Check Your Calendar!

ALUMNI RECEPTIONS AT SPECIALTY MEETINGS

Friday, April 27
American College of Physicians
Chicago

Monday, May 7
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
San Francisco

Tuesday, May 15
American Psychiatric Association
New York

ALUMNI RUGBY GAME

Saturday, May 12 (tentative)
(If you would like to be added to the rugby mailing list, contact Michael Angelis, Alumni Rugby Game Coordinator, 1811 Orlowitz Hall, Tenth and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215 955-0573)

REUNION WEEKEND

Friday, June 8
Alumni Banquet
Hotel Atop the Bellevue
Broad and Chancellor Streets

Saturday, June 9
Women’s Forum Breakfast
Reunion Clinic Presentations
Dean’s Luncheon
Tours
Reunion Class Parties

Sunday, June 10
Farewell Brunch

Reunion Class Parties

Saturday, June 9

'30 Sixtieth Reunion, 1:00 P.M.
Luncheon
Faculty Club
Jefferson Alumni Hall

'35 Fifty-fifth Reunion, 5:30 P.M.
Dinner
Eakins Lounge
Jefferson Alumni Hall

'40 Fiftieth Reunion, 7:00 P.M.
Dinner
Library Lounge and
Lincoln Memorial Room,
The Union League
Broad and Sansom Streets

'45 Forty-fifth Reunion, 7:00 P.M.
Dinner
Cosmopolitan Club
1616 Latimer Street

'50 Fortieth Reunion, 7:00 P.M.
Dinner
Oak Room,
The Union League
Broad and Sansom Streets

'55 Thirty-fifth Reunion, 7:00 P.M.
Dinner
DiLullo Centro
Broad and Locust Streets

'60 Thirtieth Reunion, 7:00 P.M.
Dinner Dance
Crystal Ballroom,
Barclay Hotel
Rittenhouse Square

'65 Twenty-fifth Reunion, 7:00 P.M.
Dinner Dance
Rose Garden Room,
Hotel Atop the Bellevue
Broad and Chancellor Streets

'70 Twentieth Reunion, 7:00 P.M.
Dinner Dance
Conservatory,
Hotel Atop the Bellevue
Broad and Chancellor Streets

'75 Fifteenth Reunion, 7:00 P.M.
Dinner Dance
Hamilton Room,
Sheraton Society Hill Hotel
Walnut and Dock Streets

'80 Tenth Reunion, 7:00 P.M.
Dinner Dance
Grand Dining Room,
Downtown Club
Public Ledger Building
Sixth and Chestnut Streets

'85 Fifth Reunion, 7:00 P.M.
Dinner Dance
Horizons,
Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel
Seventeenth and Race Streets

TELEPHONE CHANGE

As of February 3, Jefferson’s telephone exchange changed from 928 to 955, so the Alumni Association office is now at (215) 955-7750. The fax number to the Alumni Association office, however, remains (215) 923-5589.
Women in the Class of '65

Four physicians recall what it was like to be the “pioneer” women at Jefferson, and offer conclusions from those experiences and from their later careers.

Warren R. Lang, M.D. '43 Remembered

James E. Clark, M.D. '52, New Alumni Association President

Twenty Years of the Jefferson Choir

Class Notes
The Board of Trustees of Thomas Jefferson University has unanimously elected Paul C. Brucker, M.D. to succeed Lewis W. Bluemle, Jr., M.D. as President. Dr. Brucker, Alumni Professor of Family Medicine and Chairman of the Department since 1973, will assume his duties as Jefferson’s chief executive officer July 1.

Chairman of the Board Edward C. Driscoll commented, “After conducting a year-long, nationwide search we are fortunate indeed to find on our own campus the right leader to succeed Bill Bluemle. The Search Committee and Trustees believe Paul Brucker is a natural successor to uphold and further enhance the Jefferson standards of excellence and leadership set during the remarkable presidency of Dr. Bluemle.”

Joseph S. Gonnella, M.D., Senior Vice-President and Dean of Jefferson Medical College, said of Dr. Brucker, “I first met him in 1968 when we did a joint project on evaluation of health care, and from the beginning I was impressed by his extraordinary clinical competence and his deep interest in medical education. When we created the Department of Family Medicine, he was my first choice to lead it. Since then, I have been impressed by his dedication, sense of fairness, and ability to get the job done.”

Paul C. Brucker, M.D. was born in 1931 in Philadelphia. He earned a B.S. degree summa cum laude from Muhlenberg College and his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He served his internship at Lankenau Hospital, and his residency in family medicine at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington, New Jersey, and took additional residency training in internal medicine at Lankenau. After 13 years of family practice in Ambler, Pennsylvania, Dr. Brucker came to Jefferson to establish a Department of Family Medicine.

Under Dr. Brucker’s leadership, the Department has grown from a desk and a typewriter in a basement room of the College library to its current national stature. While at Jefferson, Dr. Brucker has chaired or served on every major College and Hospital committee for education and patient care, as well as a great many special committees. He served as President of the American Board of Family Practice in 1987-88, and is active in numerous professional organizations.

Jefferson has experienced unprecedented growth and success during the nearly 13-year presidency of Dr. Bluemle. A demonstrated ability to sustain and build upon the impact of what already is being called “the Bluemle Era” was given the highest priority by the University Search Committee charged with finding a new President.

James W. Stratton, Vice-Chairman and Chairman-Elect of the Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the Search Committee, notes that Dr. Brucker “was elected because of his nationally recognized record of innovation in his field, the extraordinary depth and versatility of his clinical, teaching, and administrative experience, and his thoughtful vision of the challenges and issues in health care which lie ahead.”

Dr. Brucker
WOMEN IN THE CLASS OF '65

by Susan M. Bluemle

It is no longer unusual for women to enter medical school and go on to specialize in any area of medicine they choose. Jefferson Medical College enrolled 232 students in this year’s freshman class, 76 of whom are women.

However, things were quite different in 1961, when women were accepted to Jefferson Medical College for the first time. Among the 179 students who received their medical degrees from Jefferson in 1965, there were eight women.

One of those graduates is Nancy S. Czarnecki, M.D., immediate past President of the Alumni Association. She and three of her classmates, Margaret M. Libonati, M.D., Joyce E. Price, M.D., and Amilu S. Rothhammer, M.D., recall what it was like to be the “pioneer” women at Jefferson.

Dr. Czarnecki, a family practitioner in Philadelphia since 1966, is a member of the staffs of Frankford Hospital, Nazareth Hospital, and Northeastern Hospital. Her husband, Joseph E. Czarnecki, D.O., whom she married in her second year of medical school, is a partner in their family practice. This melding of marriage and career is an arrangement Dr. Czarnecki enjoys.

“It’s great to have my husband in the same field. We have an excellent partnership and he was there to cover for me during my pregnancies, which made the issue of maintaining the practice and having a family less of a dilemma,” she explains.

The Czarneckis have four children, two daughters and two sons, whose ages range from 15 to 20. Since childhood, each of the children has helped out at the parents’ office in some capacity, but the question of whether she was spending enough time with her children was a familiar one for Dr. Czarnecki.

“I believe the fear of not being able to schedule enough time for your family is a common one for women physicians,” she says. “Sometimes you find yourself thinking ‘I should be at the office’ when you’re at home and vice versa. But when you see your children doing fine and you are at the top of your field and still being challenged, then you know you are handling things well. The key is to know what’s important to you and to put things in perspective. For example, your career won’t suffer if you go to your son’s soccer game.

“As far as my children are concerned, my older son and daughter are both interested in medicine, so they must have liked what they saw and didn’t suffer by their exposure to medicine during childhood,” she notes humorously.

When asked to compare the environment of Jefferson Medical College for women in 1965 with the current environment, Dr. Czarnecki recalls that a prevailing attitude when she entered medical school was that even if a woman received her medical degree, she would eventually forgo medicine to concentrate solely on being a wife and mother.

“Statistically, the dropout rate for women in medicine, both at that time and now, is no higher than for women in any other profession,” she explains. “What has changed, of course, is the admission rate for women to medical schools. In the early 1960s, seven percent of America’s medical students were women, which was the basically the same number as in the early 1900s. Today, approximately 35 percent of our country’s medical students are women. This is a definite improvement for women in medicine, because now we have strength in numbers.”

Joyce E. Price, M.D. ’65 agrees that the perception of women in medicine and other fields has changed over the past 25 years. A specialist in vascular and general surgery, Dr. Price is on the staff of the San Juan Regional Medical Center in Farmington, New Mexico, and is a Clinical Associate in the Department of Surgery at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. She is the Alumni Vice-President for the State of New Mexico.

“I don’t think there are any limitations to what a woman can do in a given field,” she says. “The only restriction for members of either sex is their level of ability; however, women are perhaps more likely to be criticized for any mistakes they might make. But in a

On the cover, Margaret M. Libonati, M.D. ’65, Associate Director of Anesthesia and the Medical Director of Day Surgery at Wills Eye Hospital, and Gloria Zaczez, C.R.N.A., nurse anesthetist at Wills Eye Hospital, prepare an eight-month-old child for an eye operation. The child was born with cataracts, which were removed a few months earlier. In this operation, the secondary membrane of the eye will be removed, so that the child may be fitted later with extended wear contact lenses or glasses. When the child reaches adulthood, he may have an intraocular lens implanted.

“It is important to remove cataracts as soon as they are discovered in a baby, in order to retain full vision,” Dr. Libonati explains. “If the cataracts are removed too late, the part of the brain that records vision will not mature properly and the child’s vision will be permanently impaired.” The likelihood that this child will retain full vision is very good.

Two anesthesiologists must be on hand in a procedure that involves pediatric anesthesia, in order to control the child’s airway, to begin induction by inserting a tube containing anesthetic gases and oxygen into the child’s trachea, and to monitor the anesthesia that is administered intravenously.

Pediatric anesthesia is in some ways unique, comments Dr. Libonati. “The therapeutic range of drugs is very narrow for children, because they have different metabolic rates than adults,” she says. “One needs to be very careful about the dosage of the drug and calculate it according to the child’s weight.”

She adds, “It is also difficult to explain the procedure to a small child, so we often use flavored gas and tell them to pretend that they’re going for a ride on a cloud.”

Ms. Bluemle is a Media Coordinator in Jefferson’s University Relations Department.
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“Medicine is a vocation and Jefferson gave me a real sense of tradition in my profession. I feel a certain kinship and connection with those who preceded me.”
Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia, then went on to attend Chestnut Hill College. It was at the end of my second year of premed studies there that I heard Jefferson was going to accept women, so I immediately applied.

Making her patients and their families feel comfortable with the impending operation is important to Dr. Libonati. She explains, "I do a lot of pediatric anesthesia, which is my subspecialty, so I see a lot of sick kids and frightened parents. This fear is very understandable, because while eye surgery doesn't threaten one's life, anesthesia does. There is a lot of tension as you are actually administering a toxic substance to the patient and hoping he will come through the procedure. So it's a wonderful thing to be able to tell a child's parents that the operation went well and their son or daughter will be fine. That is the most gratifying aspect of medicine for me."

As with any profession, Dr. Libonati agrees that there are rewards and frustrations. "One of the most important duties for an anesthesiologist is to make certain the patient is adequately and optimally prepared for surgery. This has become particularly difficult in recent years because of the pressures of the government and other third-party payers to shorten hospital stays and reduce expense," she notes. "Ideally, the anesthesiologist should have access to the patient sufficiently in advance of the surgery to examine and evaluate the patient and to order any additional studies, such as a chest x-ray, electrocardiogram, or blood chemistries, which would help to determine the patient's condition.

"The anesthesiologist is indeed the 'internist of the operating room,' but with today's rushed schedules, there are times when the anesthesiologist does not have sufficient time to evaluate and prepare the patient. For the best interest of the patient in this situation, it may be necessary to postpone or cancel surgery," explains Dr. Libonati. "This is always an unpopular and unpleasant decision for the patient, the family, and the surgeon, but the anesthesiologist must take a stand for what is best and safest for the patient."

Like Dr. Czarnecki, Dr. Libonati shares the responsibilities of her work and home life with her physician husband, John J. Leahy, M.D., who is the Director of Anesthesia at Wills Eye Hospital. They have a son and a daughter.

"We divide up our tasks both at the hospital and at home in a pretty equitable manner," she says. "Certain jobs may be more appealing to one of us, so that person will be responsible for it. For example, John enjoys meetings and appointments away from the hospital, which I don't. He makes most of the administrative decisions, but I get more deeply involved with clinical care. At home, the reverse is generally true. I manage the household and we work together on important decisions such as our children's schooling."

Since her childhood, Dr. Libonati knew that she wanted to become a physician. She chose anesthesia as her specialty during her internship. "Anesthesia appealed to me because it was exciting but short-term, so it was less draining emotionally for me. You may have only a few seconds to respond in some critical situations, so you must have the ability to think and act quickly."

Like Dr. Price, she appreciates Jefferson's thorough medical education. "Today, you can choose your subspecialty, but back then you had to do an allotted rotation in every field. This really gave us a sense of the big picture in terms of medicine."

Dr. Libonati recalls a spirit of camaraderie among the students during her time at Jefferson. "We all stuck together as a class, working hard together and supporting each other. Although we women were a minority, we wanted to be in the mainstream of medicine and weren't interested in separating ourselves from the men. As students, we were all interdependent and there was no male/female aggression or hostility."

She also says there were no concessions made for female students. "There were very few women in medicine in those days and regardless of your sex, you were respected for the work you produced. So if a woman became pregnant during her internship or residency, she had to work extra hard to prove that she could still handle her share of the patients."

Amilu S. Rothhammer, M.D. '65 experienced firsthand the additional responsibilities of raising young children while in medical school. She was married to Alfred J. Martin, M.D. '64, from whom she is now divorced, and had a one-year-old son when she
Joyce E. Price, M.D. ’65, examines a Navajo Indian woman in her Farmington, New Mexico, office. A general and vascular surgeon, Dr. Price is on the staff of the San Juan Regional Medical Center in Farmington, which provides care for vast, sparsely populated areas.

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entered medical school. She remembers that at the time, few thought a young mother could also study to be a doctor.

“I had always wanted to go to medical school,” says Dr. Rothhammer, “even as a high school student. My parents discouraged the idea and told me that women should be nurses. But this was a goal of mine, so I went ahead with it. I had no role models because I didn’t know any women doctors, but I knew it was something I really wanted to do.

“It really shocked some people, I think, to see a woman with a young child go to medical school in 1961. ‘During the admissions process, three psychiatrists asked me how I was going to make this work. I told them the truth — that I didn’t know.’ She smiles. ‘But it all worked out.’

Dr. Rothhammer and her husband had a total of four children, with a son who was born during her junior year at Jefferson, and two daughters born in 1966 and in 1969. She found the lack of child care the most difficult aspect of going to medical school. ‘If one of the children got sick, it was a problem,’ she says. ‘Fortunately, they were usually healthy so it didn’t come up very often.’

Finances were also tight for Dr. Rothhammer at that time. ‘I had a medical technology degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder, so one of the ways I paid for medical school was to work in the hematology lab at night.’ She also borrowed money to pay for school and child care costs.

Dr. Rothhammer, a surgeon who specializes in general, vascular, and transplant surgery, is an active staff member at Penrose Memorial Hospital and St. Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs. She is also an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Colorado Medical Center. Looking back on the past 25 years, she can see definite changes that have occurred for women in the field of medicine. ‘One of the biggest changes is the number of women involved in graduate programs,’ says Dr. Rothhammer. ‘After graduating from Jefferson in 1965, I was the first woman trained in surgery in the state of Colorado. Women there had served rotating internships in medicine and pediatrics, but never surgery.

‘Originally, I was interested in gynecologic surgery, but the head of the department of obstetrics/gynecology said he wasn’t ready for a female surgeon yet. Well, as you can imagine, I lost interest in working under him.’ The chairman of the department of surgery was also unused to women surgeons, but he was ready to work with Dr. Rothhammer. ‘He was ready to treat me as an equal, which I deeply appreciated,’ she remembers. ‘I was a real change for his department, but I was given every opportunity to learn and to prove myself.

