The Simpson-Ramsey Lectureship was established to honor the contributions of two men who devoted much of their lives to the developmentally disabled. Drs. Simpson and Ramsey, through their efforts, helped the Center make great strides in providing care and training for these individuals. It is with pleasure that the Center for Developmental and Learning Disorders of the University of Alabama in Birmingham dedicates its annual lecture on developmental disabilities to these men.

John William Simpson, M.D.
November 18, 1889 - May 22, 1973
Dr. John Simpson served as a staff physician at CDLD from 1967 until his untimely death in 1973. While at the Center, he was known as a "people person" who never tired of serving handicapped children and their families. He was a member of the Jefferson County Board of Health, the State Board of Censors, and served as president of the Jefferson County Medical Society and the Alabama State Medical Association. He was co-founder of the Charlane School in Homewood, a residential school for cerebral palsy children. An Associate Professor of Pediatrics at UAB for 28 years, Dr. Simpson dedicated his medical career to improving the quality of life for the developmentally disabled.

Joseph Hawthorne Ramsey, M.D.
April 16, 1916 - May 27, 1973
Dr. Joseph Ramsey's personal interest in special children prompted him to join CDLD's staff in 1971 after being in private practice for 23 years. He often worked with children with various disabilities while in private practice, but only after joining the Center staff did he realize the long-term problems they experienced. Increasing other pediatricians's level of awareness was only one of his many contributions. Dr. Ramsey was a Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Jefferson County Medical Association, and President of the Jefferson County Pediatric Society. He was also an Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the UAB School of Medicine.

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Sixth Annual
Simpson-Ramsey Day

presented by
The Center for Developmental and Learning Disorders
The University of Alabama in Birmingham

November 17, 1983
1:30 p.m.
Margaret Cameron Spain Auditorium

Guest Lecturer
Vince L. Hutchins, M.D., M.P.H.
Director, Division of Maternal and Child Health
Bureau of Health Care Delivery and Assistance
Health Resources and Services Administration
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Vince L. Hutchins, M.D., M.P.H., is currently Director, Division of Maternal and Child Health, Bureau of Health Care Delivery and Assistance, Health Resources and Services Administration. As head of this important federal agency, he is responsible for extending the range and scope of service, and improving the quality of health care for mothers and children. Dr. Hutchins directs a staff of health professionals in Washington, D.C. and in ten regional offices who provide technical assistance to states and other public, private and professional agencies which support better maternal and child health care.

The Division of Maternal and Child Health facilitates the administration of almost 400 million dollars in block grants to the various states, as well as various special projects in support of research, training, and other specialized activities to develop and test health care delivery activities. Prior to assuming top leadership positions in several health-related federal agencies, Dr. Hutchins held academic positions at the University of California Medical School, The Medical College of Pennsylvania, and The Brookings Institute. He also maintained a private practice in pediatrics in San Francisco for a number of years.

A native of Iowa, Dr. Hutchins received his M.D. degree in pediatrics (1952) from the University of Iowa School of Medicine. He also holds an M.P.H. degree (1968) from the University of California School of Public Health. Dr. Hutchins holds American Board of Pediatrics Certification, is a Fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics, a member of the American Public Health Association, and is liaison for the National Advisory Council on Services and Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled. His many honors include the Superior Service Award from the U.S. Public Health Service, representation on the Select Panel for the Promotion of Child Health, and the Chair of the Second International Symposium on Adolescent Medicine. Dr. Hutchins has a distinguished background in medicine, teaching, and administration, and has lectured and published widely in the field of mental retardation and developmental disabilities.
Simpson-Ramsey: A Day in Retrospect

Dr. Vince L. Hutchins, Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health, Health Resources and Services Administration, visited CDLD in November to present the Sixth Annual Simpson-Ramsey Lecture. As Director of MCH, Dr. Hutchins is responsible for extending the range and scope of service, and improving the quality of health care for mothers and children.

Dr. Hutchins presentation, "Mental Retardation: Twenty Years Later," included an historical review of Maternal and Child Health, which began in 1963 in response to the Report of the President's Panel on Mental Retardation. President John Kennedy felt there was an urgent need for programs concerned with decreasing the impact of mental retardation. In that year, he signed the Mental Retardation Facilities and Community Health Centers Construction Act and University Affiliated Facilities (UAF's) were born.

These facilities, including CDLD, are designed to provide interdisciplinary training to professionals in the areas of health care and related services for mothers and children. The focus is on evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment for young children who are developmentally delayed or handicapped.

Dr. Vince Hutchins presents Simpson-Ramsey lecture. More inside.
Dr. Hutchins related that the United States has made great advances in the improvement of maternal and child health in the past twenty years. He cited as evidence the decline in infant mortality, the reduction in maternal drinking and smoking, and the increase in the number of women obtaining prenatal care.

During his visit, Dr. Hutchins stressed the importance of centers such as ours. "Through the excellent programs at CDLD, opportunities for improving training and service in the southeast are greatly increased. Trainees at the Center are taught to recognize problems early and to work with the family to alleviate those problems." He also pointed out that UAB is one of only two universities nationwide which receives federal support for five Maternal and Child Health projects.

Following the lecture, Dr. Charles McCallum, Vice President for Health Affairs, presented a plaque to Dr. Hutchins on behalf of his service to the developmentally disabled children and their families.

Dr. Gary Myers, Center Director, presented two new awards, the Community Service Award and the Outstanding Former Trainee Award, in recognition of significant contributions to the mentally and physically handicapped.

Mr. Phil Rozen and WVTM-TV (Channel 13) received the 1983 Community Service Award in behalf of mentally retarded and developmentally disabled children. Mr. Rozen serves as reporter for the continuing television series, "Wednesday's Child," which attempts to find adoptive parents for homeless children, many of whom are mentally retarded or have other disabilities. In presenting the award, Dr. Myers said, "It's with gratitude that we present this award to WVTM and Mr. Rozen, who have made a significant contribution to enriching the lives of countless children."

The First Annual Outstanding Former Trainee Award was presented to Dr. Sharon C. Shelton. The award is designed to recognize and honor a former trainee who has provided leadership and made outstanding contributions to the field. A Center trainee in the Division of Social Work in 1968-1969, Dr. Shelton is currently Assistant Dean, School of Social Work at the University of Alabama. Especially noteworthy are Dr. Shelton's efforts in academic areas which have led to a specific curriculum in mental retardation/developmental disabilities for all social work students.

As part of the day's activities, the Friends of CDLD sponsored an open house following the lecture. Over 200 guests took this opportunity to visit CDLD, meet our staff and trainees, and become better acquainted with Center programs.
Simpson-Ramsey Day began in 1978 as a tribute to two men who devoted their lives to the developmentally disabled. Through their efforts, Dr. John Simpson and Dr. Joseph Ramsey helped the Center make great strides in providing care and training for these individuals.
Dr. Wes Libb has been promoted to Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, UAB School of Medicine.

Ron Goldman, Ph.D. presented “Professional Economics: Survival of the Profession” at the Annual Meeting of ASHA. The presentation was sponsored by the American Speech-Language and Hearing Foundation of which Dr. Goldman is on the Board of Directors.