

Benjamin S. Nimoityn '36 died December 17, 2001. He practiced in the Logan section of Philadelphia as well as Center City. He was an attending physician at the Albert Einstein Medical Center. He is survived by two daughters and a son. Son Philip is Jefferson '76.

Readers have pointed out an omission in the obituary for **Paul A. Bowers '37** in the March 2002 issue. Dr. Bowers was awarded the Bronze Star for service in the army and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Henry H. Stroud '39 died March 8, 2002. A member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, he practiced pediatrics in Wilmington, DE and was an attending pediatrician at the Medical Center of Delaware. He was President, of the Medical Society of Delaware, 1966-67. He is survived by his wife Eleanor and two daughters.

Omer D. Sprecher Jr. '41 died December 21, 2001. A member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, he practiced general surgery in Hagerstown, MD and was Chief of Surgery and President of the Medical Staff, Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown. He is survived by his wife Bernice, three sons and a daughter.

Mario V. Troncelliti '41 died November 8, 2001. He served as Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology, Pennsylvania Hospital and at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Daroff Division in Philadelphia. He was an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology, University of Pennsylvania Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Kathryn and a son.

Alex Pohowsky Jr. '42 died December 14, 2001. During his service as a medical officer in WW II, he received the Silver Star and the Purple Heart for gallantry under fire. He was in family medicine and on staff at Christ and Our Lady of Mercy Hospitals in Cincinnati, OH. He is survived by his wife Gertrude, a daughter and a son.

William L. Schaefer Jr. '42 died November 7, 2001. He was a family physician in Middletown, PA where he also served as a Middletown Area School Physician. He was on staff at Harrisburg Hospital. He is survived by his wife Mary Louise, a son and a daughter.

George R. Fornwalt '43 died December 5, 2001. He was Director of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, Delaware County Memorial Hospital in Drexel Hill, PA. He also was on staff at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, and at Bryn Mawr Hospital. He is survived by five daughters.

Benjamin E. Cole Jr. J'44 died January 5, 2002. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology and was on staff at the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, MA. He held a faculty appointment as Clinical Professor of Obstetrics-Gynecology, University of Massachusetts College of Medicine. He is survived by his wife Jennifer, three daughters and a son.

Samuel D. Kron J'44 died February 26, 2002. He was Chief of Surgery at the Mount Sinai Daroff Division of the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. He also held a staff appointment at Pennsylvania Hospital. He was a volunteer surgeon with Project

Hope and served in Ecuador, Nicaragua and Sri Lanka. A son survives him.

Robert J. Revelli J'44 died March 7, 2002. He was in family practice in Hayden Lake, ID. We have no further information at press time. He is survived by his wife Dorcas and a daughter.

W. David Dunavant S'44 died April 2, 2001. He was Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at University of Tennessee School of Medicine in Memphis. He held staff appointments at Baptist Memorial, Methodist and St Joseph's Hospitals, Memphis. A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, he served as the ACS Governor for Tennessee and was President, Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. He also served as President, Memphis and Shelby County Medical Society in 1974. He is survived by his wife Dora, three daughters and a son.

Edward F. Gliwa '46 died September 2, 2001. He was Chief, Section of Occupational and Preventive Medicine, Medical Center of Delaware in Wilmington. He also served as a consultant in Occupational Medicine for General Motors Corporation, Wilmington, and was acting Director of Delaware Public Health. He is survived by his wife Edna, a daughter and a son.

Gamewell A. Lemmon Jr. '46 died January 1, 2002. He practiced general surgery in a multiple specialty group in Birmingham, AL. He is survived by two daughters. We have no further information at press time.

William J. Browning III '47 died November 12, 2001. He was a family practitioner in

Merchantville, NJ until 1974. He then relocated to Story, WY where he served as acting Chief of Medicine, VA Medical Center in Sheridan. He is survived by his wife Eileen, a daughter and a son.

John R. Pender III '47 died December 17, 2001. He practiced general surgery in Charlotte, NC. He held staff appointments at Presbyterian and Charlotte Memorial Hospitals. He is survived by his wife Amy, three daughters and a son. Son John IV is Jefferson '99.

