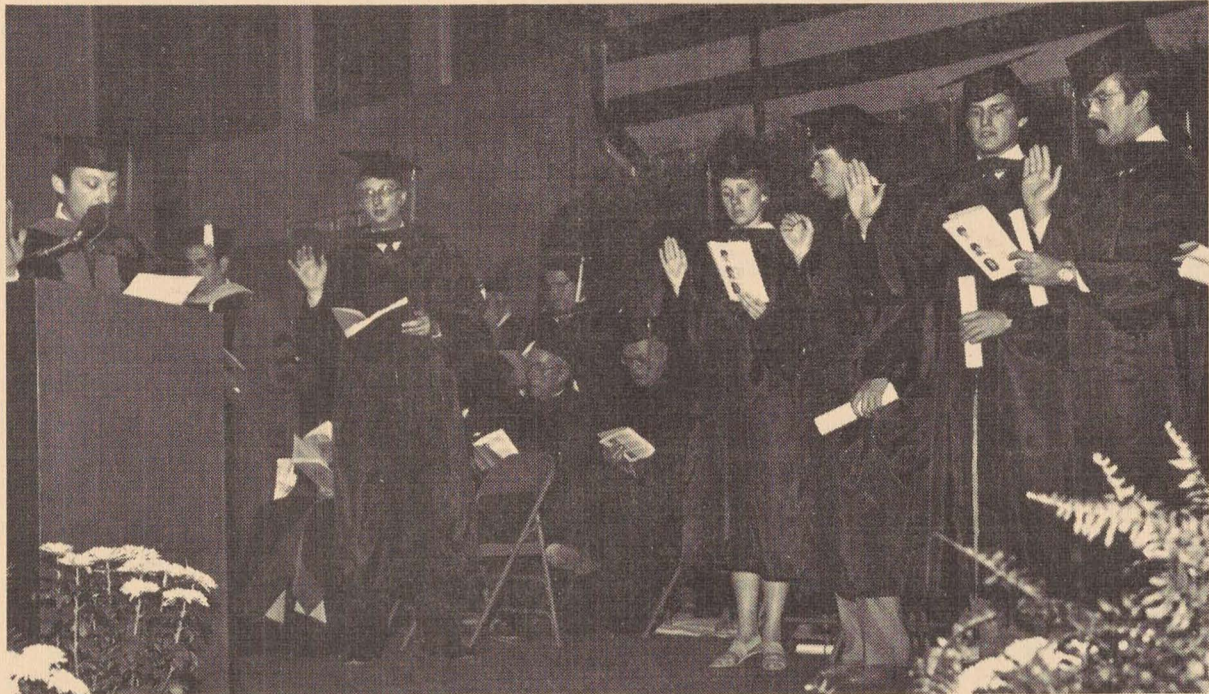
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Amid a flurry of Nevada blue and medical green, 48 student physicians embraced their new profession at the University of Nevada School of Medicine Academic Hooding Ceremony on May 15.

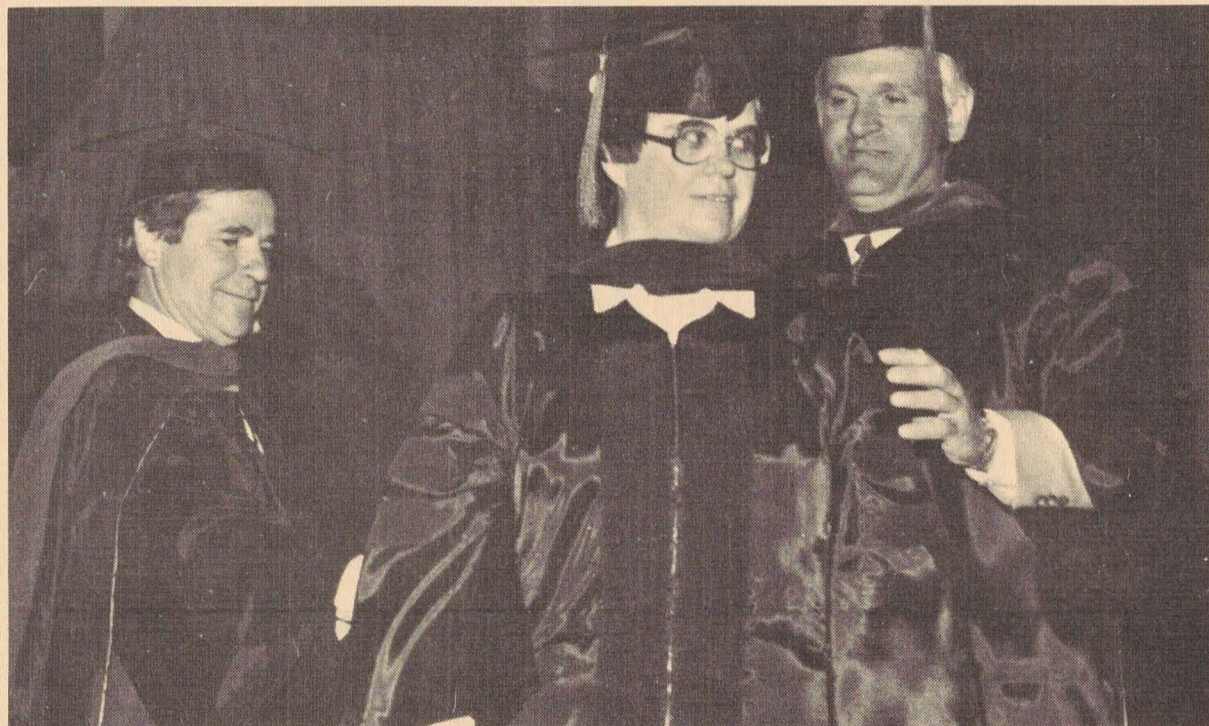
The now-traditional ceremony drew together 1,200 friends of the school, including Governor Robert List and Congressman James Santini.