‘This was important, because in that day and age, men who were the heads of hospital departments were very leery of women. They were afraid that a woman would get pregnant and drop out of the residency program, which would mean that the other doctors would get all of her patients in addition to their own.’

Dr. Rothhammer did have children during her residency, but she was far from dropping out of surgery. ‘I worked the night before labor and was back to work a week later,’ she recalls. ‘I didn’t expect to be pampered and it was a good learning experience for me, because surgery is a very time-consuming specialty. There was no maternity leave and women were...”

“...the pleasure that husband and wife team John J. Leahy, M.D., Director of Anesthesia at Wills Eye Hospital, and Margaret M. Libonati, M.D. ’65, Associate Director of Anesthesia and the Medical Director of Day Surgery at Wills Eye Hospital, take in working together is evident in this photograph by their son.”
Amilu S. Rothhammer, M.D. '65 specializes in general, vascular, and transplant surgery at Penrose Memorial Hospital and St. Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs.

expected to put in the same amount of time as their male counterparts, so I was on call every other night and weekend for five years. By the time it was finished, we had four children and live-in household help. But if I had to do it over again, I wouldn't do anything differently, because I love what I do and I love my children.”

Even with help, this schedule left little room for flexibility. Dr. Rothhammer explains how she handled the dual responsibilities of career and family. “The joke back then was that I was the world’s fastest disciplinarian,” she laughs. “I would settle everything on the phone. I used to worry sometimes when my kids were young that they might turn around in twenty years and be angry at me for not spending enough time with them. I guess those fears were unfounded, because none of them ever said anything like that. All of them are very goal-oriented and independent, so maybe their upbringing was good for them.”

Dr. Rothhammer’s third child has followed her mother’s career choice and is currently a sophomore medical student at Jefferson.

Dr. Rothhammer has been married for eight years to Al Rothhammer, who is retired from the Air Force and now works as a realtor.

What do these physicians have to say to today’s medical students? Each offers a bit of advice gathered from her own experiences. Dr. Czarnecki feels that the key is maintaining a deep commitment to one’s own priorities in both medicine and personal life. “Women are particularly susceptible to feeling guilty about ‘not being able to do it all,’” she says. “You can develop a support system for those things you can’t do yourself and it is not necessary to judge yourself by other people’s terms. If you are able to satisfy yourself in terms of your professional and personal goals, then you do have it all.”

Dr. Price jokes that medical students should pay all their expenses in cash whenever possible. “What I mean is that you never know what the economic situation is going to be like as you advance in your career, in addition to the financial burden of paying off educational loans. You never want to be in a position where you are tempted to let cost containment interfere with your practice of medicine and taking the best possible care of your patients.”

Dr. Libonati stresses the importance of developing one’s character along with one’s intelligence. “Medicine is an art as well as a science, and I believe that integrity is an essential part of doing the best job you can. As physicians, this requires honesty and courage. If you don’t know something, don’t pretend you do — go find out what the answer is. Don’t be afraid of learning from your mistakes, because if you admit them in the beginning, you’re less likely to repeat them. An even better approach is to avoid mistakes by calling in a consultant if you’re unsure of something or by researching the current literature on the problem. The bottom line is to be honest, work hard, know your specialty and know it well.”

Dr. Rothhammer advises students to identify their goals first and then to pursue them diligently. “Find the area you enjoy the most and then go for it, no matter what the stumbling blocks. This is especially true for women. My specialty is very time-consuming, but when I examined other specialties, I knew I wouldn’t be happy in them. You need to do what is going to make you happy, even when it’s difficult.”

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A 17-year-old Colorado Springs boy is brain-dead, after his car flipped while he was street racing. Sean Richards (his name has been changed to protect the family's privacy) will be an organ donor; Jens Saakvitne, a local transplant coordinator for the nonprofit Colorado Organ Recovery Systems of Denver, has spent the afternoon and evening trying to find matching recipients. Sean Richards is on a respirator, but no one can be sure how long the machine can sustain the body's functions or how much time Jens has to place the organs. After dozens of calls across the country, including one to Chicago and another to Pittsburgh, Jens waits to hear back.

In a western suburb of Chicago, a 45-year-old man who has lived seven years with a severe liver disease hears the phone ring as he gets out of bed for some tea.

It is a nurse from nearby Rush Presbyterian Hospital. She tells him there is a potential transplant donor in Colorado, a 17-year-old boy killed in a car accident, who looks like an excellent match.

"Come right away," she says.

Within 20 minutes, at 9:30 P.M. in Colorado Springs, Saakvitne, sitting in a doctor's lounge at Penrose Memorial Hospital, gets a call back from Rush Presbyterian: they will take the liver of donor Sean Richards. Two surgeons there are heading for a private jet. They should be in Colorado Springs by 1:00 A.M.

Jens calls a local surgeon, Amilu S. Rothhammer, M.D.

"We're ready here," he tells her. Although the incoming transplant teams will perform the final steps of removing the heart and liver, Rothhammer, a veteran transplant surgeon, will open the body and begin clearing a path through the tight web of muscle and blood vessels, easing the task incoming doctors face. Then, she will take out the kidneys.

Now, Jens calls the Penrose blood bank and requests four units of type O blood. Rothhammer will need it for surgery; a constant flow of blood is essential to preserving the organs until they are removed.

But the heart is still not placed. Several calls are out, offering it to transplant centers with critically ill patients. But there have been no takers.

In Pittsburgh's Presbyterian University Hospital, a desperately ill 15-year-old boy sleeps in his room while doctors meet nearby.

His heart is weak, taxed for years by a rare blood disease. Time is slipping away. To survive, he needs a transplant within a day.

Now, a hospital counselor comes to the boy's bedside and gently wakes him. The woman tells him there is a heart in Colorado. His time has come.

Near 10:30 P.M., in Colorado Springs, Jens gets the confirming message: Pittsburgh wants the heart.

Moments later, there is a call from St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, where a pathologist is working to find a match for the one kidney they are to get (the other has been promised to University Hospital). They still can't find a compatible recipient, and they have run out of blood sent them to make a match. Jens calls a courier service, to run another blood sample to Denver. No one is available for the job. He calls the Colorado State Patrol. A trooper will rush the blood up in a patrol car.

In Chicago, the man who is to receive Sean Richards's liver kneels on the floor of his bedroom, and joins hands with his wife and two teenage children. They pray silently in front of a picture of the Madonna and Child.

He had been diagnosed as having sclerosis cholangitis, a rare liver disease, in September 1979. At that time, the doctor told him he had, at the very best, 10 years to live, no hope for a cure. But in 1982, he read a magazine article about breakthroughs in transplant technology. Hope had slowly returned.

As he got sicker, his weight dropped from a normal 140 pounds to 110. He stood by, patiently, awaiting his chance for a transplant. Now, he is barely able to get out of bed. He is down to days, or maybe a few weeks, of projected survival. He has remained home while he waited.

Prayer done, the man kisses his children goodbye. He leaves with his wife, headed for the hospital.

It is 11:00 P.M.

Jens calls Christine Freddes, a registered nurse and volunteer for the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank, to remove Sean Richards's eyes. She must wait until other organs have been taken; she tells Jens she will get some sleep and come in near dawn.

But a few moments later, Penrose Hospital's blood bank — which has been working to locate a blood supply for donor surgery, set to begin in an hour — is calling. There is a big problem.

The pathologist tells Jens that his staff has tested 20 of 24 units of type O, Sean's type, but can't find matching blood to use in surgery. Apparently, when the boy was brought into the emergency room a week before, he had been infused with unmatched blood. In those rushed moments, there was no time to make a blood cross match. But the foreign blood had spurred the growth of antibodies, which are now rejecting even type O blood.

If the surgeons use unmatched blood, the heart will likely stop in an instant. If they do not have enough blood on hand, the organs will be starved of oxygen before they are freed from the body, making them useless.
Jens asks for a check of all other local blood banks if the last four units here don't match.

Penrose Hospital Operating Room Eight is being readied; doctors from Chicago and Pittsburgh are on the way. The surgery must begin at midnight, even if there is no blood. The team will hope Sean Richards does not turn out to be a heavy bleeder. They will hope they'll find needed units before things get too far along.

It is 11:15 P.M.

In Chicago, the man who is to receive Sean Richards's liver lies on a hospital gurney in a hallway of Rush Presbyterian Hospital, ready to be wheeled into the operating room. Soon, he will get a shot and drift away with medication; then, doctors will begin the six-hour job that will prepare him to receive the organ. It will take another eight hours to implant the liver fully.

But now, awake, he is still: a priest is standing over him, administering last rites.

At Penrose Hospital, moments before midnight, the nurses and the anesthesiologist, Charles Ripp, M.D., pull back the curtain that shrouds Sean Richards's bed in the intensive care unit. They have come to take him to Operating Room Eight.

The doctor attaches a portable heart monitor, then he detaches the tube from the mechanical respirator and hooks it to a manual Ambu bag. For the 60 yards to the operating room, Ripp controls Sean's breathing, squeezing the bag in measured cadence. The boy's heart beats strong, beats strong.

Through the double doors, the operating room is harsh in its brightness. There, the boy is lifted, gently, onto the operating table, then reattached to a mechanical respirator. More intravenous lines now puncture Sean's pale skin. Above the table, on the wall, there is a crucifix; nearby, taped above a double door, a computer printout, big block letters reading, "Are We Having Fun Yet?"

Sterile cloth drapes the body, pelvis to throat. The entire front of the torso has been shaved clean; now, the white flesh, luminous under three Challenge 22 surgical lights, is painted antiseptic orange with Betadine solution.

Rothhammer is still scrubbing at a sink in an anteroom, separated by a window from the surgical arena. No one speaks but for softly mumbled instructions. But the charged hum of the cautery unit, ready for use, drowns any sense of quiet.

Surgery begins in earnest at 15 minutes past midnight. One unit of blood matching Sean's has just been found somewhere else in the city. It is coming up from the blood bank. With only that much blood — a small margin with which to deal with the unexpected — Rothhammer is hoping Sean Richards will not be a bleeder. But that is something she won't know until she starts.

There is no sense waiting for more blood to turn up. Tests from the afternoon show the hematocrit level — the mark of the blood's ability to transport oxygen — is dropping steadily. To wait is to risk that the organs could suffer damage. Jens, in scrubs and a surgical mask, stands near the operating table, ready to help.

Rothhammer now begins. With an electric cautering scalpel, she starts a long slice that will reach from the notched crook of the collarbone to the pubis. The skin, taut, creeps apart.

And as quickly, the extent of the problem is clear. Blood fills the shallow trench of open flesh. The suction tube gurgles.

Rothhammer looks up. "Jens, we really have a lot of oozing here. We need more blood."

"I can call Denver and see if they can find anything," Jens offers.

Ripp, the anesthesiologist, looks up from his stool at Sean's head, where he is monitoring the respirator. "That could take way too long to get down here," he says.

Jens knows Ripp is probably right. Heavy blood loss will drain life from the organs.

He does not say anything at this moment, but Jens now fears the donor organs — and the chances of survival for waiting patients in Chicago and Philadelphia — will be ruined.

He bursts from the operating room, looking for a telephone. He dials up St. Luke's Hospital in Denver. Out the window, the blackness is specked with snow, which worries him: bad weather has often grounded transplant teams in one city while their patients died waiting in another city.

"Hi, this is Jens with the transplant team in Colorado Springs," he says when he reaches St. Luke's. "We have a very urgent situation down here. We need you to do an immediate cross match when you get the donor blood we sent up a while ago. We have a real shortage of blood here."

In a nearby operating room, doctors are preparing Sean Richards for the removal of his organs. In Chicago, a 45-year-old man is in surgery. Doctors are readying him to receive the liver, a six-hour procedure. In Pittsburgh, another team is preparing a 15-year-old boy to receive the donor heart.

But this lack of blood has put the operation in great doubt.

At St. Luke's, doctors are working to find a match for the kidney they will get; although they have twice run out of samples of Sean's blood sent up for the matching, a state trooper has just walked in the door, bringing a third sample from Colorado Springs. The weather had slowed him; had he arrived earlier, that blood might have also been used.

But this bit of luck means St. Luke's can begin cross matching now.

"I'm going to get an Air Life helicopter out of Presbyterian to stand by," Jens says. Joy Orr, an associate coordinator here with him, will await the call.

In Operating Room Eight, Dr. Rothhammer continues her job of opening the body. The need for more blood concerns but does not panic her. It has happened before. She has been doing transplant donor surgery for more than a decade, and has learned each case brings its own problems.

As she works, the cautery unit hums. The electrified scalpel, which burns tiny blood vessels closed as it cuts the flesh, sizzles with each plunge. Wisps of smoke curl up from the incision.

As a general surgeon in Colorado Springs, Rothhammer has worked with many kidney patients, surgically placing shunts, small catheter-like devices, into their ravaged veins. Tethered to
the timeline of dialysis, they wait for transplants; unlike the somber nurses who assist her now, or the anesthesiologist next to her, Rothhammer knows the faces at the other end of this process.

The incision down Sean Richards's torso is completed. Rothhammer next uses a small power saw to slit the sternum. Finished, she works clamps into the fissure, and the chest is cranked open.

Meanwhile, the three-man transplant team from Pittsburgh has arrived. Bob Kormos, M.D. and Bob Durham, M.D., and transplant coordinator Gary Lewis come into the operating room and look over the heart. Still partly hidden in the chest, it looks good; they call back to Pittsburgh, telling the surgical team there to continue prepping the recipient. Then they go into the doctor's lounge, where they will go to sleep until it is time to remove the heart, several hours yet.

Rothhammer works on. In the chest, she worries apart tight capillaries. She will advance fractions of inches at a time.

At about 1:00 A.M., the Chicago transplant team — surgeons Norman Wool and Dan Deziell and transplant coordinator Jeff Meinke — arrives at Colorado Springs Municipal Airport. On the runway, in overcoats covering thin surgical clothing, they are in the teeth of an icy wind. It is below zero.

At 1:30 A.M., the phone rings in the doctor's lounge at Penrose. Joy Orr now learns St. Luke's has found three usable units of blood. She calls for a helicopter to bring it down from Denver, then returns to the operating room. The Chicago team is in, beginning their work on the liver. Rothhammer has left, also to rest before returning for the last phases of surgery.

The Chicago doctors work slowly. Extra blood is still 40 minutes away. To stem blood loss, they use silk suture to tie off each blood vessel they cut until, just after 2:00 A.M., the needed blood arrives from Denver.

By 4:30 A.M., Rothhammer has come back into the operating room. The liver surgeons have not yet completed their work. The procedure, always time-consuming, was further slowed by the lack of blood. Although spare blood is now here, time lost before is irretrievable. That has greatly delayed the heart team's estimated departure time.

"Sorry we're taking so long," one of the Chicago surgeons offers.

The heart doctors boil with impatience. They are already under intense pressure. If the heart is not in the recipient's chest within four hours of leaving the donor, it will likely be useless.

The flight to Pittsburgh will take two hours, 40 minutes, with 15 minutes tacked on at each end for the helicopter rides between airports and hospitals.

Now, if they are delayed further, the boy, in critical condition, could die before the heart arrives.

"Come on, come on, get your asses in gear," one of the heart doctors growls. The Chicago doctors look up. Above the hems of surgical masks, eyes register surprise, then dart back down to their work. They can't hurry. If they try now to make up for lost time, they could ruin the liver.

Rising tempers are nearing the flash point. Bared now under the hot lights, Sean Richards's heart beats, beats, a steady metronome.

But, good news from outside: in the last hour, the snowstorm that threatened has passed. The cold sky is now clear.

Just before 5:00 A.M., the Chicago doctors finish their preparations. The heart surgeons lean in to do their work, the final step.

They snake a catheter into the heart, still throbbing strongly 16 hours after the official time of death. Then, 20,000 units of Heparin, a blood-thinning agent, through the intravenous tube in the arm. Mannitol, a diuretic, is added to flush the kidneys.

Near the table, an ice-packed plastic basin is readied. Six doctors, two nurses, and four transplant coordinators huddle shoulder-to-shoulder around the open body.