Robert W. McCoy Jr. '48 died July 13, 2001. He practiced general surgery in Keyser, WV. He held a staff appointment at Potomac Valley Hospital in Keyser. He served a term as President of the Potomac Valley Medical Society. He is survived by his wife Marjorie and six children.

Charles R. Hamilton '49 died October 8, 2001. He served as Chief of Anesthesia, Manchester Memorial Hospital in Manchester, CT. He also served as Director of the Ambulatory Services Center for Manchester Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife Joan, two sons and two daughters.

Marvin M. Lindell Jr. '49 died November 19, 2001. He practiced radiology in Houston, TX. He is survived by his wife Suzanne and two sons. We have no further information at press time.

Jasper Chen-See '51 died November 8, 2001. He was Director of Pathology, St. Joseph Medical Center, Reading, PA and Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology at Jefferson Medical College. He earned a national reputation for his

pioneering efforts in the medical treatment of alcoholism as a disease. Among his numerous awards were the Nelson J. Bradley Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers, the C. Nelson Davis Award from the Philadelphia County Medical Society, an honorary doctorate from Villanova University and a citation from the United States Congress for his work in addiction education and treatment. He is survived by his wife, Colleen, three daughters and a son.

Robert C. Eyerly '52 died November 16, 2001. He was a member of the Surgical Oncology Department, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA and Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, Temple University School of Medicine. He was a former President of the Montour County Medical Society. He is survived by his wife June, two daughters and a son.

James M. Thompson '52 died October 26, 2001. Before retiring to Fort Myers, FL, he had practiced general surgery. We have no further information at press time. He is survived by his wife Kathryn.

Robert M. Zweig '52 died February 15, 2002. He practiced family medicine in Riverside, CA. He was on staff at Riverside General and Parkview Community Hospitals. He became a noted authority on clean air and an advocate for hydrogen as an alternate fuel and traveled the world to promote his message, winning numerous awards along the way. A past President of the Riverside County Medical Society, he is survived by his wife Dolores, three sons and two daughters.

Peter E. Ringawa '60 died November 11, 2001. Initially he was in general practice in Bloomsburg, PA but later switched to legal medicine. He is survived by two sisters. We have no further information at press time.

Jack Krauss '61 died November 16, 2001. He was a psychiatrist and on staff at Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia. He held a faculty appointment as Clinical Instructor in Psychiatry at Jefferson Medical College. He is survived by his wife Catherine, two daughters and a son.

David B. McLaughlin '62 died July 4, 2001 in Lake Havasu City, AZ, it has been ascertained. We have no further information at press time

William F. Bingham '64 died November 6, 2001. He originally practiced neurosurgery at the Gunderson Clinic in La Crosse, WI. He later relocated to Tigard, OR. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Paul G. Flynn '66 died September 29, 2001. He specialized in emergency medicine and practiced in several community hospitals in and around Flowery Branch, GA. He is survived by his wife Maria.

Christopher R. Donoho Jr. '69 died January 2, 2002. He practiced rheumatology in Wilmington, DE and was an attending member of the medical staff of Christiana Care. He is survived by his wife Joan and two sons.

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'38
William Glenn has moved from New Haven to Peterborough, NH. After 52 years as a full time faculty member at Yale University School of Medicine, the William W.L. Glenn Endowed Professorship in Cardiothoracic Surgery was established.

'45
The Third Annual **Leonard Apt** Lecture sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Ophthalmology was held this March in Seattle. This lecture pays tribute to Dr. Apt not only for his educational and scientific contributions, but also for his pioneer role in helping to create pediatric ophthalmology as a new medical subspecialty.

Avery McMurry is in charge of continuing medical education for the medical staff of Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby, NC .

J.B. White is now 75 percent retired. He spends the winter in Florida and the remainder of the year in Indianapolis. He is doing some consultations and medical-legal work.

'56
C. Warren Koehl Jr. and wife Blair have decided to escape the long winters of northeastern Pennsylvania and have retired to Aiken, SC.