In an emotional ceremony highlighted by an esprit d'corps and sense of accomplishment after four arduous years, Nevada's newest physicians received their academic hoods and took the Hippocratic Oath, the code of ethics traditional among physicians since ancient times.



Dr. Ernest L. Mazzaferri (far left), chairman of internal medicine, leads the Class of 1981 in reciting the Hippocratic Oath.

The academic hood, which derives from the everyday mantle worn by medieval clergy, indicates both the school granting the degree and the academic area of specialization. In Nevada, the lining is blue and silver—indicative of the University of Nevada—and the outside stripe is green—the color used traditionally to signify medicine. Each of the graduating physicians invited a fellow physician, professor, or friend who had achieved similar academic levels to confer the hood.

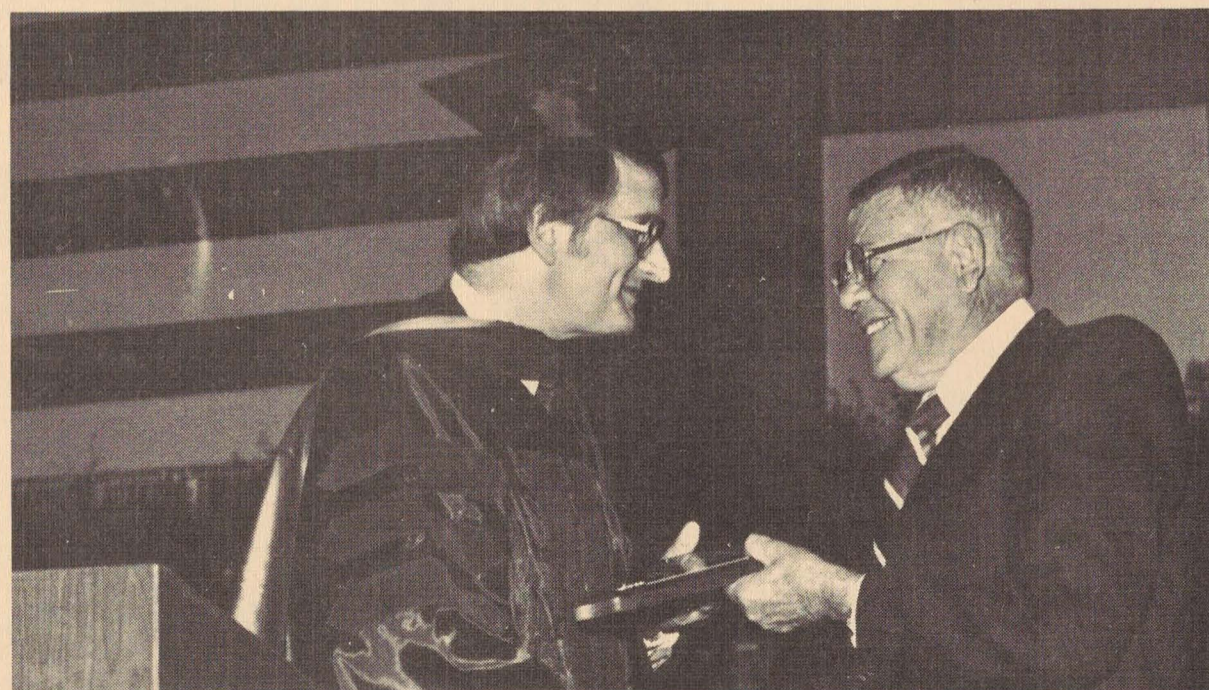


The new Dr. Kathie Coopersmith is hooded by Dr. Donald D. Wicker, from her hometown of Ely.

