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The Commencement was held on June 9 in the Academy of Music at which time the M.D. degree was conferred upon 223 graduates by President Bluemle. The Alumni Prize was awarded to Madeline Sandra Wood-Wagemaker. Honorary degrees were bestowed upon William H. Gray, III, a prominent Congressman, and Allan J. Erslev for his work in the discovery of a red cell regulating hormone, erythropoietin.

The Alumni Achievement Award was bestowed upon John J. Gartland (JMC, S’44, Fig. 305), The James Edwards Professor Emeritus of Orthopaedic Surgery, who had distinguished himself as Chairman of Orthopaedics (1970-1985), author of authoritative textbooks in his field, and President of National organizations.

In this year Nancy S. Czarnecki (JMC, ’65, Fig. 396), who was the first woman graduate of Jefferson Medical College, was also the first woman to serve as President of the Alumni Association (Fig. 475).

Ground breaking ceremonies took place on July 24 for construction by the University of a Life Sciences Building for medical and scientific research on a site at the northeast corner of Tenth and Locust Streets. This eleven-story structure, named in honor of President Bluemle, was projected to alleviate the latest critical need for space in the basic sciences and to accommodate the increasing number of full-time research faculty in the burgeoning field of molecular biology. Entirely devoted to research, the building was to house the work in biochemistry, pathology, microbiology, and the Stein Research Center (Fig. 476).

The need for additional space for clinical facilities was also implemented in this year by start of construction of a “Clinical Office Building” on the north side of Walnut Street between Ninth and Tenth. This three-story structure with basement would house two magnetic resonance imaging machines and provide supplementary office space (Fig. 477).

Portraits presented to the University in this year were those of Paul C. Brucker, M.D., the Alumni Professor of Family Medicine and Chairman of the Department and George C. Brainard, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Neurology.

This class, like others before it, had been selectively recruited from the best applicants from diverse areas of the United States. They all secured residency positions of their choice from among the best academic institutions and hospitals in a widely scattered geographic area. They entered to learn and went forth to serve in the Jefferson tradition of 165 years.

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**CLASS OF 1989**

Acknowledgements:

- Ackerman, Bruce M., PA
- Alicea, Ariel A., PA
- Alicea, Susan Adamitis, PA
- Amadio, Patricia B., PA
- Andersen, Donald H., DE
- Anderson, David C., NJ
- Arlis-Mayor, Stephanie Lynn, NY
- Bade, Steven C., PA
- Barry, Kevin P., PA
- Benton, Lisa D., NJ
- Berman, Joel E., PA
- Berna, Ronald A., NJ
- Birenbaum, Dale S., PA
- Blinn, Randall D., FL

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- Borkowski, Raymond G., PA
- Bough, Irvin D., Jr., NJ
- Braccia, Gregory M., PA
- Bush, Todd A., PA
- Cahn, David A., CA
- Carlough, Martha C., PA
- Carroll, William L., PA
- Chen, Jennifer Chen-Hui, PA
- Chiesa, Nicolette E., PA
- Classen, Carolyn F., PA
- Cohen, David M., VA
- Colcher, Amy, PA
- Conaway, Herbert C., Jr., NJ
- Conway, Michael K., DE

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Nine Past Presidents congratulate Dr. Czarnecki.

Fig. 475.
Fig. 476. Architect's model of the Bluemle Life Sciences Building.

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Fig. 477. Clinical Office Building, 909 Walnut St. (1990).
Somers, Debra Lynn, PA
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Spandorfer, John M., PA
Spanich, Christopher G., DE
Sperandio, Peter G., NJ
Steward, Donna L., PA
Stoffa, Robert J., PA
Sutton, Douglas C., PA
Sweterlitsch, Eric M., PA
Swisher, John W., PA
Szeremeta, Wasyl, DE
Taggart, Tina S., PA
Tananis, Leonard J., Jr., PA
Taraska, Gregory J., IL
Tatarko, Michael, PA
Tolberg, Mary Ellen, CA
Trachtenberg, Eric L., CA
Trachtman, William M., DE
Triano, Marla R., PA
Triolo, Joseph, PA
Triolo, Paul, PA
Tsai, John Y., CA
Tsatalis, James T., PA
Tullius, Charles D., PA

Venkatesula, Sunder, PA
Verno, Lisa C., PA
Ververeli, Kathleen O., PA
Ververeli, Prodromos, PA
Vinnick, Deborah M., CT
Viola, John J., Jr., PA
Walsh, Eugenia S., DE
Walsh, John J., IV, PA
Wasserman, Andrew P., PA
Wayman, Bernard R., III, PA
Weber, Cynthia Elinor, PA
Weber, Robert C., II, PA
Wetzel, Michael H., PA
Whitcomb, Winthrop F., MA
Willard, Brian M., PA
Wilson, Jonathan M., PA
Wolf, Kathleen M., CT
Wonnell, Diane M., DE
Wood-Wagemaker, Madeline S., PA
Wright, Deborah S., PA
Yanez, Daria C., NJ
Yim, Robyn S.L., HI
Young, Linda L., PA
Zimmer, Michael A., PA
Zurmuhl, Martin A., PA