'57
Richard Keates has stepped down as Professor and Chairman at the University of California-Irvine and currently is Professor of Ophthalmology at New York Medical College. He recently moved to Greenwich, CT.

Stephen Kendra of Virginia Beach is enjoying his "double retirement" after 26 years as a Navy epidemiologist and six years as Director of the Chesapeake Health Department.

Charles Knecht III is retired from active radiology practice in Allentown, PA and now living in Bonita Springs, FL where he recently got together with classmates **Joe Cionni**, **Clark Corson** and **Art DiNicola**.

'60
John Coyle of Hazelton, PA has retired after practicing ophthalmology for 35 years. His daughter Kathleen is JMC '02 and son Brian is JMC '03.

'62
William V. Harrer of Haddonfield, NJ is currently President of the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners.

'64
George Segel of Rochester, NY is Professor, Pediatrics, Medicine, Genetics and Oncology, Chief, Division of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, and Vice Chair, Department of Pediatrics, University of Rochester School of Medicine.

'65
E. William Reiber of Tampa, FL is still practicing general surgery. He is a trustee at University Community Hospital, Tampa, and an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Southern Florida.

'67
Robert Madigan is a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon at the Knoxville Orthopaedic Clinic in Knoxville, and an Associate

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Clinical Professor in the departments of orthopaedic surgery and pediatrics at the University of Tennessee School of Medicine. Madigan created the first Tennessee school scoliosis-screening program designed to educate pediatricians, family physicians and nurse practitioners.

'71

Frank Reale of Leicester, MA has recently retired from the University of Massachusetts where he practiced pathology and cytopathology. He and wife Joyce will be traveling around the country in their motor home and sailing along the East Coast.

'72

Robin Edwards has recently moved to Hilo, HI where she was doing locum tenens in the emergency room but has decided to obtain a permanent position.

Paul Fitzgerald of Mill Valley, CA is Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF. He has been writing the endocrine chapter for *Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment* and is doing clinical research in pleochromocytoma.

'74

John Brooks has accepted a position as Chair of Pathology at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC.

Vincent Pellegrini of

Wyomissing, PA has been installed as the new District Chair of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He will serve a three-year term as head of ACOG's District III, encompassing Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

'76

Richard Whittington of Media, PA was promoted to Professor of Radiation Oncology and Director of Clinical Operations in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Pennsylvania.

'78

Jeffrey Dietz of Novato, CA has been appointed Division Chief, Department of Emergency Medicine, Marin General Hospital in Greenbrae, CA.

Tina Krause of Philadelphia has retired as Clinical Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Pennsylvania. She enjoyed helping establish a new department at Penn (where the department is chaired by **Marjorie A. W. Bowman '76**). As department Vice-Chair, Tina developed a two-year research and faculty development fellowship and all the department's student programs.

The 2002 CME and Ski trip to Whistler, British Columbia was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed fabulous skiing and snowboarding and the alumni participated in valuable CME sessions. Check future Bulletins for details about the 2003 trip.



Now she is “becoming a plant doctor,” studying at Temple's Department of Horticulture and Landscaping Design.

David Lauter and **Bob Abrahamsen '79** were able to reminisce and collaborate when they ran into each other attending conferences at Sugarloaf USA. Both practice in Maine “so AKK and Jefferson seem not quite so far away.”

Paul Pilgram of Salt Lake City enjoyed being a part of the hosting of the 2002 Winter Olympics as did his five-year-old triplets. He has retired from hospital based emergency medicine and is now in private practice.

David Reed of New Canaan, CT has stopped doing surgery and

is now a full-time consultant/entrepreneur to venture capital funds. He still volunteers and spent last year in India and New York with AmeriCorps.

'80 James Sechler of Pepper Pike, OH is enjoying private cardiology practice in Parma, OH. His main area of interest is heart failure.

Raymond Wargovich of Mt. Holly, NJ has been named "Physician of the Year" by the New Jersey State Society of Physician Assistants. Raymond is a physician director of physician assistants, as well as an intensivist, so he is involved not only in direct patient care, but also the teaching and supervision of fellows,



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residents, physician assistants and students.

