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## **Dr. Marvin Davis Marks 45th Consecutive Year of Publishing Scholarly Writings**

UNIVERSITY, Miss. -- In 1956, Elvis Presley made his first appearance on the "Ed Sullivan Show," President Dwight Eisenhower was reelected for a second term, the New York Giants captured the NFL championship and Dr. Marvin Davis published his first scholarly work. Forty-five years later, Elvis, Ed and Ike are all gone and the Giants are the Super Bowl losers, but Davis is still going strong.

Davis, a professor of pharmacology at The University of Mississippi's School of Pharmacy, has an article in the Feb. 5 issue of Drug Topics, his 42rd piece to be published in the professional journal. The article is the first of a two-part review of new drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration during 2000 for use in the United States, with the second installment set to be published in March.

His first published work, "The Effects of Glucose and Insulin Pretreatment Upon Morphine Analgesia in the Albino Rat," was based on his master's thesis at Purdue University and ran in the Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Since then, he has published 130 journal papers based on laboratory research, eight book chapters, five letters-to-the-editor in clinical journals and 83 other professional writings. His publishing career spans six decades, but Davis laughs at suggestions that he is a relic.

"I have slowed down a lot on laboratory research in the last decade, but I have taken up the slack by becoming a frequent writer of continuing education articles for pharmacists in Drug Topics," he said.

Davis, who joined the UM faculty in 1964, averages five publications a year and has been a regular contributor to Drug Topics since 1992. He also hopes to publish his first book, an examination of botanical supplements called "Herbal Remedies: Miracles, Magic or Myths?"

"All this writing over the years, and I've never published a book," he said. "I have the manuscript just about ready, though, and I'm just looking for the lucky publisher who will put

this one out."

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