Ripp, the anesthesiologist, looks to the surgeons.

"Okay," Rothhammer says, and Ripp stops the respirator. The heart surgeons clamp off the aorta. Their four-hour clock has just begun ticking.

The heart begins to weaken. A mixture of Heparin and chilled saline solution is sent through the heart catheter. The heart weakens further.

Rothhammer and a nurse step up and spill a tub of ice-cold saline solution into the open torso, to chill the organs quickly.

The Pittsburgh surgeons snap away the last attachments of body to heart. They lift the heart out and into a stainless steel tray.

In the tray, under the glare of the operating room lights, Sean Richards's heart squeezes weakly, a few tiny, struggling quivers.

Then it stops.

It is 5:14 A.M.

After a quick look, the surgeons transfer the heart into an iced container, seal it and put that into an Igloo cooler.

"Thank you very much!" one of the heart doctors says, and he has already begun to wheel toward the door. The Pittsburgh team rushes out, behind an escort who sprints with them to a United States Army helicopter waiting on the roof.

Next, the Chicago doctors lift the liver into another iced container, but without the same rush. The liver will last seven hours.

First, they call their hospital. The recipient has been opened up, but doctors have stopped their work just short of the point of no return. They will await the liver before going on.

The Chicago team, after packing the liver, leaves for the ambulance ride to the airport.

Rothhammer now stands above the dead body of Sean Richards. Suddenly, she is infinitely aware of the silence in the room, moments before cluttered with the sound of surgeons, a respirator, a heart monitor.

She begins to remove the kidneys, which Jens will carry by helicopter to Denver for waiting recipients.

It is after 7:00 A.M.

Operating-room nurses sort through surgical tools, talking quietly between themselves. Rothhammer, who will begin a round of scheduled surgery in another hour, has closed the long incision down Sean Richards's chest and abdomen, and has gone to find a place to rest.
MCP/Gimbel Award to Dr. Finnegan

Loretta P. Finnegan, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, received the MCP/Gimbel Award in November. The award is conferred annually upon a Delaware Valley woman whose work benefits humanity and the community.

The MCP/Gimbel Award was established by department store executive Ellis Gimbel in 1932. After the close of Gimbel Brothers, the Medical College of Pennsylvania assumed sponsorship. Dr. Finnegan was nominated for this honor by the Jefferson Hospital Women's Board.

Dr. Finnegan has been a consultant on scientific committees of national agencies and organizations that include the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the Food and Drug Administration, the American Lung Association, and the March of Dimes.

At present, she is principal investigator on NIDA projects on the prevention of AIDS in mothers and children, and a treatment demonstration project on maternal cocaine abuse.

Dr. Finnegan's son Mark graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1987, and son Matthew, a graduate of Hahnemann University, works at Jefferson in orthopaedic research in the laboratory of Rocky S. Tuan, Ph.D., Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

ONE DOCTOR'S CRUSADE
by Karen Heller

It's not merely crack, Loretta P. Finnegan, M.D. is trying to explain. That might make things easier, and nothing about what Finnegan does is easy.

"You have to understand, we don't have women coming in here just using one drug; they're generally using three. Sometimes it's more," says Finnegan, shaking her nest of copper-colored hair. "The heroin users are also using Valium. A third of the methadone patients are also on cocaine. Fifty percent of the cocaine users are also smoking pot; an even larger percentage are using alcohol. And 96 percent of these women smoke nicotine."

Finnegan is not just speaking of drug users. She is speaking of pregnant drug users, the women and their children whom she has helped for the last two decades lead happier, better lives. For her efforts, she received the MCP/Gimbel Award in November.

"I recently gave a seminar on the effects of drugs on infants," says Finnegan, Director of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital's Family Center for drug-dependent mothers and their infants, which she founded in 1976. "And it took seven hours because it took an hour to explain the horrible consequences of each drug. Each one separately is bad enough but when you combine them, it's like hemorrhaging."

The center now treats about 450 clients — all mothers — a year. The number treated depends on available funding.

When an addict has a baby, about everything that can go horribly wrong for the infant does: punishing physical disabilities, severe mental disabilities, tremors, seizures, heart disorders, sleep disorders, digestive problems, malnutrition, strokes, fevers, drug addiction.

Or the babies just die — either at birth, or during the first few months of their brutal little lives.

Dr. Finnegan counsels a mother and child.
Sometimes a great notion is born of one small incident, an event that others might easily dismiss in passing. Finnegan experienced one of those moments 20 years ago, and it simply altered her life.

She was then a young pediatrician at the old Philadelphia General Hospital, working in the intensive-care nursery, interested in infant respiratory problems. "We always had very sick babies," says Finnegan, 52, sitting in the Family Center’s conference room. "Thirty percent of the mothers never had prenatal care. We would often deliver the babies and notice they had withdrawal symptoms from heroin. That was the drug then."

Finnegan suspected one woman in labor of being an addict. "Check her arms for track marks," someone told Finnegan, and, sure enough, the woman’s skin was a mass of bruises and scars. "Two hours after the woman delivered, she was gone," Finnegan recalls. "I couldn’t find her anywhere."

A veteran nurse shrugged and said, "She went out to get a fix."

This was beyond Finnegan’s comprehension. How could anything be so powerful as to make a woman get up and leave her hours-old child? "Having children myself, I couldn't imagine getting up and leaving after two days, let alone two hours," Finnegan says.

That set Finnegan off. She then went to read all the available literature on the effects of the narcotic on infants. "There was absolutely nothing," she says.

She asked a physician if it was possible to take the then-novel approach of administering methadone to a pregnant heroin addict. He didn’t see why not. The more Finnegan investigated and thought about the problem, the more she began to see drug-addicted mothers and their babies as a psychological and social problem, as well as a medical one.

And the addicted women kept coming in.

They kept having sick babies, babies who, in many instances, would be guaranteed a wretched life.

"I realized then and there that we couldn’t start with the birth," Finnegan says. Care had to begin during pregnancy. It wasn’t a baby problem, she realized, it was a family problem that most likely started with the mother’s family.

Tremendous Odds

Yet for all her good work, the 100-hour weeks, the success stories of healthy mothers and children, the myriad lectures and research papers, Finnegan can do little in battling the overwhelming odds that her patients face, for the war on drugs has a frightening number of casualties:

- Seventy percent of all Family Center patients have been sexually abused before the age of 16.
- Eighty-three percent of these addicted women have at least one chemically dependent parent. Many have two.
- Seventy-five percent of those parents were alcoholic.
- Ninety-five percent of the patients are on public assistance.
- Sixty percent of the Family Center’s patients are former heroin addicts now on methadone; 40 percent use cocaine, for which there is no known medical antidote. A radical detoxification
program is usually out of the question because it can often induce premature labor or severely harm the infant.

Each year, more than 375,000 babies are born in the United States with some illegal substance in their bodies, according to the American Council for Drug Education, a private, nonprofit, Washington-area organization. That’s one out of every 10 babies, and usually the illegal substance is crack. Through experience, the Family Center has learned that drug abuse is not a racial problem: on the average, 55 percent of the patients are white, 45 percent black, and five percent Hispanic.

Health Care is Not Enough

Finnegan knows that good medical care alone is not enough to help these women and their children. “I quickly realized we had to offer these women a lot of services,” she says. “They had to have perinatal care, a gynecologist-obstetrician. We needed neonatal care for the infant. “For the psychosocial problems, we had to have social workers, psychologists, and counselors. And then there were the addictive aspects of their condition. But it doesn’t stop there. Many of these women have endocrine problems. Some have cancer. They have seizures, heart disorders, diabetes, asthma, poor diets. And dental problems. Some of these women have never been to the dentist.” The Family Center’s staff includes a clinical supervisor, four social workers who serve as counselors, a nurse, a pharmacist, a developmental psychologist, a financial assistant, and two secretaries; for medical problems, patients are sent to specialists at Jefferson.

The litany of patients’ troubles leaves Finnegan almost breathless, but it won’t end. “Now, many of them are turning up HIV-positive (for AIDS-related diseases.) And there are parenting issues. We’re talking basic safety of the children, nutrition, proper child care. Some have never had a book read to them. They have to learn how to do that for their children.

“And there’s vocational training. Most of these women don’t have the resources to get a job, so many have dropped out of school. People are always saying, ‘Why don’t they get a job?’ Well, they can barely make it from day to day. They get so upset trying just to survive, and now they’ve got a baby, some have several.”

Finnegan pauses for a moment, and sighs. “And we have to provide follow-up care because you have to expect the women are going to [have a] relapse.”

And people wonder why Finnegan is exhausted.

She has always been an overachiever. Her curriculum vitae fills 60 pages. She’s done Donahue. She’s a big talker on the local shows. These days, she’s picking up awards at a steady clip. She saves every last one of her nametags from conferences, which now fill a plastic grocery bag. If she does something, she wants to do it well, and doesn’t mind telling you about it. Shyness is not her problem.

Finnegan does everything in a big way — after all, she didn’t have kids, she had KIDS, five in all — and tends to do things at Mach 3. If you ask her a question, she can take a half-hour to answer, going off in several directions, not all of them related to the subject.

She admits to practicing little medicine these days. She lives more like the role of a busy executive, meeting with her staff, giving speeches, attending seminars, traveling incessantly. She clearly loves this.

“Let me give you the month of October,” Finnegan says, her legs stretched out on a tufted leather sofa. “On October 2, I went to Venezuela for seven days. On October 12, I went to Athens, Greece, for another seven days,” she says with a proud smile. “Two hours after getting off a plane, I had to speak to the Medical Society on Addictive Medicine. The following Monday I had to address a conference in New York for 2½ days. Then I had to go to Houston for a task force meeting on pregnancy and addiction. I came home for two days, then I had to fly to Boston, took a limo ride to Worcester, spoke to a perinatal organization, and then flew back.”

And even on those constant plane rides, Finnegan doesn’t waste a minute. She writes light, rhyming verse — “simplistic poems,” she calls them — that she loves to have others read.

“I only get four or five hours of sleep a night. If I get six, it’s a really good night,” she says in the Family Center’s rose-colored offices which are overwhelmed with posters, paintings, and sculptures of women and babies. “The problems of these women and their children are so immense. You have to work this hard. I do the work of 2½, maybe three individuals.”

She can keep these hours, she says, now that the children are grown. Mark, Matthew, Michael, Maureen, and Martin are between the ages of 23 and 28. Three are doctors or in medical school; one son sells medical supplies; the youngest — the rebel against a life in hospitals and labs — is in law school.

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Dr. Finnegan Named to the Office for Treatment Improvement

Loretta P. Finnegan, M.D. has been appointed Associate Director of the Office for Treatment Improvement. OTI is a new organization designed to focus activities of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. OTI handles ADAMHA’s responsibilities relating to the treatment improvement initiatives recommended in the President’s National Drug Control Strategy, which was developed as mandated by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

In her new position Dr. Finnegan functions as the peer advisor to the Director of the Office for Treatment Improvement, and advises and directs OTI staff on issues surrounding medical and nonmedical treatment intervention for substance abusers. OTI offers assistance to treatment programs at the local and state level.

Dr. Finnegan will be on leave from Jefferson through the end of 1991, but says she expects to be on campus “a couple times a week.”
She is also the grandmother of twin 18-month-old boys.

These days, "My workweeks are getting worse, longer. Of course, Jefferson is making it harder because they're closing the doors on Tenth Street at nine o'clock." That doesn't stop her; she just takes the work home.

Loretta Podolak — "a 100 percent Polish princess," she crows — grew up in Burlington, New Jersey, the only child of a meat cutter and "a great homemaker." First, she thought of being an actress. "I loved performing in the theater and was very musical. I played violin in the New Jersey all-state orchestra and clarinet in the New Jersey all-state band."

Later, she thought about becoming an artist "because I loved drawing and was quite artistic." Her father shook his head when she told him these dreams. "Loretta, an actress, an artist? How are you going to support yourself?"

Then, she says, "Sometime around the age of 12, I decided I was a very fortunate girl who was smart and very good at school. I was good at art and music and good at sports. And I had these two absolutely wonderful parents."

So she decided, for all her good fortune, she should give something back to society. "I should do something to help other people. I should become a doctor."

So she told her parents. "Loretta," her father said, "you're a girl. You should be a nurse or a teacher."

And she answered, "I don't want to do that. I want to give the orders."

And her mother said, "You should be a schoolteacher, that way you could have the summers off."

No, Loretta told her, "I'll be a teacher of doctors."

Eventually, her parents proved supportive, though they never understood why she had to move to the big city and work in busy hospitals. "Do you know that for years," Finnegan says, laughing, "they kept this plot of ground next to their house hoping that I would come back and open my office there?"

No, the Family Center was not what they had in mind.

There are some happy stories at the center. A former heroin addict who has a healthy child, finished her college degree and found a good job. There is the mother of four who got off drugs, then made her husband come into the center to kick the stuff so she wouldn't be tempted. Now, he's working three jobs to help support the family.

Even though she is an optimist, Finnegan can do little to fight the numbers. Every few years comes a new horror: heroin, then crack, now AIDS.

"Motherhood is still the key issue. Most women see [themselves] getting a fresh start as a result of being pregnant. In a way, it's a good time to make a change," she says. "Every mother — every one of them — wants a healthy baby. I don't care who she is. Nobody wants a severely ill child."

This is what keeps her hopeful. Finnegan stresses every day in her work the power of motherhood, the strongest cure she has found so far in staving off the horrifying ravages of drugs. □

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Henry H. Perlman, M.D.

Henry H. Perlman, M.D. graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1918 and in the intervening 71 years has proven himself to be the best Jefferson can offer: a medical pioneer, a dedicated clinician, a noted scientist, and a human being of rare gifts.

Dr. Perlman interned at Jefferson Hospital, returned to Jefferson in 1958, and currently holds the titles of Honorary Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Honorary Clinical Professor of Dermatology. His prodigious scholarship and devoted care have resulted in a lifelong achievement that few can approach and all can envy. Thousands of Jefferson students know him for his passion and enthusiasm, still evident in his ninety-third year.

I have rarely been given the opportunity to recognize a man of such vitality and accomplishment, and it is my honor to acknowledge Henry H. Perlman's contributions to Jefferson, to medical science, and to humanity.

Joseph S. Gonnella, M.D.
Senior Vice-President, and Dean, Jefferson Medical College

Henry H. Perlman, M.D. '18 received a citation and a celebratory bowl from Joseph S. Gonnella, M.D., Senior Vice-President, and Dean of Jefferson Medical College, in December.
The Lang Lecture was established in 1983 by Thomas Jefferson University and the Department of Pathology from the estate of Warren Reichert Lang, M.D. '43, who died April 19, 1987. It was one of the largest gifts ever received from a single alumnus.

Also last spring the first annual Warren R. Lang Lecture was delivered by Arthur L. Herbst, M.D., the Joseph Bolivar DeLee Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Chairman of the Department at the Pritzker School of Medicine of the University of Chicago. The Lang Lecture was established jointly by members of Jefferson's Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and of Pathology, to honor their former colleague.

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Ms. Jane Eusterbrock says he was a wonderfully kind man, a real friend. Since he had no immediate family, she and her husband, Charles, "sort of adopted him." He was a perfectionist who "had to be the best at everything he undertook."

Ms. Dorothy Hawkins, a first cousin of Dr. Lang, remembers him almost as a brother. The children of four sisters all lived near each other in the Bridesburg section of Philadelphia, and were very close. Ms. Hawkins's sister Helen was born on the same day as Dr. Lang, and as children they planned that he would become a physician, and she would be his nurse. There was much talk about the young Warren Lang's skill at the saxophone, and at dancing the jitterbug. Later Ms. Hawkins's mother and aunts would return exhausted from crying after the Temple University graduation exercises at which he carried off seven of the 13 prizes awarded.