'81 John Radomski of Moorestown, NJ has been named Chairman of the Department of Surgery at our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center in Camden. In addition to his administrative duties, he will continue in the clinical practice of kidney and liver transplantation, dialysis access surgery and general surgery.

Richard Uhl of Delmar, NY has been promoted to Professor of Orthopaedics and is Chairman of the Division of Orthopaedics at Albany Medical College. In his spare time, he plays saxophone in an 18-piece big band.

'86 Leonard Tachmes of Aventura, FL is in his ninth year of private practice in plastic and reconstructive surgery in Miami. He is also the Founder/Director of Leonard Tachmes Gallery, which shows emerging South Florida artists.

'87 William Burak Jr. of Dublin, OH was recently promoted to Associate Professor, Department of Surgery and Surgical Oncology at Ohio State University.

'89 Greg Braccia has started a solo practice in spinal diagnostic/therapeutic injection located in Linwood, NJ.

'90 Art Treiman, wife Stacy and daughters Sydney and Brooke are thrilled to belatedly announce the birth of Seth on June 4, 2001. Art is an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ/RWJ Medical School and practices and teaches with Cooper Family Medicine in Woodbury.

'91 Lynda Szczech and Peter Cornwell of Durham, NC welcomed their son John Richard ("Jack") into their family on January 1, 2002. He was Duke University Medical Center's first baby of the new year and is adored by their first “child,” Zippy, the Jack Russell terrier.

'92 Scott Myers, a neurodevelopmental pediatrician at the Geisinger Medical Center, was recently appointed Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Jefferson. He and his wife Kathy live in Danville with their three children.

Building on Knowledge of Angiogenesis, Invention Provides Hope to the Obese

Reprinted from The New York Times, January 7, 2002

By Teresa Riordan

If **Maria Rupnick (PhD'88)** turns out to be right, losing weight may one day become easy for millions of obese people.

In laboratory experiments at M.I.T. and the Children's Hospital in Boston, Dr. Rupnick has shown that an entire class of compounds designed to inhibit cancer may also, without any obvious side effects, cause extraordinary weight loss.

So far Dr. Rupnick, now an Instructor at Harvard Medical School and Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, has conducted her experiments only in mice - especially so-called ob/ob mice, which are very fat creatures naturally predisposed to eating constantly and thus weighing two to three times as much as a normal mouse.

It could be a long time before her theory is tested in humans. Indeed, Dr. Rupnick has not yet even published her findings, which she submitted in November to a scientific journal where they are currently under peer review.

Already though, Dr. Rupnick, who is 39, has received a Young Investigators award from the American Heart Association for her work. And in October she received United States patent 6,306,819, which covers the commercial applications of her work.

Among Dr. Rupnick's mentors are two maverick investigators, Judah Folkman and Robert S. Langer. As a postdoctoral student she worked in the laboratory of Dr. Folkman, the surgeon and cancer researcher at Harvard,

who for decades bucked conventional medical wisdom by theorizing that tumors were able to grow beyond a certain size because they could create their own blood vessels.

Dr. Folkman was the first to create an angiogenesis inhibitor - a drug designed to shrink tumors by cutting off their blood supply. More than a score of angiogenesis inhibitors are currently in clinical trials and these drugs now are considered among the most promising in cancer research.

About three years ago, Dr. Rupnick started to wonder whether the inhibitors might also have an effect on fat. But when she looked into scientific literature on the subject she did not find much. "The old articles never looked at fat because researchers thought, well, it's a not a real organ, it's just stuffing. It's like an insulation."

But for Dr. Rupnick, fat was fascinating. "In an adult, whether it's a human or a mammal, we have all of the blood vessels we need," she said. "Unless there is injury or pregnancy, no new blood vessels are created. The highway is already built."

Except in the case of fat. "Adipose tissue is a noncancerous normal tissue that unlike any other tissue in the body can grow and regress, grow and regress rapidly and substantially depending on caloric intake," Dr. Rupnick said.