A welcome from UNR President Joe Crowley on behalf of the University of Nevada Board of Regents set the tone for the evening's festivities, as the president voiced the pride the university community feels at having the medical school on campus and its medical graduates as practicing professionals in the statewide community.

The evening saw much rejoicing in an elevated sense of accomplishment. Students and faculty alike made awards for outstanding performance in various disciplines.

Dean Robert M. Daugherty, Jr. presented Dean's Awards to several special friends of the School of Medicine: Mr. Jake Von Tobel of Las Vegas for his support in the development of numerous medical school programs; Mr. Sol and Mrs. Ella Savitt of Reno for their continuous support of enrichment programs at the School of Medicine, most notably the endowment of the medical library; Dr. Ernest L. Mazzaferri of Reno for his efforts on behalf of the school as acting dean; and Mrs. Edna Brigham of Reno for her continuous and on-going efforts to develop and enhance the School of Medicine.



Mr. Jake Von Tobel of Las Vegas receives a Dean's Award from Dr. Robert M. Daugherty.

The new doctors who received awards for outstanding performance as students in various disciplines were:

Todd B. Fountain, M.D.: Award for the Most Deserving Student in Family and Community Medicine

James Donovan Nelson, M.D., and Susan Ruth Pintar, M.D.: The Roland W. Stahr Award for Excellence in Clinical Pediatrics

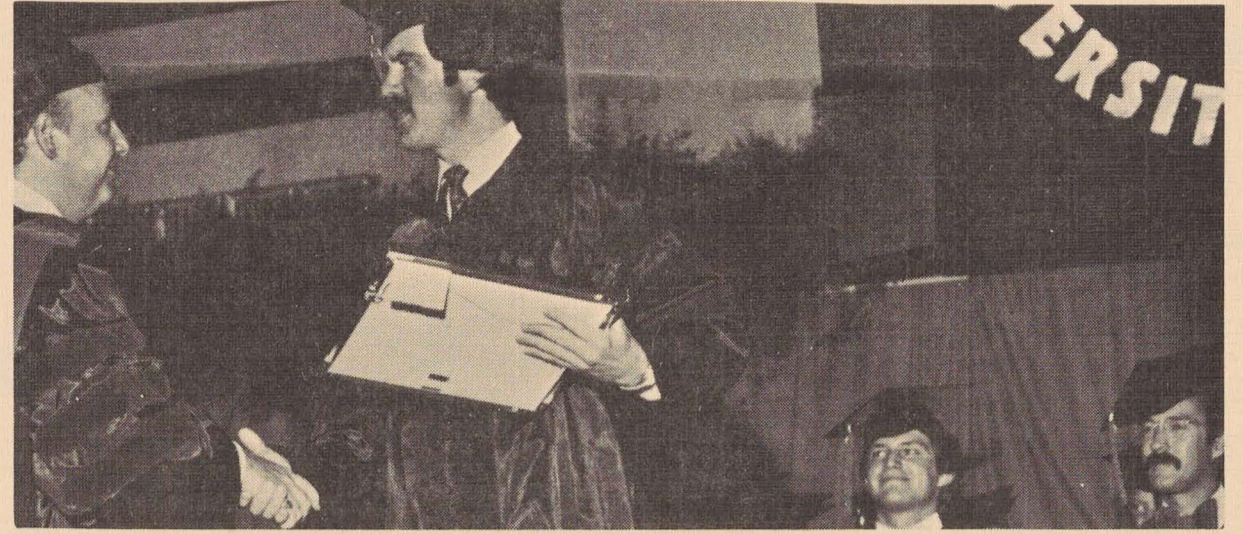
Michal A. Patmas, M.D.: The Donald E. Pickering Scholarly Achievement Award at the School of Medicine, the Outstanding Student in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and the Outstanding Basic Sciences Student Award

Roy Tsuda, M.D.: The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Outstanding Student Award

Sandra Lee Wilborn, M.D.: The Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine and The Outstanding Basic Sciences Student Award