Still later came regular reunions at the Hawkins home in Ocean City, where Dr. Lang visited on weekends. She speaks of Dr. Lang's intense compassion, which would lead him to be very distressed if an infant in his obstetrics and gynecology practice failed to thrive, and of his joy in teaching. On holidays he would arrive with slides to be reviewed, and would devote the mornings to preparing lectures, emerging to join the family in the afternoon. He was, as she says, "a professional student, who never stopped learning." When he did emerge, it was often to quiz the other members of the family, gathered on the porch, concerning general topics such as history and geography because, as he used to admonish them, "You should never let
The second annual Warren R. Lang Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and of Pathology and Cell Biology, will be held Friday, April 27 in Solis-Cohen Auditorium of Jefferson Alumni Hall. Robert J. Kurman, M.D., Professor and Director of Gynecological Pathology at The Johns Hopkins University, will discuss "Human Papilloma Virus." A reception will follow in the Faculty Club.
he signed out diagnoses. He would read the patients' cytology specimens at a multihanded microscope surrounded by students and residents, quizzing everyone and joking even as he was making difficult diagnostic decisions.

William V. Harrer, M.D. '62, Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology, had the unique experience of doing two research projects under Dr. Lang's direction during his junior and senior years of medical school, and then finding himself instructing Dr. Lang in autopsy procedure during Dr. Lang's first year of pathology residency in 1969.

As a resident Dr. Lang, apparently not wanting to be alone for the daily quizzes, would provide alarm clock service by telephoning one fellow resident who found it nearly impossible to wake up in the morning.

Dr. Lang had an extensive personal library. One could take from the shelves a book on any subject, and find that each page was full of notes and cross-references to other material that Dr. Lang had been studying. Dr. Harrer recalls that dinner with him was likely to be a version of "Twenty Questions," and that he maintained the same lively pace with his students. "What is the name of that disease?" he would ask, "And don't forget the capitals."

Dr. Lang never took anything for granted. Dr. Harrer recalls that in his intense pursuit of his subject, he was given to "double cutting." Not infrequently Dr. Harrer would sign out one set of slides for a case, only to be presented with a second set and a new write-up for the same patient. Had Dr. Lang not noticed that he had prepared the case previously?

In a memorial tribute to Dr. Lang which appeared in the Fall 1987 issue of The Colposcopist, the official publication of the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology, Albrecht W. Schmitt, M.D. reflected,

I met Warren Lang for the first time in 1954 when he visited us together with his friend at Jefferson, the late Karl Bolten, at the Women's Clinic in Marburg, Germany. In later years, here in the United States, I met him often at meetings of the Philadelphia Obstetrical Society, of the ACOG, and the yearly winter meetings at the University of Chicago.

Warren was always most sociable and was one of the best storytellers I have known. My wife remembers him as an excellent dancer. In May of last year, I saw Warren's name as the speaker at one of the Wednesday conferences at Chestnut Hill Hospital here in Philadelphia. The title of his paper was "Aspiration Cytology," a topic which he delivered with his usual brilliance. He recognized me in the audience and said so. I am glad that I went.

Scholar, teacher, and friend. These are the words most often used to describe Warren R. Lang. May those who knew him continue to rejoice in that friendship, and may those of us who only know of him be grateful for the spirited example he left to us.

C.J.T.C.

James E. Clark, M.D. ’52,
New Alumni Association President

In this year of transition, the Jefferson Medical College Alumni Association welcomes as its new President an individual whose diverse ties to Jefferson and to other area health care institutions promise continuity with a sense of vision.

James E. Clark, M.D. '52, who assumed the presidency at the Annual Business Meeting on February 22, succeeding Nancy S. Czarnecki, M.D. ’65, is Vice-Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Hahnemann University and Associate Dean of Hahnemann Medical College. He is Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Director of Medical Education at Crozer-Chester Medical Center, a clinical campus of Hahnemann University. In addition, he serves as Consultant in Nephrology to six area hospitals and is Director of Health Services for Swarthmore College.

Dr. Clark's many professional memberships include the American Federation for Clinical Research, the American Society for the Advancement of Science, the International Society of Nephrology, the Physiological Society of Philadelphia, and the Royal Society of Medicine. He is a past President of the Pennsylvania Society of Nephrology. A Fellow of the American College of Physicians, he is a former Governor of its Eastern Pennsylvania Region.

Dr. Clark is a member of the Bernard J. Alpers Silver Stick Society of Neurology, the Katahdin Medical and Philosophical Society, and the J. Aitken Meigs Medical Association. In 1974 he received the Citizen of the Year Award, Region III, from the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

On the international level, Dr. Clark's contributions have included serving as cochairman of the first conference on hemodialysis in the Soviet Union in 1976, and as cochairman of the first Middle Eastern conference on hemodialysis in Iraq in 1978.

Dr. Clark

At Jefferson Dr. Clark's contributions have been legion. A native of West Virginia and a graduate of West Virginia University, he remained at Jefferson following graduation to serve his internship and residency here, becoming Chief Resident in Medicine in 1955. In 1956 he was appointed an Assistant in Medicine, and rose through the ranks to become an Associate Professor of Medicine before leaving to assume a professorship at Hahnemann in 1969.

In 1957 Dr. Clark organized an androsterone laboratory at Jefferson, and in 1959 established a dialysis unit here. For a period of ten years he served as Director of the Dialysis Unit and Clinical Renal Service and in 1963 organized a Renal Transplant Program.
which included the first kidney transplant operation performed on a human patient in the Philadelphia area.

Readers of the Alumni Bulletin will remember that it was Dr. Clark who, in 1976, asked Lewis W. Bluemle, Jr., M.D. if he would consider assuming the presidency of Thomas Jefferson University (Summer 1989, page 2). From 1979 to 1985 Dr. Clark served on the Board of Trustees here, and he has been a member of the Search Committees for the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, the Dean of the Medical College, and the Chairman of the Departments of Medicine and of Psychiatry. Most recently, he served on the Alumni Advisory Search Committee for the next President of Thomas Jefferson University (see page 2 of this issue).

In Thomas Jefferson University: Tradition and Heritage, edited by Frederick B. Wagner, Jr., M.D. '41, Michael L. Simenhoff, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, notes that nephrology “has been relatively a latecomer to the disciplines of medicine as a whole.”

Dr. Clark, reflecting on the early days of the nephrology section at Jefferson, recalls that his first research support was associated with other specialties. With the encouragement of Baldwin L. Keyes, M.D. '17, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, he obtained a foundation grant for studies of aldeosterone. At the suggestion of William A. Sodeman, M.D., then Chairman of the Department of Medicine, he applied for a grant from the American Heart Association. This grant permitted the acquisition of an artificial kidney and ancillary equipment, which were installed in a converted kitchen on the fifth floor of Thompson Annex. This was a significant advance for the research team, which had previously been dialyzing dogs in the Department of Surgical Research chaired by the late John H. Gibbon, Jr., M.D. '27. Not long afterwards Dr. Sodeman, by then Dean of the Medical College, called to request that the team dialyze their first human patient. The only place available for this purpose then, and for quite some time thereafter, was the surgical recovery room on the fifth floor, which meant that dialysis could only be performed at night when the room was not needed for surgical patients.

Eventually the administration was persuaded to erect a wall separating the converted fifth-floor kitchen to create a dialysis unit, and the team began planning for transplant surgery. The kidney used in the first procedure, in 1963, was harvested in that room by Dr. Clark and his team and then taken to the operating room and transplanted into the patient by Herbert E. Cohn, M.D. '55. This was the first kidney transplant into a human patient to be performed in Philadelphia, a milestone for Jefferson.

During all of these early years the Jefferson nephrologists were collaborating with researchers in the Chemical Section of the Department of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, where Lewis W. Bluemle, Jr., M.D. was a distinguished pioneer from 1946 to 1968.

But Dr. Clark’s ties to Jefferson go beyond the confines of medicine. Musicians on the campus will tell you that he has a fine tenor voice. Many remember his performances during his four years of medical school with the all-male Jefferson Glee Club, of which Dr. Wagner was the conductor, pianist, and organist.

When queried further about his musical talents Dr. Clark acknowledges that, also while a medical student, he paid his rent and bought his groceries by singing in two oratorio choirs. Although a premed major at West Virginia University, he had taken a number of music electives and studied voice and percussion. “The most fun things I’ve sung,” he recalls, “were the tenor solo roles in Russian in a concert version of Mussorgsky’s Boris Godunov performed at Swarthmore College with the Swarthmore College chorus and orchestra.” To prepare, Dr. Clark coached with the professor of Russian at Swarthmore for six months before the concert. As it happened, this study proved helpful later when Dr. Clark cochaired the hemodialysis conference in the Soviet Union in 1976.

As a percussionist Dr. Clark continues his musical career with plans to play the timpani at Easter this year, and with regular appearances as a member of a Dixieland band known as the South Swarthmore Street Stompers, whose members include a psychiatrist, a physics professor, a math instructor, and a theologian. He explains that the group does “benefits” — they don’t charge as long as someone feeds them!

Dr. Clark’s family is interested in music, the design professions, and sailing. His wife, Virginia, a former intensive care and geriatric neurology nurse, devotes time to design and antiques. Of her four children and Dr. Clark’s three, only one is now at home, a son in high school. Others attend or have graduated from New England colleges, including two from the New England Conservatory of Music. Members of the Corinthian Yacht Club in Philadelphia, the Clarks keep a boat on the Chesapeake, sailing there and in the Virgin Islands.

Looking ahead to his plans as Alumni President in a year when the University will see the outstanding presidency of Dr. Bluemle draw to a close, and will welcome Alumni Professor of Family Medicine Paul C. Brucker, M.D. as University President, Dr. Clark sees his role as that of facilitator and ombudsman. This is of especial importance because the Alumni Association has just taken the historic step of voting to admit as members men and women who have completed postgraduate training programs at Jefferson, which are now the responsibility of the Dean rather than of the Hospital. This change in the membership Dr. Clark credits in large part to the hard work of immediate past President Dr. Czarnecki.

Dr. Clark also sees the year as a unique opportunity to work toward strengthening the networking of alumni groups around the country, as a series of special functions is initiated to introduce Dr. Brucker to graduates in distant locales. The planning of these events will be a joint effort by the Alumni Association and the University, and Dr. Clark, who will accompany Dr. Brucker on many of these visits, looks forward to meeting personally with alumni over the coming months to discuss the growth and changes at Jefferson.

“It’s an opportunity to dovetail all of these activities,” comments Dr. Clark about his role as President. And he looks forward to a very positive year of transition because, as he says, “The Alumni Association is such a stable group that it pretty much rolls along by its own enthusiasm and with the wonderful cooperation of all the alumni, really. It’s a remarkable organization — it’s truly a family.” □
In Memoriam

Arthur R. Owens, 1925-1989
by Samuel S. Conly, Jr., M.D. S'44

I knew Art Owens for 21 years, beginning when he came to Jefferson in 1968. We worked closely together in many College matters until my retirement as Associate Dean and Director of Admissions in 1983. His office was at the west end of the first floor of the College Building, mine at the east end. As Director of Admissions I turned over to him the records of successful applicants. In fact, he actively participated in the selection process by serving as a member and Secretary of the Committee on Admissions. I developed an appreciation and respect for his fairness, thoroughness, good judgment, devotion, commitment, and hard work. We became firm friends and we and our wives stayed in close contact after I left Jefferson.

Following the retirement of Registrar Marjorie E. Wint, who is fondly remembered by more than 30 years of Jefferson students, Dean William F. Kellow had searched for and evaluated candidates for a new and revised Office of the Registrar. Members of the administration of Pennsylvania State University, which participated with Jefferson in the Five-Year Accelerated Medical Program, knew and highly recommended Arthur R. Owens, then Registrar at the University of Pennsylvania. Dean Kellow was impressed with Art's record, personal qualities, and promise for the future. Art came to Jefferson and Penn's loss was Jefferson's gain.

Art was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania. After high school he served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1947, holding the rank of Petty Officer and serving in the Pacific theater on the U.S.S. Topeka. He received the B.A. degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1951 and the M.B.A. from the Wharton Graduate Division of the University of Pennsylvania in 1953. While at Penn State he worked part-time in the Office of the Registrar and Dean of Admissions, which portended his subsequent career. His positions at Penn from 1951 to 1968 included those of Director of the Veterans Contact Office, Assistant Registrar, Associate Registrar, University Registrar, and Instructor in the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce.

At Jefferson, in his orderly and systematic way he upgraded student record-keeping, employing the latest computer technology. It is often the case in institutional and corporate structures that the individual who is doing an excellent job soon finds himself with additional assignments. Art willingly accepted new areas of responsibility: faculty records, student financial aid, academic protocol for the entire University, and space development. His title eventually became Registrar, Director of Financial Aid, and Director of Facilities Planning. Art was responsible for various College publications: the catalogue, student handbook, financial aid handbook, bylaws, and materials for academic exercises, commencement, opening exercises, class day, Match Day, and special programs. He was the Executive Chief Proctor for the National Board Examinations held at Jefferson and taken by all students in the College. He served on the Committee on Academic Protocol and the Committee on Faculty Appointments and Promotions.

Art recruited and carefully picked an enlarging staff and set an example of high standards and expectations. He had considerable expertise in analyzing the needs of departments and coordinating them with administrative and engineering requirements. He was made an Honorary Member of the Alumni Association of Jefferson Medical College in recognition of his "exceptional service" to Jefferson.

Art participated actively in the professional societies of his field. He served as President, as Vice-President, and as Treasurer of the Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Away from work Art loved to tinker with cars and for a time was restoring a classic 1970 Mustang convertible. He frequented antique automobile shows, and enjoyed meandering down back country roads. He preferred traveling in the United States to going abroad, his music of choice was Dixieland jazz and the big bands (Miller and the Dorsey's), and his reading selections were biographies and mysteries. He enjoyed working outdoors, football games, and camping.

However, Art's greatest love and highest priority were his family. In 1948 he married Jane, a registered dental hygienist, and a constant companion with similar interests. He adored his two daughters, Christine and Jane Ann, and was overjoyed at the birth of his grandson, Alec Owen Gabin.

Art had a breadth of interests and talents. He was a gentleman, a man who was gentle, and a stickler for details; he was caring, concerned, meticulous, and loyal. He contributed greatly to the betterment of Jefferson. Art had started to look forward to retirement when stricken by his illness; he died of cancer at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital on October 25, 1989. He is sorely missed by family, friends, and colleagues. Jefferson values highly his 21 years of service.

Board Names Trustees

The Board of Trustees of Thomas Jefferson University has elected two new members, Gerald J. McGarrity, Ph.D. '70, and Thomas B. Morris, Jr., Esq. Julius W. Erving and Bruce W. Karrh, M.D. have been reelected for three-year terms.

Dr. McGarrity, Adjunct Professor of Microbiology at Jefferson, is President of the Coriell Institute for Medical Research in Camden, New Jersey, and Director of Quality Biology, Inc. He directs the In Vitro Cell Biology and Biotechnology Program at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, and is an Adjunct Professor at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr. McGarrity serves as Chairman of the National Institutes of Health Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee. He is President of the Alumni Association of Jefferson's College of Graduate Studies, and received the College's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1986.

Mr. Morris is a partner in the law firm of Dechert Price & Rhoads, and Chairman of the firm's business practice. He is a Director of Environ Corporation, Harmac Industries, Inc., Peirce-Phelps, Inc., Keystone State Life Insurance Company, Provident National Bank, and Berwind Corporation. Mr. Morris is a Trustee of International House of Philadelphia, and a Director, member of the Executive Committee, and Secretary of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.
Robert A. Doughty, M.D., Ph.D.

DuPont Medical Director Named an Associate Dean

Robert A. Doughty, M.D., Ph.D., Physician-in-Chief and Medical Director of the Alfred I. DuPont Institute, has been designated an Associate Dean of Jefferson Medical College, and Professor of Pediatrics. Jefferson and the DuPont Institute are currently implementing plans for a regional children’s medical center at the Institute’s Wilmington facility (see the Alumni Bulletin, Fall 1989, page 4). “Dr. Doughty’s appointment recognizes the important role that the Institute will play in the education of our medical students, residents, and physicians,” says Joseph S. Gonnella, M.D., Senior Vice-President, and Dean of Jefferson Medical College.

The DuPont Institute is a 180-bed multispecialty hospital for children and adolescents from birth through age 21. Dr. Doughty, a pediatric rheumatologist and immunologist, joined the Institute in 1986.

