

MEDICAL CENTER UPDATE

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commemorate the first 50 years of the School of Medicine.

Sikes, who has taught at the University of Miami and Florida International University, is interviewing past and present deans, early faculty members, and former administrators, in addition to other key members of the medical school community.

Silver has been an archivist at Bascom Palmer since 1985, and is currently collecting vintage photographs and archived materials.

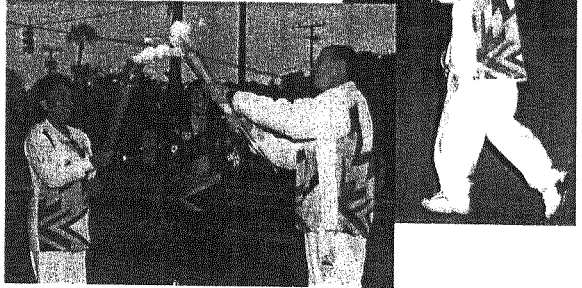
Do you have any special historical anecdotes or photos you would like to contribute? The anniversary committee invites faculty and staff to submit their own memorabilia and nostalgic remembrances about the medical school's infancy. Be a part of the anniversary research process by searching your own personal archives for School of Medicine memories. To submit any historical material, e-mail the anniversary committee at 50thAnniversary@med.miami.edu. •

Olympic Flame Gets a Little Help from Big Inspirations

Second-year student Adam Blomberg, speech pathologist Donna Lundy, and menopause specialist Dr. R. Wayne Whitted walked the same path last month. These three members of the School of Medicine family represented the South Florida community as bearers of the Olympic torch on its run through Miami.

Blomberg, Lundy, and Dr. Whitted were three of 7,200 torchbearers across the country selected to run in the relay that carried the Olympic flame from Atlanta to Salt Lake City. The Salt Lake Organizing Committee called for

Right: Donna Lundy is all smiles during her leg of the Olympic Torch Relay. Below: Adam Blomberg (right) gets a light from a fellow torchbearer.



nominations of individuals who embodied the Olympic spirit and served as an inspiration.

Blomberg was nominated by friends, who found inspiration in his crusade to educate the community on vehicular safety. A survivor of a near-fatal car crash five years ago, Blomberg created and frequently presents an informative and dynamic multi-media seminar on the importance of safe driving to high school students and other organizations.

Lundy, a speech pathologist at the University of Miami Ear Institute, was nominated by her brother, who found inspiration in her dedication to her work. Lundy is co-director of the Center for Sinus and Voice Disorders at the Ear Institute and works with patients to improve their vocal abilities and correct nasal, sinus, and voice abnormalities.

A grateful patient's letter led the selection committee to choose R. Wayne Whitted, M.D., M.P.H., assistant professor and certified menopause clinician in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Whitted co-created the Menopause Support Series, a two-day interactive conference that offers direction and guidance to women experiencing the first stages of menopause.

Like the Olympic flame, which is now on the last leg of its journey to Salt Lake City, these torchbearers from the School of Medicine have lent inspiration and a shining light to their community that will continue to burn brightly. •