Francisco, Annual dedicated former only Daeschner Galveston. 28 of efforts Stony Brook, N.Y., has been appointed associate professor of orthopedics and chief of pediatric orthopedic services in the Department of Orthopedics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

John P. McGovern, M.D., FAAP, of Houston, has been named an honorary member of the Alumni Association of The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. Dr. McGovern’s honorary membership is only the second one awarded by the institution in the 97 years since it was established. Dr. McGovern serves as adjunct professor of history and philosophy of medicine at the Institution for the Medical Humanities and is the founder of the McGovern Allergy Clinic in Houston. He is a graduate of the Duke University of Medicine. Babubhai Patel, M.D., FAAP, of Austin, Texas, has been elected to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom.

Calvin J. Sih, M.D., FAAP, of Honolulu, received a Commission’s Award for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. The award, which was given to one individual in each state by the Commissioner of the Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exemplary dedication and commitment to prevent child abuse and neglect. The administration is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Bruce Strimling, M.D., FAAP, of Eugene, Ore., has been appointed chairman of the Oregon Governor’s Advisory Committee on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. The committee oversees the Children’s Trust Fund of Oregon.

Robert Summitt, M.D., FAAP, of Memphis, Tenn., has been named provost at the University of Tennessee. Memphis. He will continue to serve as dean of the Memphis College of Medicine and also will chair the recently established Council of Deans. As a result of his new appointment, Dr. Summitt will become the number two administrative official for the university. Dr. Summitt has been a member of the University of Tennessee faculty since 1964.

In Memoriam
Heinz Wittig, M.D., Emeritus FAAP, of New Orleans, died July 10 after a long illness; he was 67. Dr. Wittig was a former secretary of the AAP Section on Allergy. He earned his medical degree from the University of Munich in 1950 and had been head of the allergy division at Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans. Dr. Wittig also served on the patient care evaluation committee at the University of Florida.

An Open Letter To Pediatricians

Dear Colleague:

The U.S. Public Health Service is asking for your help and support in the fight against AIDS.

October is AIDS Awareness and Prevention Month. It will be marked by a wide variety of educational and informational activities. For example, the Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of AIDS, M.D., has written to the governor of every state, as well as to college and university presidents, to urge their support for specific AIDS education initiatives.

What we are asking of you is simple. Please join us during the month of October in working to increase awareness and knowledge about AIDS. You can help get the facts to your community on how AIDS is — and is not — spread, how it can be prevented, and how each of us can show understanding and compassion toward people with AIDS and others infected by the AIDS virus.

There are many ways you can lend your support. For example, if you are scheduling meetings during the month, you may want to devote either the entire meeting or a part of it to a discussion of AIDS issues; you can display AIDS informational literature in your office (AIDS materials can be ordered in quantity, free, from our National AIDS Clearinghouse, 1-800-458-5231); and you can use your position of trust and respect as a medical leader in your community to act as a spokesperson for AIDS awareness and education programs and to dispel unwarranted fears.

The AIDS crisis, despite its obvious tragedies, has brought out the best in many individuals and groups. The efforts of pediatricians in response to AIDS are among those of which we are most proud. Your active participation in AIDS Awareness and Prevention Month will show that you, as a leading health professional, care and are involved. It can also save lives.

We hope we can count on your help.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Windom, M.D.
Assistant Secretary for Health
Department of Health and Human Services

C. Everett Koop, M.D., Sc.D.
Surgeon General

All in the family
AAP membership certificates state that the Academy was founded to “foster and stimulate interest in pediatrics, and in all aspects of the work for the welfare of children.” Richard Narkiewicz, M.D., appears to have fostered that interest right at home. In August, he became the first AAP president to sign a membership certificate for his son, Michael Narkiewicz, M.D., (center) shown here with his father and sister, Karen, who also has become a Resident Fellow of the Academy.