Previously, Dr. Doughty had been Associate Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Director of the Residency Program at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He received his medical degree and his Ph.D. in immunology from the University of Pennsylvania, and studied philosophy and zoology at Swarthmore College.

Among Dr. Doughty’s interests is a pilot program he developed at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia to promote the organizational competencies of medical students. He has continued this program at the Institute, in the belief that “doctors who recognize the resources of all members of the health care team and can coordinate these skills offer the patient an exceptionally high level of treatment.”

Registrar Appointed

James B. Erdmann, Ph.D. has been appointed Registrar of Jefferson Medical College, in addition to his duties as an Associate Dean. He succeeds Arthur R. Owens, M.B.A., Registrar of the Medical College from 1968 to 1989, who died October 25.

Dr. Erdmann also has assumed supervisory responsibilities for the Office of Medical Student Financial Aid, Faculty Records, College Publications, and Special Events, activities previously directed by Mr. Owens. Dr. Erdmann’s new title is Associate Dean for Administration and Registrar.

John A. Monnier, M.B.A., C.P.A., Associate Dean and Director of Finance, has assumed responsibility for coordinating space and facilities for the College, areas previously managed by Mr. Owens.

Editor’s Note: Willis C. Maddrey, M.D. is The Magee Professor of Medicine and Chairman of the Department.

Transplantation of the Liver


The editor of this series states his goal as defining the field of gastroenterology and providing a forum for the discussion of new developments. If this book is an indication of what to expect from the series, his goal may well be achieved.

This book’s several authors succeed in presenting a global view of human liver transplantation where other works on the subject have faltered. The chief strength of the book is the successful way in which the authors “emphasize the general principles rather than specific idiosyncrasies” in the evaluation, surgical treatment, and follow-up of liver-transplant recipients.

An emphasis on the evaluation of candidates for transplantation, and the expectations or complications of the period after transplantation — rather than unnecessary stylistic details of the operative procedure itself — seems most appropriate. Nestled within the chapters are enough basic biology and immunology to jar the memories of clinicians who may be very distant from these aspects of liver disease in transplantation. Unlike other works in this field, this book does not leave the reader with the sense of having been removed from crucial clinical concepts.

Two particularly excellent chapters warrant special note. The first is called “Histopathology of the Liver Following Transplantation,” and concisely reviews that topic. A proper interpretation of the histopathology of tissue from the transplanted liver is crucial to clinicians responsible for the treatment of the recipient. The results of biopsies guide many of the clinical decisions regarding the delicate balance between immunosuppression and infection. The second chapter is called “Infectious Disease Problems,” and addresses the broad topic of infection in a group of immunocompromised patients. The thorough, well-organized presentation of this potentially devastating problem.
Textbook Wins

AMWA Award

Pathology, edited by Emanuel Rubin, M.D., The Gonzalo E. Aponte Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology and Chairman of the Department, and John L. Farber, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology and Professor of Pharmacology, won first prize in the Physicians' category of the American Medical Writers Association 1989 Medical Book Awards Competition.

Dr. Rubin and Dr. Farber edited the book and wrote chapters on cell injury, environmental and nutritional pathology, neoplasia, the gastrointestinal tract, and the liver and biliary tract. Ivan Damjanov, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology, contributed a chapter on genetic and systemic diseases, and Antonio Martinez-Hernandez, M.D., also Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology, wrote the chapter on repair, regeneration, and fibrosis.

The book features multicolored drawings by Dimitri Karetinikov.

Faculty News

Komanduri M. Ayyangar, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology and Nuclear Medicine, won First Place in the Unmodified division of Brigham Young University's MOVIE.BYU Image Contest (MOVIE.BYU is a kind of computer software). He received the award for two color slides: one showing a section of a patient's head on a CT scan used to help implant radiation seeds into a brain tumor, and the other showing how well the radiation dosage covered the tumor.

Richard G. Berry, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Neurology and Honorary Professor of Pathology, and Dewey A. Nelson, M.D., Professor of Neurology, made a poster presentation on "Fatal Rhabdies and the Postvaccinal Reaction" at the Annual Meeting of the American Neurological Association in September.

Lewis W. Bluemle, Jr., President, received the annual Humanitarian Award from Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in November, in recognition of his work on development of the artificial kidney, and his leadership of Thomas Jefferson University.

Spinal Cord Injury Conference Held at Jefferson

A conference on "Spinal Cord Injury: Neurological and Functional Recovery" took place at Jefferson on January 18 and 19. Speakers from Jefferson's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine included John F. Ditunno, Jr., M.D., The Jessie B. Michie Professor and Chairman of the Department; Ernest Baran, M.D., Associate Professor; Gerald J. Herbison, M.D., Professor; Stanley R. Jacobs, M.D. '72, Clinical Associate Professor; M. Mazher Jaweed, Ph.D. '88, Associate Professor; and William E. Staas, Jr., M.D. '62, Professor, President and Medical Director of Magee Rehabilitation Hospital.

Faculty members of the Department of Neurology speaking at the conference included Giancarlo Barolat, M.D., Associate Professor, and Jewell L. Osterholm, M.D., Professor and Chairman of the Department. Jerome M. Cotler, M.D. '52, Professor and Vice-Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, and Leopold J. Streletz, M.D., Associate Professor of Neurology, also made presentations.

Spinal Cord Injury: The Unseen Injury at the New Medico Rehabilitation Center of Philadelphia in November.

Carl M. Mansfield, M.D., Professor of Radiation Oncology and Nuclear Medicine and Chairman of the Department, was honored in October at an awards dinner at Gwynedd-Mercy College in Gwynedd Valley, Pennsylvania for his contributions in support of minority students in the allied health fields. Dr. Mansfield is currently serving as President of the Philadelphia Division of the American Cancer Society.

Gerald J. Marks, M.D. '49, Professor of Surgery and Director of the Division of Colorectal Surgery and of the Comprehensive Rectal Cancer Center, received the Jonathan M. Wainwright Award of Moses Taylor Hospital in Scranton, Pennsylvania in September.

Michael J. Mastrangelo, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology, presented an invited paper, "Active Immunotherapy of Human Melanoma with Autologous Vaccine and Low-dose Cyclophosphamide (CY)," at the Second International Congress on Melanoma in Venice, Italy.

Darwin J. Prockop, M.D., Ph.D., Professor and Chairman of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Director of the Institute of Molecular Medicine, was made an Academician of Finland at ceremonies in Helsinki in January.

At the suggestion of the Academy of Finland, the President of the Republic of Finland presents this tribute to extremely meritorious Finnish or foreign scientists, scholars, or individuals prominent in the arts and music. A maximum of 12 Finnish nationals may hold this title at any one time, and even fewer foreign citizens.

Robert D. Reinecke, M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology, began serving as Pennsylvania delegate to the American Medical Association in January.

G. Pirooz Sholevar, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, and Director of the Division of Child, Adolescent, and Family Psychiatry, has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Assembly of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and will serve on the Assembly's Council for a two-year term.
Experts in Gastroenterology Appointed

Donald O. Castell, M.D., an expert on the function of the esophagus, returned to Jefferson last fall as the Rorer Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Satish C. Rattan, D.V.M. was appointed Professor of Medicine and Director of Gastroenterology Research. June Castell, M.S. joined her husband in the Division as Research Assistant Professor.

Dr. Donald Castell, previously Chief of the Gastroenterology Division at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, was a Clinical Assistant Professor and then Associate Professor of Medicine at Jefferson from 1970 to 1975, and a Visiting Professor of Medicine from 1975 to 1989. He serves on the Editorial Boards of the journals Gastroenterology and Digestive Diseases and Sciences.

Among Dr. Castell's areas of interest is chest pain that is not related to the heart, such as that caused by spontaneous movement of the esophagus, or by backward flow of stomach contents into the esophagus. He is leading plans for a multidisciplinary Swallowing Center to help patients with these problems, as well as those whose swallowing has been affected by stroke and other disorders.

Dr. Rattan came to Jefferson from Harvard Medical School, where he was an Associate Professor of Medicine. He served as an Associate Editor of the journal Gastroenterology from 1986 to 1989. Dr. Rattan has received a five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health for the topic "Neurohumoral Control of the Internal Anal Sphincter." His activities at Jefferson will include collaboration with basic researchers in physiology to examine neural and hormonal regulation of the gastrointestinal tract.

June Castell is a computer analyst, specializing in data processing essential to research and diagnosis.

Appointments and Promotions

James P. Aikins, M.D. has been named an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology.

Jules H. Bogaev, M.D. has been named an Honorary Clinical Professor of Urology.

William Z. Borer, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology.

Thales Bowen, M.D. has been named an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology.

J. Robert Burns, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Professor of Medicine.

Bruce Caplan, Ph.D. has been appointed an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior.

John H. Chapman, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Professor of Medicine.

Elisabeth J. Cohen, M.D. has been promoted to the rank of Professor of Ophthalmology.

J. Wallace Davis, M.D. '42 has been named an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery.

George S. DeCherney, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine.

Norman L. Ekberg, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Professor of Medicine.

Allan J. Erslav, M.D. has been named a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Medicine.

Eshagh Eshaghpour, M.D. has been appointed a Professor of Pediatrics.

Gerald C. Finkel, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology.

E. Marshall Goldberg, M.D. has been appointed a Professor of Medicine.

Warren P. Goldburgh, M.D. '52 has been named an Honorary Clinical Professor of Medicine.

Gerald Gordon, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine.

Robert O. Gorson, M.S. has been named Professor Emeritus of Radiology and of Radiation Therapy and Nuclear Medicine.

Gene L. Gulati, Ph.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology.

David R. Gutknecht, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Professor of Medicine.

Thomas M. Harrington, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine.

Joseph Hodge, M.D. '52 has been appointed an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Surgery.

Lawrence J. Horn, M.D. has been promoted to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine.

M. Mazher Jaweed, Ph.D. '88 has been promoted to the rank of Research Associate Professor of Pharmacology.

Herbert J. Keating, M.D. has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Medicine.
William J. Kimber, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Professor of Medicine.

James A. Knight, Ph.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine.

John A. Koltes, M.D. has been named an Honorary Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior.

John Krall, Ph.D. has been appointed an Adjunct Associate Professor of Radiology.

Edmund C. Lattime, Ph.D. has been appointed an Associate Professor of Medicine.

Charles A. Laubach, Jr., M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Professor of Medicine.

Martin L. Lee, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine.

Mark A. Levine, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine.

Andrew P. Matragrano, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Professor of Medicine.

John V. McCormick, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Professor of Medicine.

Francis J. Menapace, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Professor of Medicine.

Peter J. Mette, M.D. has been named an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology.

Howard E. Morgan, M.D. has been appointed an Adjunct Professor of Physiology.

Denise H. Prittiglio, Ph.D. has been appointed an Associate Professor of Pathology.

Howard K. Rabinowitz, M.D. has been promoted to the rank of Professor of Family Medicine.

Henrietta Rosenberg, M.D. has been promoted to the rank of Adjunct Professor of Radiology.

Gerald J. Savage, M.D. has been named an Honorary Associate Professor of Anesthesiology.

Thomas D. Sellers, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine.

Narayan R. Shah, MBBS has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics.

Jack Sherman, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics.

Robert C. Spahr, M.D. '69 has been appointed a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics.

Alan R. Spitzer, M.D. has been appointed a Professor of Pediatrics.

Brian N. Swanson, Ph.D. has been promoted to the rank of Adjunct Associate Professor of Pharmacology.

Elmer J. Taylor, M.D. has been promoted to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine.

Melvin Tecotzky, Ph.D. has been appointed an Adjunct Professor of Radiology.

Wendy Thompson, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior.

Dale H. Wytocck, M.D. has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Vagelos explained that researchers developed Lovastatin through concentrating on the two-thirds of body cholesterol that is produced by the body, rather than ingested. Lovastatin causes the liver to stop manufacturing cholesterol.

Dr. Vagelos discussed the strategy of developing new drugs by means of focusing on a molecule in the body that it is believed may have an effect on a disease process, but pointed out that many drugs have been discovered without an understanding of biochemical principles.

Before joining Merck, Dr. Vagelos was Chairman of the Department of Biological Chemistry at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, and Director of the University's Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the National Academy of Sciences. The Rehfuss Lecture was created and is sponsored by the Percival E. and Ethel Brown Foerderer Foundation in memory of Martin E. Rehfuss, M.D., a Professor of Clinical Medicine at Jefferson.

Medical Humanities and Social Science Lecture

Rivers Singleton, Ph.D. presented the second lecture in the first annual Guest Speaker Series in Medical Humanities and Social Science on January 18. His topic was “Animal Rights and Wrongs: Welfare, Research, and Society.” Dr. Singleton is an Associate Professor of Microbiology and Director of the Center for Science and Culture at the University of Delaware. He recently completed a one-year Congressional Fellowship in which he assisted in developing draft legislation regarding the use of animals in research. In his lecture he traced animal rights legislation in the United States from controls on shipping of cattle at the end of the nineteenth century to the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 and 1976 to the Farm bill of 1985, in which animal rights were included. He pointed out that one must distinguish between animal rights and animal welfare, and also touched upon the anti-science movement in American thought.
The Jeffrey Choir's Christmas concert at the First Baptist Church

Twenty Years of the Jefferson Choir

by Victoria Fullam

On December 15, 1989, the Thomas Jefferson University Choir gave its twentieth Christmas concert in Philadelphia’s First Baptist Church, at Seventeenth and Sansom Streets. It was a landmark occasion for several reasons: the Choir was joined in its anniversary celebration by the renowned Concerto Soloists Chamber Orchestra, performing a work written especially for it, O Emmanuel by John Davison. The Choir’s founder and conductor, Robert T. Sataloff, M.D. ’75, D.M.A., Professor of Otolaryngology, was presented with a plate by President Lewis W. Bluemle, Jr., M.D., in commemoration of his work with the group. The program concluded, as it had on December 16, 1970 (in the cafeteria of Jefferson Hall) with a selection of Christmas carols and the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel’s Messiah.

Robert Sataloff, as the son of Joseph Sataloff, M.D., D.Sc.(Med.), Professor of Otolaryngology, was drawn to his father’s specialty at an early age. The discovery that he possessed an unusually mature baritone voice at the age of 12 led to voice study with Howard Zulick, whose hearing had been restored by Joseph Sataloff. From that time, both medicine and music came to occupy Robert Sataloff’s life. When he enrolled at Haverford College, he decided to major in music theory and composition, in addition to his premedical studies. Among his instructors was the composer John Davison. In the summer of 1970, after his junior year at Haverford, he continued training his musical ear by taking a graduate course in choral conducting at Harvard University. Having picked up the baton, he found that he could not put it down. He completed his required undergraduate course work by the end of his junior year, and spent his senior year writing an opera as his music project, doing research in Jefferson’s Department of Physiology, and establishing the Thomas Jefferson University Choir.

While there had been earlier musical groups at Jefferson, Sataloff’s was the first effort to establish a permanent ensemble performing classical music. He enlisted the help of David Grabos, Head of the University Commons, put up signs, recruited singers, and hedged his bets: he brought in a few friends from Haverford to ensure at least one voice in each section. There were some 30 singers in that first choir, including Beverly C. Borldandoe, M.D. ’72 and Donald L. Myers, M.D. ’75, who still performs with the group and is now an Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery and an Instructor in Radiology. The next fall, Robert Sataloff entered Jefferson Medical College and continued directing the Choir. During his four years at the Medical College, membership grew to about 60.

Dr. Sataloff graduated in 1975 and spent the next five years in Ann Arbor, Michigan, pursuing a residency at the University of Michigan. He returned to Jefferson in 1980 and has since continued as director of the Choir. In 1982, he earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in voice performance from Combs College of Music.