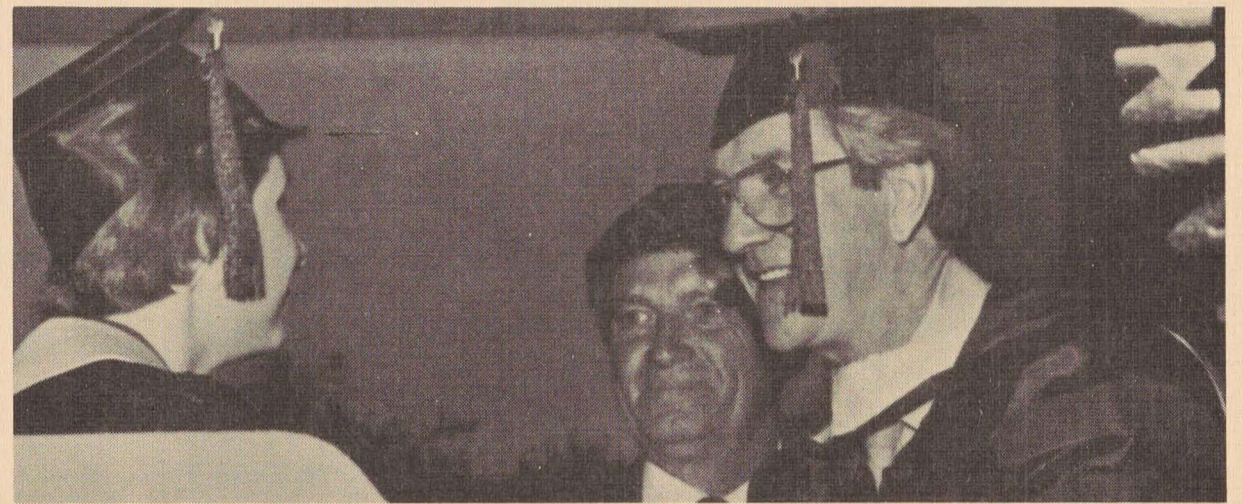
James E. O'Malley, Jr., M.D.: The Outstanding Clinical Performance in Surgery Award

John J.E. Betz, M.D.: The Award for Outstanding Knowledge in Basic Surgical Science



The new Dr. James O'Malley receives the Outstanding Clinical Performance in Surgery Award from Dr. Ralph DePalma, surgery chairman.

The Class of 1981 honored Dr. J. Malcolm Edmiston of Reno and Dr. William G. Wixted of Las Vegas as Outstanding Community Professors. They chose Dr. Robert N. Hyland of Reno as the Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Member, and designated the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Dr. George J. Furman, chairman) and the Department of Microbiology (Dr. David Lupan, acting chairman) as the outstanding clinical and basic science departments.



Dr. J. Malcolm Edmiston (left) and Dr. William G. Wixted (right) accept Outstanding Community Professor Awards.

The evening's keynote speaker was Dr. Robert J. Glaser, president of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation in Menlo Park, Calif., and a consulting professor of medicine at Stanford University. After giving a perspective of the "incredible progress in medicine" in the last century—including the introduction of penicillin, the discovery of insulin, the development of open heart surgery, the successful treatment of syphilis and tuberculosis, and the apparent conquest of smallpox—Dr. Glaser admonished his listeners to remain humble and to constantly remember that advances bring new challenges and new problems. He added, however, that "problems are in effect opportunities and the greater the problems, the greater the opportunities."

Dr. Glaser challenged the new doctors to remember that the role of the physician, while central, "is properly not one of absolute authority, but rather one of wise counsellor."

And, while the challenges of medicine present a constant upward course, "each of us, in his or her way, can bring honor to ourselves and to the great profession of which we are a part . . . by striving to serve our fellow men more effectively by first identifying and then attacking the unsolved problems that will always confront us," Dr. Glaser concluded.

Governor Robert List reiterated the pride all Nevadans feel in the accomplishments of the School of Medicine after only two years as a full, four-year school. These successes, he said, are exemplified in the Class of 1981, 78 percent of whom are entering primary care medical fields (compared to a national average of 65 percent) and 15 percent of whom are entering family practice (compared to a national average of 12 percent). The Governor also lauded the 13 graduates who are remaining in Nevada to take their residency training.

While congratulating the graduates, Gov. List also expressed the hope that Nevada's newest physicians would be compassionate and caring doctors as they seek to meet the challenges of modern medicine.