As Dr. Rupnick remembers it, Dr. Folkman was not initially enthusiastic about her proposal to study the vascular structure of fat - nor was anyone else. "The conservative response," she recalled, "was, 'What, are you crazy? You'll never be able to get

funding. No one will ever publish your work.' There are just so many charlatan things associated with the market."

The climate at the time, 1998, was certainly not propitious. Fen-phen, a popular diet drug combination had recently been pulled from the market because it was suspected of causing heart valve damage. Moreover, Dr. Folkman was involved in a controversy after outside scientists initially were unable to replicate his success in treating mice tumors by attacking the tumors' blood supply. He understandably "had concerns about the publicity" that her research might generate, Dr. Rupnick said. (In early 1999, scientists at the National Cancer Institute said they were able to confirm Dr. Folkman's results.)

Despite the reservations of her colleagues at Harvard, Dr. Rupnick said Professor Langer, an investigator at M.I.T. who specializes in tissue engineering, was intrigued by her fat investigations. "Bob Langer comes from M.I.T., which has a very different perspective," she said. "It translates and deals with business much more than the medical school does."

Dr. Rupnick tested five different angiogenesis inhibitors, including TNP-470, angiostatin and endostatin, on ob/ob mice and other obese mice.

The most surprising thing was that not only did the mice stop gaining weight, they also lost a significant amount of weight.

Depending on the dose, "we decreased their body weight by almost half—that's enormous," Dr. Rupnick said. The drugs were working far better than any approved obesity drug ever had, she said.

The first reaction she got from

obesity experts was that the drugs must be toxic. But Dr. Rupnick said that at normal dosages so far she had found no evidence of toxicity in the mice. And while the fat tissue shrinks, nothing else appears to - not the brain, the heart, the liver, or any other organ. Nor did the mice seem to be developing diabetes or any other chronic disease.

Why did they lose so much weight? Dr. Rupnick's theory is that the mice—whose appetites decreased significantly while on the drugs—were using the fat as fuel.

"If that fat goes into their bloodstream—which is where it has to go because it has to go somewhere—it gets converted into fatty acids and other things that can be used as a fuel," she said. So the animal essentially consumes its own fat for energy.

"I don't think that it's toxic at all," said Dr. Rupnick, who noted nonetheless that it would be impossible to prove that any drug was 100 percent nontoxic. (Angiogenesis inhibitors, however, can interfere with wound healing and menstruation or pregnancy.)

Dr. Rupnick's work suggests that blood vessels in fat never seem to fully mature but they instead exist in a special environment that allows them to grow or retract depending upon the caloric needs of the organism. This could have much larger implications. Dr. Rupnick, who is trained as a cardiologist, imagines that one day perhaps blood vessels in organs like the heart might be coaxed back into their immature state and made to heal themselves.

In the meantime, M.I.T. and the Children's Hospital have licensed Dr. Rupnick's patent, with Dr. Langer and Dr. Folkman listed as co-inventors, to Repair Incorporated, a Boston company. 

Griffith Heads Maryland Heart Unit

From The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

By Anita Srikameswaran

Bartley Griffith (Jefferson '74), the surgeon known for pioneering operations such as double-lung transplants and implantation of the Jarvik artificial heart, left the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center at the end of October for a new position in Baltimore.

Griffith, 52, will now head cardiac surgery and thoracic transplantation at the University of Maryland. He had been Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery at UPMC since 1990 and medical director of the McGowan Institute of Regenerative Medicine. "This is kind of a bittersweet move for me," Griffith said, adding he had long supposed he would end his surgical career in his hometown. "It comes down, quite frankly, to wanting to do more."

At the Maryland medical center, he will have a leadership role in the planning and delivery of comprehensive heart care, as well as the chance to build strong research and academic programs in heart and lung surgery. The Maryland center runs the world's largest kidney transplant program and the nation's second-largest pancreas transplantation program. Its heart transplant program is small, however, and Griffith is expected to help it grow.

"He's a highly talented cardiac surgeon who brings a lot of leadership and skills to our program. We sorely need that," said **Bruce Jarrell (Jefferson '73)**, Chairman of Surgery at the University of Maryland.