During Dr. Sataloff’s residency in Michigan, the Choir was kept alive in large part by Dr. Bluemle’s decision to find funding to pay interim conductors: R. Thomas Friedman, a pharmacist in the Yardley area, Michael E. Mahla, M.D. ’79, then a Jefferson student, and Karen Heffler, a professional musician from Delaware. Dr. Sataloff emphasizes the importance of Dr. Bluemle’s support, saying,

Bill Bluemle himself and his family are interested, active musicians. They appreciate the value of music to the community, health care providers in particular, and to the image of the institution. Since Dr. Bluemle’s first days, he’s gone out of his way to help the Choir. He lets people around him know that he comes to concerts. His financial support from 1975 to 1980 saved the Choir from dissipating, and having to start again from scratch. His authorization of funds got the Choir’s piano rebuilt last year. But I think his personal enthusiasm, support, and
effort to be at concerts with his family have been the most important by setting the kind of example that highlights the importance of an organization like this to a medical community.

There are several ways in which the Choir is important to Jefferson, according to Dr. Sataloff. It has maintained an artistic presence in an otherwise scientific/academic environment. The vital role of the arts in the lives of scientists is a favorite topic for Dr. Sataloff, the author of a 1985 Philadelphia Medicine article, "The Place of the Study of the Arts in the Study of Medicine." He feels that clinicians need the humanizing experience of the arts and that the Jefferson Choir has provided members of the Jefferson community with an ability to stay in touch with the work of composers such as Bach and Mozart.

One of the Choir's more unusual features is the absence of an audition requirement. The Choir's chief purpose is to provide an opportunity to make music for those who would not ordinarily have such an opportunity. Thus lack of experience, lack of courage to audition, and even lack of ability to appear regularly for rehearsal because of other commitments are all accommodated. "It is difficult to rehearse a group that has as high an absenteeism as we do," Dr. Sataloff admits, "but I rather enjoy the challenge. This group exists for people who simply can't meet the standard choir requirements, and, I like to think, we sing circles around them anyway." He attributes the Choir's success to its members, whom he characterizes as "highly intelligent, highly disciplined, sensitive people" whose level of concentration helps carry them through.

Over the years that membership has changed. The base has expanded from a core of medical and nursing students to include faculty, staff, spouses, or others affiliated with Jefferson who want to sing. With the demise of the tricentennial in the premiere of Romeo Cascarino's opera William Penn. The Choir has participated in several contemporary music festivals and commissioned numerous works, demonstrating a dedication to the performance of new American music.

Dr. Sataloff is enthusiastic about the collaboration at the Christmas concert with the Concerto Soloists and their Music Director, Marc Mostovoy. "The experience for the Choir and the audience was extraordinary," he says. "Everyone, including the orchestra, agreed that the Choir came up to the professional standards that the orchestra is accustomed to." The establishment of a full orchestra at Jefferson is precluded by a lack of sufficient instrumentalists and rehearsal time.

Dr. Sataloff has hopes for the Choir's future. While he would be happy simply to see the Choir continue, improve, and help to propagate classical music appreciation at Jefferson, he fantasizes about a role the Choir could play within Jefferson's Arts Medicine program, as perhaps the nucleus of a wider academic involvement in the interrelationship among the arts, clinical medicine, and research.

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Robert T. Sataloff, M.D. '75, D.M.A. conducting the Concerto Soloists Chamber Orchestra

Composer John Davison, Dr. Sataloff, and Marc Mostovoy, Music Director of the Concerto Soloists

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ever asked me that before, believe it or not. My commitment and devotion to Jefferson is so natural and so deep that I never even thought about why. It's just there. This institution doesn't just make doctors, it instills values and character that perpetuate the finest traditions in medicine and in society in general and that come in a way that has always felt like family. I have never thought about my loyalty to or support of Jefferson any more than I've thought about my loyalty to or support of my own family. It deserves it, it's there, it gets it.

Twenty years ago, Robert Sataloff first took up the baton. His Jefferson family hopes that he will keep baton in hand for a long time to come. □

The Jefferson Choir's spring concert, featuring Mozart's Requiem, will be held on Friday, May 11 at eight o'clock in McClellan Hall. The Chamber Singers spring concert will be held on Friday, May 18 at eight o'clock; the location will be announced.

A Degree is a Degree
But since your diploma is from Jefferson Medical College, please refer to your degree as being from Jefferson Medical College.
Nicholas R. Varano, 511 Ballytore Rd., Wynnewood, PA 19096, was honored at a Urologic Holiday Meeting and Reception on December 1 at Jefferson. The Department of Urology hosted Grand Rounds and a Lecture on Prostatic Cancer in his name. Dr. Varano is an Honorary Assistant Professor of Urology at Jefferson.

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Frederick L. Weniger, 108 Franklin Av., Pittsburgh, PA 15209, sends greetings; unfortunately he’s been rather restricted in activity of late.

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William W. L. Glenn, 685 Forrest Rd., New Haven, CT 06515, has been honored by the establishment of an endowed lectureship in his name by the Council on Cardiovascular Surgery of the American Heart Association. The first Glenn Lecture was delivered by George Trusler, M.D. of Toronto at the Annual Scientific Sessions of the Association in New Orleans in November. Dr. Glenn, the Charles W. Obie Professor Emeritus of Surgery at Yale University, was President of the AHA in 1970-71. He is credited as the developer of an operation that bears his name to treat congenital cyanotic heart disease and as a codeveloper of pacemakers for the heart and diaphragm.

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Norman J. Skversky, 1935 Gulf of Mexico Dr. #101, Longboat Key, FL 34228, “immensely enjoyed” the fiftieth reunion and is looking forward to the fifty-fifth.

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Edmond K. Yantes, 2968 S.W. Brighton Way, Palm City, FL 34990-6086, has completely retired and “can now play golf five times a week.”

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Davis G. Durham, 901 Mt. Lebanon Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803, received the 1989 “Significant Sig” award of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and the 1989 “Hall of Fame” award of the New Mexico Military Institute. He will be included in Who’s Who in America in 1990.

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Robert L. Breckenridge, 13 Cunningham Ln., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003, received a Distinguished Service Award at the 1989 homecoming of Washington and Jefferson College. He is Deputy Medical Examiner in Salem County, New Jersey, and Pathologist at Elmer Community Hospital in Elmer, New Jersey. Recently he received the Pathologist of the Year Award from the College of American Pathologists. Dr. Breckenridge taught at Jefferson for more than four decades and is now an Honorary Clinical Professor of Pathology.

Irvin M. Gerson, 191 Presidential Blvd., #604, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004, has been appointed a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Jefferson.

Frank J. Gäday, Jr., 94 E. Twenty-second St., Avalon, NJ 08202-2021, has retired from private practice, and is now associated with the Jefferson Health Maintenance Program.

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Reunion Class

Francis A. Gress, 2545 Center St., Bethlehem, PA 18017, is involved in volunteer work, as well as camping, fishing, and traveling.

Charles J. Kilduff, 2408 Driftwood Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89107, retired in January.

James F. Norton, 471 Fillmore Av., East Aurora, NY 14052, is in his fortieth year of general practice in the same office in East Aurora.

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David G. Simons, 324 Twelfth St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648-4519, has seen Volume I of the book that he coauthored, Myofascial Pain and Dysfunction: The Trigger Point Manual, published in Russian. Williams & Wilkins is publisher of the English language edition.

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S. Victor King, RD 5, Box 287A, Tyrone, PA 16686, is semiretired. He and his wife, Carol, spent Christmas in Germany with their daughter and son-in-law, who are stationed there with the Air Force.

John M. Koval, 4017 San Amaro Dr., Miami, FL 33146, retired from the practice of internal medicine and cardiology in January. He and his wife, Maureen, are planning to move to Vero Beach, Florida. They are looking forward to spending time with their children and grandchildren.

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Donald G. Birrell, 828 Twelfth St., Oakmont, PA 15130, retired from the practice of obstetrics and gynecology in January.

William F. Hughes, 6 Larch Tree Ln., Westport, CT 06880, retired in April 1989 after 40 years of general surgery, first in the United States Navy and then in Westport, Connecticut.

James B. Loftus, 2 Brentwood Dr., Suffern, NY 10901, is “still living in the North but looking for a warmer climate.”

J. Edward McKinney, 13 Fairhills Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37405, still maintains an active family practice but finds time to travel and to play golf.

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Erwin R. Smarr, 2 Heatherstone Ln., Savannah, GA 31411, “continues to enjoy Savannah Life.” He is still Medical Director of Psychiatry at Memorial Medical Center, and active in state and national organizations.

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Reunion Class

Daniel L. Backenstos, 731 Sand Hill Rd., Hershey, PA 17033, was honored at a surprise party in October on the occasion of his retirement. He had maintained a family practice in Hershey, Pennsylvania for 39 years, and had been on the staff of Hershey Medical Center.

Edwin L. Cleveland, P.O. Box 13925, Tyler, TX 75713-1925, and his wife decided, after 33 years in New York, to “retire” to East Texas, where there are hills and trees, and a change of seasons.

Donald P. Franks, 5820 Moss Ln., Loomis, CA 95650, is still active as an anesthesiologist and Medical Director of Roseville Community Hospital Surgery Center, which is immensely successful.

Charles R. Henkelmann, 3164 Casa Blanca Ct., Bonita, CA 92012, and his wife, Joan, are looking forward to attending his fortieth reunion in June.

David J. Lieberman, 3861 N. Custer Rd., Monroe, MI 48161-9001, is in his fiftieth year as Public Health Director and Chief Medical Examiner in Monroe County, Michigan. New responsibilities this year include being President of the Southeastern Michigan Health Association, and serving on the Southeastern Michigan AIDS Coordinating Council and on the Monroe County Board of Commissioners Drug Committee.

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Willard Y. Grubb, 143 W. Philadelphia Av., Boyertown, PA 19512, retired in September after 37 years in family practice.
Larry J. Stare, 905 Twyckenham Rd., Media, PA 19063-1635, has been named to the Board of Directors of Park Care Corporation, a for-profit affiliate of the Taylor Health System.

Robert A. Ebersole, 319 W. Holland St., Archbold, OH 43502, retired from his group family practice in September, and is continuing to work part-time as a medical consultant to Sander Woodworking Company.

Lansing H. Bennett, AM Congen Rio, APO Miami, FL 34030, is back overseas for the United States government in Rio de Janeiro.

Earl M. Stockdale, 2150 Twenty-ninth St., Rock Island, IL 61201, sends greetings; he has been doing some traveling.


Eugene G. Stee, RD 2, Dalton, PA 18414, has been reelected President of the Medical Staff of Mercy Hospital in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Reunion Class

Robert D. Cordier, 3160 Folsom Bldg., Sacramento, CA 95816-5219, has joined the Occupational Medicine Department of the MedClinic in Sacramento.

Francis F. Bartone, P.O. Box 86, Danville, PA 17521, has been appointed Pediatric and Reconstructive Urologist at the Geisinger Clinic in Danville.

Mrs. Albert N. Morgese, 630 Alvarado St., A305, San Francisco, CA 94114, widow of Dr. Morgese, writes that the whole family is now living in California, having moved there from New Jersey. Mrs. Morgese (Irma) explains that son Richard is a psychiatrist, formerly at the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto. Son Albert has just received his M.B.A. Son Vincent is a third-year resident in neurosurgery at Loma Linda Medical Center.

Barry L. Altman, 29 Trenton Terr., Wayne, NJ 07470, has opened the Sexual Dysfunction Center of Northern New Jersey as part of his urological practice. He specializes in diagnosis and therapy for male impotence, with an active penile prosthetic program.

Richard E. Eshbach, 97th General Hospital, Dept. of Psychiatry, Box 4, APO New York, NY 09757-3398, is in his seventh year with the United States Army's drug and alcohol rehabilitation program in Germany. He writes, "The entire field of addiction medicine is exciting. I hope Jefferson is staying on top of it!"

Richard R. Vanderbeek, 664 Spring Valley Rd., RD 3, Doylestown, PA 18901, is pleased to have his son, Paul B. Vanderbeek, in the Class of '93.

James M. Walker, Mark 70 Condominium, #1103, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, is proud that his son, Mickey Walker, '88 is a second-year surgical resident at Jefferson.

John J. Coughlin, 721 Smith St., Providence, RI 02908, reports that daughter Cynthia M. Coughlin Hanna, '85 has joined him and two other physicians in the private practice of obstetrics and gynecology.

Marvin C. Daley, 822 Marietta Av., Lancaster, PA 17603, has been appointed a Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at Hershey Medical Center.

Lawrence J. Mellon, Jr., 708 N. Morton Av., Morton, PA 19070, was recently elected a Corporate Vice President of CertainTeed Corporation.

Jerry D. Harrell, PSC Box 1850, APO Miami, FL 34004, after spending the last seven years as Chief of the Department of Surgery at Gorgas Army Hospital in Panama, will be retiring and going to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. In August, he and his wife, Betty, will journey to Kenya where he will work in a mission eye clinic.

Barry M. Kotler, 244 Ironwood Cir., Elkins Park, PA 19117, has been relocated to Philadelphia to practice occupational medicine, and reports he is enjoying city life.

James A. Lehman, Jr., 300 Ely Rd., Akron, OH 44313, is President-elect of the American Cleft Palate Association, and will assume office at the Annual Meeting in St. Louis in April.

Arthur N. Meyer, 186 Joseph Dr., Kingston, PA 18704, is practicing oncology and hematology in the area of Wilkes-Barre and Kingston, Pennsylvania. He writes, "Recently, I put my wife to work in my office!"

Elliott Perlin, 10721 Lady Slipper Terr., Rockville, MD 20852, is Chief of Hematology at Howard University Hospital, and also practices and teaches geriatric medicine, which he comments is "the speciality of the 1990s for many of us, I'm sure." Son Daniel J. Perlin is a member of the Class of '93.

Eugene Shuster, 324 Waring Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19117, has been reelected Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Nazareth Hospital in Philadelphia for his fourth two-year term.

Robert B. Tesh, Yale University School of Medicine, Dept. of Epidemiology and Public Health, P.O. Box 3333, New Haven, CT 06510, was recently promoted to the rank of Professor of Epidemiology at Yale.

Reunion Class

Jerome J. Katchman, 29 Merion Rd., Merion Station, PA 19066, is proud that daughter Stacy D. Katchman will finish her third year at Jefferson in June.

Harvey E. Wentzel, 829 Briarwood Rd., Newtown Square, PA 19073, has been named an Instructor in Medicine at Jefferson.

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George E. McCarthy, Jr., 419 Riverview Rd., Swarthmore, PA 19081, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland, Pennsylvania.
Robert C. Nuss, 8151 Blue Jay Ln., Jacksonville, FL 32216, recently completed his second term as President of the Florida Society of Clinical Oncology. He also received his second star as a Rear Admiral in the Medical Corps of the United States Naval Reserve.

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Joseph A. Slezak, Harmony House, 601 S. Church St., Mount Pleasant, PA 15666, has been recertified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Stanley C. Usinski, Sutton Rd., Rt. 5, Shavertown, PA 18708, has been honored by the Pennsylvania Allergy Association with his second Past-President Award for “distinguished service.” Dr. Usinski was President of the Pennsylvania Allergy Association in 1980-81.

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James C. Barton, 4073 Frecon Rd., Chambersburg, PA 17201, writes, “Kids are gone, we’re alone. To enjoy each other’s company; Telephone’s quiet, mail isn’t. With tuition bills each January; Home eq. loan is maxed out, and we’re taxed out—The plight of a ’60s Jeff man.”

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Reunion Class

John A. Hildreth, 2142 Carib Cir., Lake Park, Fl. 33410, was installed in November as President of the Palm Beach County Medical Society. He continues in solo practice of internal medicine and cardiology in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Dr. Hildreth

Ronald L. Poland, 73 Hillymede Dr., Hummelstown, PA 17036, has been named Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Previously he had been Director of Neonatal Services at Detroit Medical Center Affiliated Hospitals, and a Professor of Pediatrics at Wayne State University in Detroit.

William F. Renzulli, 901 Warburton Rd., Elbert, MD 21921-3104, taught a watertape workshop in Architectural Landscapes for the Cecil County Arts Council in August.

Donald H. Smith, 90 Sutton Pl., Easton, PA 18042, has been named President of the Board of the Weller Center for Health Education in Wilson Borough, Pennsylvania.