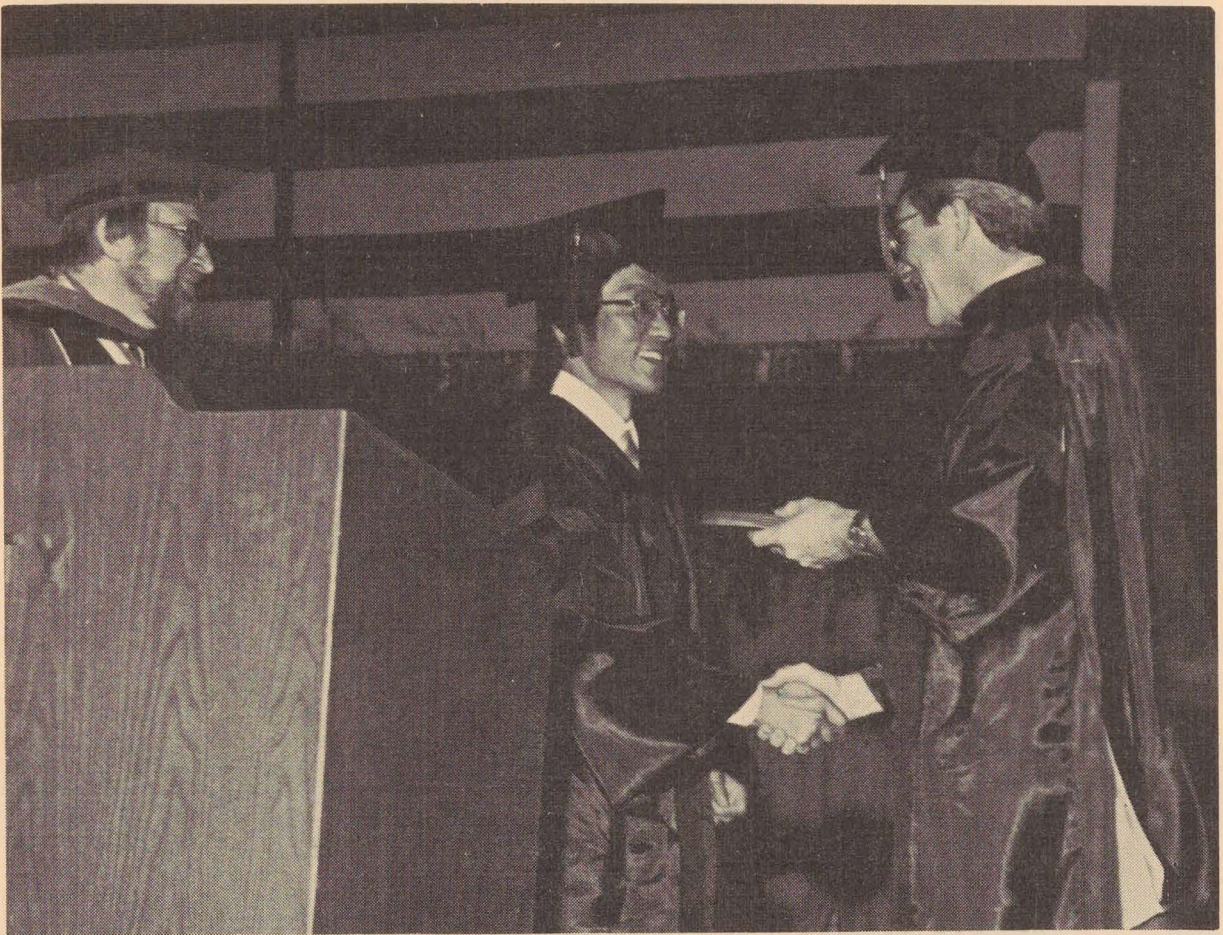
Gov. Robert List addresses the 1,200-member audience.

Dean Daugherty charged the graduates "to maintain your tenacity and stamina in order to continue to learn, to prevent disease and to relieve suffering, and, most importantly, to maintain a sensitivity to the needs of your patients and their families and the communities in which your patients live and from which you come, as well as your own needs and those of your families."

The Dean recalled for the graduates the high standards of professional and moral conduct prescribed by the Father of Medicine, Hippocrates, and the ancient's charge to physicians to, first, promote health and, then, prevent illness and cure disease.

Dr. Daugherty also called to mind the philosophy of Sir William Osler, the father of clinical medical education, who warned physicians against self-satisfied superiority and encouraged "nobility of character, the quality of thoroughness and, above all, the grace of humility."

The new physicians received their diplomas at the traditional commencement ceremonies on the UNR Quad on May 16. They are now settled in residencies from the East Coast to the West, as they seek to develop the wisdom and skills to which medical school was simply an introduction.



Dr. George Furman (left), chairman of obstetrics and gynecology, and Dr. William G. Wixted (right), vice chairman, present their department's Outstanding Student Award to the new Dr. Roy Tsuda of Fallon.

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