Griffith will be missed, said Dr. Arthur Levine, Dean of Pitt's medical school. "He's leaving us an important legacy, and the vision he set for this organization will certainly continue in his absence," Levine said.

Griffith's willingness to go to heroic lengths to care for desperately ill people has already earned him several mentions in medical history. He was on the team that in 1982 performed the region's first, and the world's second, successful heart-lung transplant. In 1985, he implanted a Jarvik artificial heart into the first Pittsburgh recipient. A few days later, the patient received a donor human heart, making the Jarvik procedure the world's first successful bridge-to-transplant.

Also in 1985, Griffith performed the region's first successful single-lung transplant, which hadn't been tried at the hospital since 1962. He led teams that performed the area's first double-lung transplant in 1988 and performed the nation's first pediatric double-lung transplant in 1989.

In 1983, 1987 and again in 1997, Griffith performed a rare

procedure called a piggyback heart transplant, in which a donor heart is implanted beside the recipient's own disease-weakened organ. About 20 such operations have been done worldwide.

He established the use of the left ventricular assist device, which supports an ailing heart until a donor organ can be found and is being studied now as a permanent implant for patients who are not candidates for transplants. A Pittsburgh patient was the first in the nation to be allowed to go home with an assist device.

Griffith was one of the creators of the standard bypass device used during liver transplantation, which greatly improved the success of liver transplantation.

In addition to his clinical achievements, Griffith is a pioneer in research in keyhole heart surgery, and artificial hearts and lungs. In 1990, he helped found the McGowan Center for Artificial Organ Development, which recently evolved into the Institute.

He has also trained a number of transplant surgeons, including Dr. Robert Dowling, who has been in the spotlight recently for his work in artificial heart implantation at the University of Louisville. Griffith himself obtained his medical degree in 1974 from Jefferson Medical College, and then trained in surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. 🧠

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Remember the great volunteer teachers we had who honored the Jefferson tradition of bedside teaching? Right now, for instance, we're recruiting physicians to help teach interviewing skills; how to take careful histories; and how to present cases. You would be assigned to a group of eight to 10 students and become their "small group leader." The course is called "Doctors in Health and Illness"—it lasts one and one-half hours every Thursday afternoon from September to May.

Second-year students could use your skills in the "Doctors in Society" course helping them understand the practical implications of pharmacology, pathology and clinical medicine as they relate to specific cases. This runs one and one-half hours on scattered Wednesday afternoons.

Help is also needed with other first and second year courses in the gross anatomy lab. (All you retired surgeons, that means you.)

Excited? Call Patrick Herron at 215-955-9823 or e-mail patrick.herron@mail.tju.edu

—Larry Mellon '59, volunteer in the D.H.I. course

'93

Richard Battista of the US Navy and his wife Marlene are proud to announce the birth of their son Maxwell James on October 17, 2001. Richard is finishing his fellowship in hand/upper extremity surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. He is slated to become a staff hand surgeon at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

Tracy Calvo married Captain Brian Bilski of the US Marine Corps and is currently a general surgeon for the First Medical Battalion at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, CA. She has recently returned from Afghanistan where she was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Craig Shepps is currently deployed as a general surgeon in the US Navy with Fleet Surgical Team Eight aboard the USS *Wasp*. His wife Julie and he have three children and live in Chesapeake, VA.

wife Nichole reside in Vero Beach, FL where he is in practice at the Florida Eye Institute specializing in disease and retina surgery.

'97

Christopher Doty of Brooklyn, NY has been named Associate Residency Director for the Combined Emergency Medicine/Internal Medicine

Paul Garfinkle

has joined a multispecialty ophthalmology group in Alliance, OH where he also resides.

Jay Jawad is living in Seattle after completing fellowships in both child psychiatry at the University of Washington and Emergency Psychiatry at Bellevue Hospital in NY. He is currently an inpatient attending at a freestanding psychiatric hospital in West Seattle.

'94

Suprih Badarinath is now in a private practice of hematology/oncology in Jacksonville, FL where he lives with his wife Yogifa and daughter Nithya, born August 2001.