Victor B. Slotnick, 312 Melrose Av., Merion, PA 19066, has been accepted for membership in the International College of Neuropsychopharmacology.

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Charles T. Curtin, Box 372, RD 1, Dalton, PA 18414, has been elected Treasurer of the Medical Staff of Moses Taylor Hospital in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Robert H. Kirschner, 6822 S. Euclid Av., Chicago, IL 60649, is still Chief Medical Examiner in Cook County, Illinois and a member of the Department of Pathology at the University of Chicago. He remains very active in international human rights activities on behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Physicians for Human Rights. Most recently, he visited South Korea and El Salvador on human rights missions. He also lectured at the Inter-American Court for Human Rights in Costa Rica, and to the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland.


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Stephen Slogoff, 7710 Flax Dr., Houston, TX 77071, is President of the American Board of Anesthesiology.

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Joel M. Barish, 2545 Hidden Valley Pl., LaJolla, CA 92037, is practicing gastroenterology; his wife, Carole, is in the full-time practice of pediatrics. They and their two sons live a mile from the beach and enjoy the great weather. He writes that San Diego “is growing rapidly and has more to offer as each year goes by. We miss the change of seasons, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Philadelphia Orchestra.”

Stephen R. Kozloff, 1936 15th Av., Greeley, CO 80631, is in his second year as President of the Colorado State Board of Medical Examiners.

James B. Turchik, 19 Bradford Dr., Syracuse, NY 13224, visited the AKK House in August and says it “looks good.” He is pleased that his niece Jennifer M. Jagoe is at Jefferson in the Class of ’93.

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John F. Frantz II, 11 Club Terr., Newport News, VA 23606, is practicing in a four-man ophthalmology group, and is Chief of Surgery at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, Virginia.

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Reunion Class

Robert W. Cox, P.O. Box 3713, Greenville, DE 19807, has been promoted to the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at Jefferson.

Richard L. Nemirow, 301 S. Eighth St., 3D, Philadelphia, PA 19106, has been promoted to the rank of Associate Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Neil O. Thompson, c/o R. Thompson, 229 S. Washington Av., Moorstown, NJ 08057, and his wife, Wannie, worked at the Christian Hospital in Manorom, Chinant, Thailand until January, and are now planning to move to the United States. Of the past year at Manorom Christian Hospital, Dr. Thompson writes, “It has been a difficult year. We lost our business manager. Our cashier took off with about $25,000 of embezzled money. Two doctors left. Narin and Wilairat (pharmacist and laboratory technologist) started seminary (Bangkok Bible College, graduate division). We have no accountant.” From his experiences in missionary surgery, Dr. Thompson draws these conclusions: “‘Thai people seem to have a much higher pain threshold than Westerners. Thai patients are medicine and hospital ‘shoppers’; they may go to five or six places before being satisfied. Medicines that they receive during their early shopping may be quite harmful. Village ‘doctors,’ ‘clinics,’ and medicine shops may dispense anything from steroids, e.g. hydrocortisone, to strong antibiotics, e.g. chloramphenicol and kanamycin.” Analgesics are often added to the above two groups and given as a ‘cocktail.’ This can mask patients’ signs and symptoms.”

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Gary L. Becker, 229 Lansdowne Av., Wayne, PA 19076-4010, has been appointed an Instructor in Dermatology at Jefferson.
Joseph C. Kambe, 55 Oakridge, Unionville, CT 06085, has been named to the new post of Surgical Director of Critical Care and Trauma Services at New Britain General Hospital in New Britain, Connecticut. Most recently, he had served as Critical Care Fellow at Hartford Hospital in Hartford.

Theodore G. Probst, 7471 Balmmore Dr., Sarasota, FL 34211, has retired from the Trauma Services at New Britain General. Of Surgical Director of Critical Care, and recently, he had served as Critical Care Fellow at Hartford Hospital in Hartford.

Gregory J. Salko, 37 Honesdale Rd., Carbondale, PA 18407, has retired from the United States Navy Reserve Medical Corps after 22 years, with the rank of Captain. Dr. Probst remains in a neurology practice in Sarasota, Florida, having just completed a stint as Chief of Staff at the Rehabilitation Institute of Sarasota.

Julie K. Timins, 20 Foote’s Ln., Morristown, NJ 07960, has been promoted to the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiology at UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She and her husband, William Lupatkin, M.D., a pediatrician, have three children.

James O. Van Bavel, 203 Henry Lee Ln., Yorktown, VA 23692, and his wife, Susan, have a second daughter, Sarah E. Van Bavel, now one year old.

Susan E. Beatty, 72 Bodine Rd., Malvern, PA 19355, has been appointed an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine at Jefferson.

Marshall A. Salkin, 87 Kailou Pl., Kailua, HI 96734, has retired from private practice, and has moved with his family to Hawaii.

Frederick L. Kramer, 7 Worthington Dr., Media, PA 19063, has been appointed Chair of the Department of Radiology at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Philadelphia.

Barbara F. Atkinson, 715 St. George Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19119, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Medical College of Pennsylvania. She is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at MCP.

Bruce C. Berger, 1210 Imperial Rd., Rydal, PA 19046, has been promoted to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Joseph R. Berger, 6490 S.W. 109th St., Miami, FL 33156, and his wife, Sandy, recently celebrated the first birthday of their third child, Rachel.

Larry B. Leichter, 3419 N. Thirty-first Terr., Hollywood, FL 33021, just published his second novel, Mind Game, and a third, State Games, is due out in late 1990. His first, Epidemic, went into a third printing last year.

Bruce P. Meinhard, 672 NCMC, 2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow, NY 11554, has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Clinical Orthopaedics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and has been granted membership in the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

William M. Schulman, 171 Lamdan Ln., Toms River, NJ 08753, and his wife, Barbara, have a second child, Lydia M. Schulman, who is six months old.

Reunion Class

James E. McGeary, 101 Pioneer St., Warren, PA 16365, has been appointed Medical Director of Warren Manor Nursing Home.

Donald L. Myers, 1015 Chestnut St., Mezzanine, Philadelphia, PA 19107, was married to Shelley Robinson, R.N., in Philadelphia in November.

Raymond Baraldi, Jr., 351 Echo Valley Ln., Newtown Square, PA 19073, has been appointed an Instructor in Radiology at Jefferson.

Carol F. Boerner, 1101 Beacon St., Brookline, MA 02146, writes, “I finally feel like a real doctor; I’ve taken up golf and tennis. My practice is going well and I love living in Boston. Please visit when in town.”

Miriam T. Dougherty, Newton-Wellesley Med. Bldg., 2000 Washington St., Newton, MA 02162, is enjoying the practice of ophthalmology and her work at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and Harvard Medical School.

Steven J. Glass, RD 2, Box 84A, Sewell, NJ 08080, has moved to New Jersey, and is developing his mental health services company, Rainbow Healthcare Associates. He has been appointed Medical Director of the 29-bed Mental Health Unit of South Jersey Hospital System.

Scott M. Goldman, 26 Summit St., Philadelphia, PA 19118-4033, has been appointed Chief of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at Lankenau Hospital.

Carla A. Barbee, P.O. Box 509, Hailey, ID 83333, has just finished her stint as Chief of Staff at the Blaine County Medical Center near Sun Valley, Idaho. He and his wife, Lynda, have a third child, Jason, who was born in September.

John D. Bartges, 428 Buck Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601, has been appointed a Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Harvey D. Cassidy, 1 Pleasant Ct., Danville, PA 17821, has been appointed Director of the Department of Family Practice at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

Francis X. DeLoone, Jr., 309 Crum Creek Ln., Newtown Square, PA 19073-1603, has been made Chief of the Division of Hand Surgery at Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland, Pennsylvania.

David C. S. Nickeson, 4502 Briarband, Houston, TX 77035, has left Virginia for a private practice in Texas City and Galveston, Texas, with an established group. He met James P. Bagian, 77 at a midnight bicycle race on the Halloween before Dr. Bagian's space shuttle flight.

Raymond B. Leidich, 5158 Blackhawk Dr., Danville, CA 94526-4573, is Chairman of the Department of Urology and of the Urology Residency Program at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Oakland, California.

Paul W. Montigney, 916 N. Bancroft Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19805, and his wife, Debbie, are proud that their adopted son, Philip W. Montigney, celebrated his first birthday in October and is doing fine.

Arthur J. Patterson, Jr., 223 E. High St., Waynesburg, PA 15370, writes that his general surgery practice is growing well, with a new associate added in January, and that baby daughter Jena is thriving.

Paul E. Pilgram, 8555 Top of the World Cir., Salt Lake City, UT 84121, married Christine Perron in October in Lowell, Massachusetts. He urges classmates to call if they visit Utah, which he says is an "outdoor recreational paradise."

David M. Reed, 330 Hycliff Terr., Stamford, CT 06902, and his wife, Janet, are pleased to announce the birth of their first son, David M. Reed, Jr. Dr. Reed’s practice in general and oncologic surgery has grown so that a new associate has been hired. He writes that it would be a pleasure to see any old friends in the area.

Harry M. Rosenblum, 1596A Buford Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308, recently moved to Tallahassee to become Director of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Tallahassee Community Hospital.
See your picture in this space!
Where possible, photos will be published if you send them to
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1020 Locust St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Pictures that tell a story are more usable than formal poses. They
will be returned with thanks.

Daniel L. Diehl, 225 Millwood Rd., Lancaster, PA 17602, has moved into a new
office, still in a solo practice. He and his
wife, Janice, are proud parents of David,
their fourth child, born in September. Dr.
Diehl is pleased to see that many Jefferson
alumni are moving into Lancaster,
including Thomas R. Westphal, '81, 609 N.
Cherry St., Lancaster, PA 17602.

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Medical Missions
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Dennis R. Witmer, M.D. '79, Instructor in Surgery, operates in Honduras, with (left to right): the physician-in-charge assigned by the Dooley Intermed Foundation; Diana Dickson-Witmer, M.D.; and a Nicaraguan resistance fighter trained as an operating room technician.

Today, when doctors making house calls are as rare as diets that work and malpractice suits are almost as common as the common cold, it is perhaps fitting to be reminded of often unsung medical heroes, the devoted doctors who epitomize the ideals of their profession, whose humanitarian efforts extend around the globe.

Representative of a growing number of diligent medics making an impact overseas, surgeon couple Diana Dickson-Witmer, M.D. and Dennis R. Witmer, M.D. are quietly dedicated to producing a healthier, happier world.

Unlike most American travelers, the Witmers don’t spend their time abroad strolling the Champs Elysees or in a gondola, exploring the canals of Venice. Their recent “vacations” found them confined in a Macha mission hospital in the wilds of Zambia or posted in the mountains of Honduras, patching up Nicaraguan Contras and civilian refugees.

But then, the couple has always exhibited humanitarian tendencies. Both are surgeons, practicing together in Wilmington, Delaware and on staff at several New Castle County hospitals — she for seven years, he for five. Together, they belong to more than 30 organizations and charities and contribute 10 percent of their annual income to various Protestant mission projects.

When a colleague desperately needed help in Zambia, Dennis generously donated their time. “He didn’t think to mention the commitment until days later,” she says. It was a six-week stint Dickson-Witmer will never forget.

That was in 1987. In August of 1988, they spent two weeks on a government-related working trip (through the Dooley Intermed Foundation), giving non-lethal aid, as they both describe it, to the Nicaraguan resistance.

Their six-week experience working at a mission hospital in Zambia with the Macha tribe was enlightening and rewarding if not altogether enjoyable, says Dickson-Witmer.

She recorded the initial shock in her diary: “Everyone smells. Nobody bathes. There isn’t any water in ‘dry season’ and there doesn’t seem to be any sense that ‘clean’ is important, which is fortunate, because ‘clean’ is impossible in Zambia.

“The dirt is indescribable at the Macha Hospital. The body odor is so strong that you can smell the patient from 50 feet away through the screenless open windows of the ward. The bed capacity is 209, but 240 is the frequent census. The extra patients sleep on the cement floor. Lizards run freely over the floor of the wards. On tottering dirty metal bedside tables, there are glass bottles of cloudy orange liquid, which is, incredibly, the water that the patients drink.

“The dirty water stains everything a brown-gray. Nothing in the hospital is white... The bed sheets look filthy, even when fresh from the laundry. The patients themselves are so filthy, the linens don’t stand a chance.”

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She goes on to describe conditions during the dry and wet seasons in Zambia as either “completely parched and brown” or “flooded and full of mosquitoes.”

“In spite of what appears to an American to be squalor and miserable living conditions, the Macha people smile most of the time,” the doctor was surprised to find.

“They seem happier, in fact, than we who have everything. They may be very poor... [but] are a very generous people.

“There’s an incredible sense of well-being somehow,” Dickson-Witmer concludes.
Her husband says his attitude changed during the time in Zambia. "You go there very idealistic, thinking you will change things." But the medical help can be only temporary, and to isolated individuals, for "these Third World countries are so confined by their economic needs, they are unable to put money in medical or acute-care facilities."

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The assignment in Honduras was different, but just as frustrating, recalls Dickson-Witmer. She and husband Dennis split a month of duty there, acting as surgeon for the medical corps of the resistance forces.

The hospital is located in the center of Honduras at an army base, where Nicaraguan refugees were confined. The Sandinistas tried to blow up the base periodically, but could not directly attack it without declaring war on Honduras. She was there during a cease-fire, but patients continued pouring in. Flown in daily by helicopter or trucked across the Nicaraguan border, the patients had injuries three months to three years old. Not exclusively Contras, the patient population also included many civilians trying to escape Sandinista rule.

"It's the reverse of the Macha Hospital situation. Here, there are facilities and supplies, but no personnel. Former patients are helping care for current ones," she says.

A typical day of rounds in the intensive care unit produced new patients with injuries recorded as follows in the doctor's log: "a boy with eight bullet wounds in his small bowel six months ago; bullet to leg, three days old, with tibia/fibula fracture; an 18-month-old with four bullets to leg; a three-year-old bullet to the thigh with massive infection; a man with high fever and muscle pains, malaria parasites on smear of blood."

Not only neglected wounds, but neglected supplies cause frustration, as Dickson-Witmer described in her diary: "Went through boxes of donated supplies in the warehouse. Half of the things are expired. Another quarter are destroyed by neglect. None of the boxes is covered, so everything is filthy. Covered with dust and sometimes roach and rat droppings. This hospital wastes by slovenliness. They have more supplies than the Macha Hospital staff function with. It is disgraceful."

"[The Nicaraguans] are kind people, but very disorganized. The attitude of complacency doesn't fit with an army at war for control of its homeland. It is so frustrating," she says.

Dickson-Witmer felt sorriest for the poor country people (campesinos) caught in a struggle they didn't even understand. "They are politically naive and don't even know what the U.S. is," she says. "They only know their small plots of land were seized by the Sandinista forces. They still have to raise crops of beans, maize, and rice, but can't even keep enough to feed their families. They won't join the forces, and try to escape."

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Seeking refuge in Honduras, many of the peasants walked for as long as a month, much of the time in the Rio Coco River that separates Nicaragua and Honduras, to cross the border.

"If they arrive at all, they are half dead — plagued with fungal infections, pneumonia, and malaria," she recalls.

A native of New York, the 39-year-old surgeon graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York before entering the University of Florida College of Medicine at Gainesville, and says she was always "very liberal." Dennis Witmer, 37, who grew up in Millersburg, Pennsylvania, holds a B.S. degree from Messiah College, a Brethren in Christ school in Gratham, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Jefferson Medical College.

The surgeons plan similar journeys of mercy at least every other year, next possibly to Afghanistan. Both find their work in international medicine "very rewarding," just one aspect of a busy life — a life committed to others.

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Dennis R. Witmer, M.D. '79 and Diana Dickson-Witmer, M.D. are presented with a chicken by a village chief in Zambia in gratitude for their efforts at the local hospital.
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William R. Laurence, Jr., 1754 N. George St., Rome, NY 13440-5554, and his wife, Tammy, are happy at the birth of their third child, William S. Laurence, in August. Dr. Laurence has separated from the Air Force, and is working for an Urgent Care Center.