The 50th Reunion of Class of 1939 at Union League.
Commencement was held on June 8 at the Academy of Music, at which time President Bluemle awarded M.D. degrees to 202 graduates. This was Dr. Bluemle’s last appearance in this capacity before retirement after his 13 years of Presidency for which he was given accolades by Board President, Edward C. Driscoll. The latter himself was about to conclude six years of distinguished service (1984-90). The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred upon Lewis W. Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

On Class Day the Alumni Prize was awarded along with several others to Niti Goel. The Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in the Basic Sciences went to Richard Ralph Schmidt, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Anatomy and that for Clinical Sciences to Eric Lynn Hume, M.D., Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery. Robert L. Brent, M.D., Ph.D., the Louis and Bess Stein Professor of Pediatrics, received the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for excellence in teaching and research productivity. The Blockley-Osler Award for Excellence in Teaching of Clinical Medicine to a faculty member of Jefferson-Affiliated Hospitals went to Laurence H. Beck, M.D., Professor of Medicine in the Geisinger Medical Center. John R. Griffith (JMC, ’46, Fig. 317), won the Leon A. Peris Award for excellence in clinical teaching and superior patient care.

In this year Willis C. Maddrey, the Magee Professor of Medicine, was selected for the Class Portrait. Other portraits accepted by the University were those of Russell W. Schaeder (JMC, ’53, Fig. 344), the Plimpton-Pugh Chairman of Microbiology and Immunology; James M. Hunter (JMC, ’53, Fig. 346), Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery; Lewis W. Bluemle, Jr., President of Thomas Jefferson University and Herbert E. Cohn (JMC, ’55, Fig. 355), Professor of Surgery. Alumni Achievement Awards were presented to John H. Hodges (JMC, ’39, Fig. 282) the Ludwig A. Kind Professor of Medicine, and to Frederick B. Wagner, Jr. (JMC, ’41, Fig. 286), the Grace Revere Osler Professor Emeritus of Surgery.

Dean Joseph Gonnella became interested in developing educational relationships in the Orient, especially in Korea and China. With the collaboration of Jefferson’s Professor of Medicine (Cardiology), Edward D. Chung, there was established an association in 1988 with the Gil General Hospital in Inchon, Korea. This was followed in 1989 by a similar connection with the Pusan National University College of Medicine, and in 1990 with the Soon Chun Hyang University Hospital in Seoul. Dean Gonnella also received an Honorary Professorship from Tianjin University in China in 1990. This type of honor in China is regarded more highly than an honorary degree.

A new Level I Emergency and Trauma Center under construction for two years, occupying the first floor of Old Main Hospital and Thompson Annex, was opened this year at a cost of approximately $40 million (Fig. 478). A distinctive feature in addition to the operating rooms and other sophisticated facilities was the transfer of patients by elevator from the heliport atop the Foerderer Pavilion directly to the Emergency Room.

A special event in the final decade of the 20th Century was the Inauguration on September 5 of Paul C. Brucker, M.D., as the new President of Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Brucker had attained national recognition as Jefferson’s Alumni Professor of Family Medicine since 1973. In a team approach, Mr. James W. Stratton, the newly elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, joined the administrative forces. He had been a Jefferson Trustee since 1970 (Fig. 479).

At no time in the history of Jefferson did the future appear more promising.
Fig. 478. Trauma Center, 10th & Sansom.
Dick, Alice Ruth, CA
DiFlorio, Roberta Maria, NJ
Donati, Theresa Ann V., PA
Draper, Randall Richard, PA
Driban, David Ezra, PA
Duffy, Rosemary Ann, NJ
Dunfee, Robin Ann, PA
Eisen, Deborah Ida, NJ
Elfman, Karen Sue, PA
Ellis, Jennifer Lynn, NY
Everts, Leslie Elizabeth, NJ
Fales, William Dana, PA
Fantaski, Mark Robert, PA
Farrell, Timothy Jude, PA
Florio, Catherine Marie, NJ
Frattali, Mary J. Boland, PA
Freedman, Noah David, PA
Furness, Peter Donald, III., DE
Gabor, Howard, MA
Gallagher, Terence James, PA
Gallivan, Mary Elizabeth, CA
Gannon, Catherine M., PA
Garazo-Lorente, Henry Fernando, MD
Gavin, Thomas Joseph, PA

Fig. 479. Chairman James Stratton and President Paul Brucker.

Former Thompson Auditorium, designated the Anthony F. DePalma Auditorium on November 15, 1990. Prior to 1966 it was the site of Jefferson's third clinical amphitheater ("pit").