Suzanne Freitag and **Philip Kousoubris** '93 of Penn Valley, PA are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Allison Zoey on October 16, 2001. Suzanne is practicing ophthalmology at Wills Eye Hospital and Philip is a radiologist with Main Line Health.

'95

Thomas Baudo announces the birth of his son Ryan Andrew on February 22, 2002. He and



Double reflection: the window next to the sculptures in the Alumni Hall atrium makes a bright spot for current students to breakfast with alumni. Associate Dean for Alumni Relations Phillip J. Marone '57 has established this new program—see page 3.



Gino Mori '58 visited Vernon Wong '58 at Dr. Wong's home in Menlo Park, CA while on a trip to Silicon Valley. Dr. Wong, who took early retirement from Georgetown University School of Medicine, is now working at Oculex Pharmaceuticals in Sunnyvale.

Alumni Spotlight: Richard Wenzel '65

Richard P. Wenzel graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1965. He says of his medical school experience, "I was interested initially in surgery but Ken Goodner, then Professor and Chair of Microbiology, changed my life. He was an iconoclast and a rigorous scientist who forced students to think on their feet. He taught the history of ideas in medicine, not just the antics of the microbes. He believed that if new data challenged the existing model, a new model needed to be developed. In the early part of my fourth year at Jefferson, Dr. Goodner sent classmate Bill Wood and me for three months to work with a Navy Medical Research Team in the Philippines during large cholera and hemorrhagic fever outbreaks. We saw 100 cases of cholera a day, and I was hooked."

After a year at Philadelphia General Hospital, Richard Wenzel took a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in infectious diseases at the University of Maryland. During the residency he spent a year at the National Institutes of Health studying virology. After two years in the Navy assigned to the Marine Corps, he was recruited to the University of Virginia as an Assistant Professor of Medicine. His career in hospital epidemiology and infection control began at the University of Virginia where he developed the first statewide system for monitoring nosocomial infections and the first master's program in the country in hospital epidemiology. He earned a master of science degree at the University of London's School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1986 and later was recruited to the University of Iowa to direct their Division of Clinical Epidemiology.

In 1995, Dr. Wenzel accepted the chairmanship of the Department of Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, a part of Virginia Commonwealth University, and now is the William Branch Potter Professor and Chair. His funded research has focused on the epidemiology of hospital acquired infections, especially bloodstream infections. In a series of historical cohort studies, Dr. Wenzel and

disease epidemiologist in the country. In December he gave the Isard Lecture on "Biological Terror" at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

In his career to date, Dr. Wenzel has published over 440 scientific articles in his field of interest, has edited five textbooks on infection control and quality health care, and has educated over 50 fellows, most of whom have stayed in



his team established the high attributable mortality of nosocomial bloodstream infections. He then developed some of the first logistic regression and Markov models for risk factors and outcomes of life threatening nosocomial infections. Dr. Wenzel now is considered by many authorities to be the leading infectious

academic medicine. Dr. Wenzel was a member of the editorial board of the *New England Journal of Medicine* from 1992 to 2000, and became the journal's first editor-at-large in 2001. He has received numerous awards for research and teaching including the Abbott Achievement Award for Outcomes Research, the Humboldt Research Award for

Senior U.S. Scientists from the Federal Republic of Germany, a Fogarty Senior International Fellowship from the National Institutes of Health, the Woodward Award from the United States Navy "for vision and leadership in public health and preventive medicine," and the Bruce Award given by the American College of Physicians and the American Society of Internal Medicine "for distinguished contributions in preventive medicine." In November 2001, the National Institutes of Health announced that Dr. Wenzel was one of the 10 "great teachers" identified in the 2001-2002 series on Contemporary Best Teachers. At their 2001 meeting, the American College of Physicians awarded him the designation of Master.

Dr. Wenzel was the founding editor of two journals, *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology* and *Clinical Performance and Quality Health Care*, and has been an editorial board member of 12 other journals. He was the lead editor of *A Guide for Infection Control in the Hospital*, now being translated into eight other languages for free distribution to developing countries.