O. Scott Lauter, 109 Sunflower Cir., Landisville, PA 17538, and his wife, Carol, are pleased at the arrival of their second child, Alison J. Lauter, in October.

Albert M. Signorella, 30 Rockland St., South Dartmouth, MA 02748, and his wife, Joyce, are happy at the arrival of twins, Julia and Jennifer, in September. They join Michael, who is two years old.

Stephen B. Sobie, 35 Greenwich Dr., #3, Williamsville, NY 14221, is enjoying his work in a seven-member otolaryngology and head and neck surgery practice in Buffalo.

Joseph P. Walls, 10337 N. Sixty-second Av., Glendale, AZ 85302, recently married Ellen Eliaisen of San Pedro, California. They are living in Arizona where he will finish his commitment to the United States Air Force.

Mark R. Zohnick, 12 Running Brook Ln., Newark, DE 19711, has been appointed an Instructor in Internal Medicine at Jefferson.

Mark L. Zvager, 505 Lombard St., Philadelphia, PA 19147, is Assistant Residency Director in Emergency Medicine at Jefferson.

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Ann B. Olewnik, 316 Dove Dr., Newark, DE 19713, is currently in a private practice of pediatrics in Wilmington, Delaware. She will be starting a fellowship in neonatology at Jefferson and the Medical Center of Delaware in July.

Kemuel Philbrick, 8807 Park Vista, San Antonio, TX 78250, and his wife, Elizabeth, have a second son, Samuel M. Philbrick, who was born in July.

Glenn S. Rees, 34th General Hospital, APO New York 09178-3311, is now a Major in the United States Army and is Chief of Radiology at the 34th General Hospital in Augsburg, West Germany. She is enjoying the opportunities for travel and the Austrian skiing.

Henry F. Smith, Jr., Mercy Hospital Medical Arts Building, 8 Church St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18765, has opened his office for clinical pulmonary medicine in Wilkes-Barre.

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Joseph M. DellaCroce, 464 Trumbull Ct., Newtown, PA 18940, has been appointed to the active staff in general surgery at Mercer Medical Center in Trenton, New Jersey.

Deepak A. Kapoor, 1408 Savannah Rd., Lewes, DE 19958, has joined the practice of R. U. Hosmane, M.D. in Lewes, and the active admitting staff of Beebe Medical Center in Lewes.

Herman J. Michael, 300B Saybrook Ln., Wallingford, PA 19086, has been appointed an Instructor in Medicine at Jefferson.

Irwin H. Wolfert, 313 Tearose Ln., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003, has been appointed to the Family Practice Department of Montgomery Hospital in Norristown, Pennsylvania.

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Reunion Class

Arthur T. Andrikites, 280 Townhouse, Briarcrest Gardens, Hershey, PA 17033, has been appointed to the Medical Staff of Holy Spirit Hospital in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in the Section of Internal Medicine.

Nicholas J. Barna, Ridgeview East Lawn, #201, Danville, PA 17821, has joined the Geisinger Clinic in Danville as an Associate in ophthalmology.

Richard D. Baylor, Lehigh Valley Apts., #118, 2 Maryland Cir., Whitehall, PA 18052, has joined the Department of Emergency Medicine at Grand View Hospital in Sellersville, Pennsylvania.

Mark B. Fabi, 834 Chestnut St., #1421, Philadelphia, PA 19107, has been appointed an Instructor in Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Jefferson.

William J. Harvey, 181 Irvington Rd., Rochester, NY 14620, is practicing with the Westfall Obstetrical and Gynecological Group in Rochester, and is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Joseph J. Kesselring, 168 Madison Ct., Holland, PA 18066, has joined the Medical Staff of North Penn Hospital in Lansdale, Pennsylvania in ophthalmology.

Wendy R. Mailman, 1560 Howar Rd., Abington, PA 19001, has joined the Medical Staff of Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point, New Jersey in anesthesiology.

Robert J. Motley, 1303 Clymer Rd., Hatfield, PA 19440, and his wife, Jeanne-Marie, have a fifth child, Rose, now almost one year old.

Robert W. Priem, 540 Red Fox Ln., Wayne, PA 19087, has joined the Medical Staff of Paul Memorial Hospital in Pauli, Pennsylvania in family practice.

Frank M. Robertson and Carol F. Robertson, 621 Fox Creek Rd., San Antonio, TX 78247, are happy at the birth of their second child, Marie E. Robertson, in August.

Jeffrey R. Winkler, Barclay Court, C305, Tareytton Apts., Langhorne, PA 19047, has been appointed to the Medical Staff of St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton, New Jersey in anesthesiology.

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David N. Brozman, 25 Pear Tree Ln., Franklin Park, NJ 08823, and his wife, Cheryl, are happy at the birth of their son, Kevin M. Brozman, in December. Dr. Brozman is completing his residency in General Surgery at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Glenn C. Campbell, 5713 Brewer House, Circle 202, North Bethesda, MD 20852, has been appointed a resident in ophthalmology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.

Thomas J. Czajkowski, Sacred Heart Hospital, 421 Chew St., Allentown, PA 18102, married Monica J. Horvath in Northampton, Pennsylvania in October.

John N. Daghiri, Highland Medical Center, Route 41, Cochranville, PA 19330, and James D. Knox, Jr., 15 Red Oak Dr., Lincoln University, PA 19352, have opened a family practice.

Dennis A. DeBias, 3307 Windsor Dr., Norristown, PA 19403, has been appointed to the Department of Family Practice at Montgomery Hospital in Norristown, and has joined West Norriton Family Practice in Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania.

Keith Gibson, 209 Orange St., Danville, PA 17512, has joined the Geisinger Clinic in Danville as an Associate in the Department of Family Practice. He has received an award from the American Academy of Family Physicians to help finance his interest in the part-time teaching of family practice.

Ken Gibson, Carriage House Apts., #4, 301 Albina Way, Latrobe, PA 15650, has joined the active medical staff of Latrobe Area Hospital as a staff physician at the Hospital’s Saltsburg Family Health Center.


H. Holly Hackman, 37 Church St., #8, Keene, NH 03431, has joined the Pediatrics Department of the Keene Clinic.

Kevin M. Kuric, Box 154, RD 3, Leechburg, PA 15656, has joined the Medical Staff of Allegheny Valley Hospital in Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania, and the family practice of Debra McFadden, M.D. in Leechburg.
Paul J. Lynott, 225 Woodlawn St., Clarks Summit, PA 18411, married Karen Lynn Opiela in Laflin, Pennsylvania in July. Dr. Lynott, a family practitioner, has joined the Geisinger Medical Group in Clarks Summit.

James B. Mark, 2509 Quail Hollow Pl., Virginia Beach, VA 23454, is the flight surgeon for Carrier Air Wing Seven, stationed at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach. His duties comprise treatment of members of three tactical squadrons, and flying many hours in top Navy aircraft, such as F-14 Tomcats and A-6 Intruders. Lt. Mark has completed a Mediterranean cruise with the air wing. After completing his flight surgery obligation, he will begin a residency in orthopaedics at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia in July.

Suzanne F. Matunis, 308 Seneca St., Oil City, PA 16301-1378, has joined the Medical Staff of Oil City Area Health Center.

Gregory Mokrynksi, Presidential Apts., B717, 3800 Presidential Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19131, has been appointed an Instructor in Medicine at Jefferson.

Todd A. Morrow, 1311 Red Oak Cir., Nob Hill, Roseland, NJ 07088, is in his third year of otolaryngology and head and neck surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Winslow W. Murdock, 1110 Ivymont Rd., Rosemont, PA 19010, has been appointed to the Family Practice Department of Paoli Memorial Hospital in Paoli, Pennsylvania.

Kathleen Heim Rivers, Crofton Pediatrics, 2225F Defense Highway, Crofton, MD 21114, has finished her pediatrics residency at Children’s Hospital National Medical Center in Washington, DC and has entered private practice in Crofton. Dr. Rivers and her husband, Tom, have a daughter, Kelly Anne, who was born last April.

Rodger F. Rothenberger, Westridge Dr., T197, Phoenixville, PA 19460, has joined the Medical Staff of Phoenixville Hospital in the Department of General and Family Practice.

George P. Valko, 43-304 Deltae Landing Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19114, has joined the Jefferson MedicalCare family practice in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia.

Gregory E. Herman, Silas B. Hays Army Community Hospital, Fort Ord, CA 93941, married Margaret E. McKenna in Richboro, Pennsylvania in August.

Eileen Kessler Lambroza, 201 E. Eightyninth St., 6E, New York, NY 10128, now uses her new married name. Dr. Lambroza is a dermatology resident at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

Lisa A. Mumma, 717 Bruce St., Mount Joy, PA 17552, married Keith L. Davis in Mount Joy in August.

Cynthia A. Sacharok, 2491 West Helms Manor, Boothwyn, PA 19061, married Jeffrey J. Costa in November. Dr. Sacharok is a second-year resident in family practice at the Medical Center of Delaware.

Michael J. Walker, 740 Rodman St., Philadelphia, PA 19147, is a second-year surgery resident at Jefferson.

Faculty

Clifton W. West, Rt. 3, Box 127, Chestertown, MD 21620, has retired from his position as an Assistant Professor of Surgery.

Obituary

Leslie O. Stone, '18 died June 17, 1989. Dr. Stone retired from the United States Naval Medical Corps in 1955 with the rank of Rear Admiral. In 1944, he had been assigned the post of Medical Officer in Command of the U.S. Naval Hospital at Pearl Harbor, and had continued in that assignment until after the Japanese surrender. From 1953 until his retirement, he served as Commanding Officer of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Stone received the Legion of Merit award, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology and a member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology. He is survived by his wife, Irma, of 922 Sycamore St., Rocky Mount, NC 27801.

Alden P. King, '24 died August 9, 1989 at the age of 90. A family practitioner, Dr. King had served as President and as Secretary of the Board of Directors of Dover General Hospital in Dover, New Jersey, and as President of the Morris County Medical Society.

J. Wallace Cleland, '26 died December 14, 1989 at the age of 91. Dr. Cleland served as Chief of Pediatrics at Philadelphia General Hospital from 1943 to 1959 and at Presbyterian Hospital from 1948 to 1965. He was Chief of the Pediatric Service at Delaware County Hospital from 1958 to 1963. Dr. Cleland is survived by his wife, Gertrude, of 327 Wendy Ln., Waverly, OH 45690, a daughter, and a son.

William C. Langston, '26 died September 14, 1989 at the age of 91. He had been Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at York Hospital, and was a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Langston is survived by his wife, Betty, of 90 Oak Ridge Dr., York, PA 17402.

Luther I. Fisher, '27 died September 11, 1989 at the age of 87. A specialist in cardiovascular diseases, Dr. Fisher had been Chief of Medicine at St. Luke’s Hospital in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Goldstein, '28 died September 15, 1985. Dr. Goldstein had been a family practitioner in Mays Landing, New Jersey for 46 years. In addition, he had served as physician to the Atlantic County Jail and to the J. Harold Duberson School. The Mays Landing Chamber of Commerce elected him Man of the Year in 1969. Dr. Goldstein is survived by a son.


James G.Ralston, '29 died June 21, 1989 at the age of 85. Dr. Ralston served as Medical Director of the Hope Natural Gas Company from 1953 to
Joseph T. Urban, '33 died November 14, 1989 at the age of 81. Dr. Urban was an ear, nose, and throat specialist in Easton, Pennsylvania from 1932 until his retirement in 1975. During a polio epidemic in the early 1950s, he donated his services to treat patients stricken with the disease, who were housed in Quonset huts outside Easton Hospital. Dr. Urban was a retired Commander in the United States Naval Reserves. After closing his practice in Easton he moved to Tucson, Arizona, and then to Florida. He was a Life Member of the President's Club at Jefferson. He is survived by his wife, Lucille, of 307 Bayview Parkway, Nokomis, FL 33555, a daughter, and a son.

Joseph T. Freeman, '34 died December 5, 1989 at the age of 81. Dr. Freeman practiced internal medicine at his Center City office for more than 50 years, and was still practicing at the time of his death. He served as President of the Gerontological Society and was a Vice President of the American Geriatric Society. In 1961 he was appointed Chairman of the section on internal medicine of the White House Conference on Aging. Dr. Freeman was a member of the faculty of the Medical College of Pennsylvania for more than 20 years and a Visiting Professor of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He was a member of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Dr. Freeman is survived by his wife, Beverly, of 1901 Walnut St., 8A, Philadelphia, PA 19103, and a daughter.

Ned T. Raker, '35 died October 25, 1989 at the age of 77. For many years Dr. Raker was Medical Director and Chief Surgeon at the British American Hospital in Lima, Peru. Later he practiced surgery in both Tampa, Florida and Los Angeles. Dr. Raker had been Jefferson's first resident in surgery, and a Surgery Fellow at Jefferson in 1940-41. During World War II he was Medical Director of an Army Hospital in Egypt. Dr. Raker is survived by his wife, Jane, of 4254 Wilkinson Av., Studio City, CA 91604, a daughter, and two sons.

Jay L. Smith, Jr., '42 died April 19, 1989 at the age of 71. Dr. Smith had been a family practitioner in Spencer, North Carolina.

Arthur F. Sullivan, '42 died October 7, 1989. Dr. Sullivan had been a general practitioner in Waterbury, Connecticut, and the attending physician for the Anaconda American Brass Company and for Uniroyal, Inc. A laboratory and research room were dedicated in his name at the Prince Engineering Laboratory Building at Brown University. Dr. Sullivan received the Distinguished Service Award from Connecticut Medical Services. He was a charter member and Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He is survived by his wife, Grace, of 73 Medway Rd., Waterbury, CT 06708, four daughters, and two sons.

Wilford H. Gragg, Jr., '44 died June 18, 1989. Dr. Gragg had been an Assistant in the Department of Surgery at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. He had served as President of the St. Joseph Hospital Medical Staff in Memphis. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a Diplomate of both the American Board of Surgery and the Board of Thoracic Surgery. Dr. Gragg is survived by his wife, Vivian, of 3361 Northwood Dr., Memphis, TN 38111, four daughters, and a son.

James M. Monaghan III, '50 died November 29, 1989 at the age of 63. Dr. Monaghan had practiced radiology in Short Hills, New Jersey for many years before his retirement in 1988. He had served as President of the Medical and Dental Staff and also as a Trustee of the Hospital Center at Orange, where he was Director of the Radiology Department. A Diplomate and Fellow of the American College of Radiology, he was a past Chairman of the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners and a past President of the Radiologic Society of New Jersey. He is survived by his wife, Jean, of 85 Woodland Rd., Short Hills, NJ 07078, two daughters, and four sons.

B. Ralph Wayman, Jr., '63 died October 17, 1989. Dr. Wayman had established five family health care facilities in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He was President of Professional Data Corporation and of Neighborhood Doctor Center Corporation. Dr. Wayman was a guest lecturer at Rutgers University Medical School, and a past President of the Mercer County Medical Society. Four times he received the Physician Recognition Award for Continuing Education from the American Medical Association. The Medical Society of New Jersey recognized him with its Professional Service Award. He was a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Malpractice Arbitration Board of the State of New Jersey, the Physician Service Review Organization of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey. Dr. Wayman was a member of the President's Club at Jefferson. He is survived by his wife, Gale, of 1 Walnut Ln., Morrisville, PA 19067, a daughter, and two sons.

Michael M. McDonald, '83 died August 31, 1989. He had lived in Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

Richard C. Bond
Emeritus Trustee and from 1957 to 1977 a Trustee of Thomas Jefferson University, Richard C. Bond died November 4, 1989 at the age of 80. Mr. Bond was chief executive of John Wanamaker from 1950 until his retirement in 1968. A tireless civic leader, he served as Chairman of the Committee to Build Veterans Stadium, Cochairman of the Greater Philadelphia Movement, and head of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. He was Board President of the Philadelphia Orchestra for 10 years, and chaired Philadelphia '76 Incorporated, the nonprofit group in charge of the Bicentennial celebration. An alumus of Swarthmore College, he received his M.B.A. from Harvard University and an honorary doctorate from Swarthmore. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a son.
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