In commenting on his career since leaving Jefferson, Wenzel says, "I think that there are many factors that sustain us in academic medicine. The quest to make a difference is at the top of the list. The inspiration of young medical students and housestaff who question day to day dogma, the search for new knowledge in the laboratory, at the bedside, or in a study of populations, and the gift to be invited to teach stimulate us to our greatest effort. These values were part of the Jefferson culture when I was a student, and generations of my own students will inherit the same ideals." Jefferson congratulates Richard P. Wenzel '65 on his distinguished career and thanks him for bringing distinction to Jefferson Medical College.



Louis Kazal Jr. '84 recently moved to Washington, DC where he is a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow working with the United States Senate. "Quite a contrast after nine years on the Navajo Reservation," he says, where he was Chief Medical Officer of the Navajo Health Foundation and Sage Memorial Hospital in Ganado, AZ. His accomplishments in recruiting physicians to the reservation were outstanding, resulting in waiting lists for medical students and residents. Colleagues credit him with bringing in general, dental, eye, gynecological and obstetrical surgery. In October 2001, he was presented with the American Academy of Family Physician's Public Policy Health Award. His father, Louis A. Kazal PhD, is a retired Jefferson Professor of Physiology.

residency program at SUNY Downstate Hospital and Kings County Hospital Center.

Edward Dachowski Jr. of Gibsonia, PA is currently at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, doing a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry.

'98

Geoff and Hope Pollock Seidel will be moving to North Carolina this summer to begin private practice in ob/gyn and pediatrics. They have a daughter, Grace, born last May.

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Virginia Smith Barrow and husband David are proud to announce the arrival of their identical twin girls, Victoria and Elizabeth, born January 9, 2002. "Thank goodness for fingernail polish or we might not be able to tell them apart!" They are still in Providence, RI where Virginia is finishing a general internal medicine

Please submit nominations for the Alumni Achievement Award:

Submit the name of the candidate to the Chairman, Alumni Achievement Award Committee, Alumni Office, Jefferson Alumni Hall, 1020 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, and the committee will do the rest.

residency this June and will be staying on as Chief Resident next year.

Pia Boben Fenimore and husband Mitchell of Philadelphia are pleased to announce the birth of their son William on January 23, 2002. He was born at Jefferson where Pia is a third year pediatric resident.

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David Schmidt of Bryn Mawr, PA is currently a resident in internal medicine at Lankenau Hospital. His wife Heather Scott Schmidt is a first year medical student at Jeff.

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Kristie Robson has completed her surgical internship at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego and will start her flight surgery training in Pensacola, FL.

David Osborn is a urology resident at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.

Postgraduate Alumni

Joseph Riggs OBG'64 of Haddonfield, NJ continues to serve on the American Medical Association's national Board of Trustees.

Emin Kansu HEM'78 of Ankara, Turkey is now Chairman, Department of Basic Oncology, Director, Hacettepe University, Institute of Oncology-Hematopoietic Stem

Cell Transplantation Unit, Executive Council member, Turkish National Academy of Sciences, Secretary General, International, Society of Hematology, and newly elected Editorial Board member of the *International Journal of Hematology* (based in the U.S.).

Kelley Crozier PM'89 of Wyomissing, PA has recently changed positions to become Chairperson of the Division of Rehabilitation Medicine at Reading Hospital in West Reading, PA.

Garry Karounos OBG'91 has a private practice in Allentown, PA where he lives with his three children.

Jack Sandford RO'94 is living in Herrin, IL where he is enjoying foxhunting on the weekends.

Zurik Waxenghiser PD'95 and wife Raquel had a baby girl named Sofia born on June 1, 2001. They reside in Aventura, FL.

Robert Corba APM'98 of Orefield, PA has become a partner at Lehigh Valley Hospital with Pain Specialists of Greater Lehigh Valley in the division of clinical research and resident education. He is also a Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Pain Management with Penn State University.

David Rashduni IM'01 of New Brunswick, NJ is a fellow in cardiology at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Susan Gerhardt PUD'01 of Baltimore is a postdoctoral fellow in pulmonary/critical care at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She is also working on a master's degree in clinical epidemiology.