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Alumni reception at the meeting of the American College of Physicians, Atlanta

April 6, Friday
Thomas Jefferson University Choir and Orchestra
31st annual spring concert, First Baptist Church, 17th and Sansom Streets, at 8:00 P.M.
Robert Sataloff '75, Director
Joseph Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass will be presented

April 26, Thursday
Alumni annual business meeting, Union League of Philadelphia, 6:00 P.M. (see page 12)

April 28, Saturday
TJUH Women's Board Jefferson Ball at Loews Philadelphia Hotel

April 30, Monday
Alumni reception at the meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Chicago

May 7, Monday
Alumni reception at the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, New Orleans

May 14, Monday
Alumni reception with Thomas J. Nasca '75, Senior Vice President of Thomas Jefferson University and Dean of Jefferson Medical College, in Palo Alto, CA

May 15, Tuesday
Alumni reception with Dr. Nasca in Sacramento, CA

May 16, Wednesday
Alumni reception with Dr. Nasca in San Francisco

May 17, Thursday
Alumni reception with Dr. Nasca in Denver

June 4, Monday
Alumni reception at the meeting of the American Urological Association, Anaheim, CA

Reunion weekend 2001 (see page 12)
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June 9, Saturday, clinic presentations, reunion parties
June 16, Saturday
Alumni reception at the meeting of the American Medical Association, Chicago

November 2, Friday
President's Club dinner at the Springfield Country Club, Springfield, PA

November 15–17, Thursday–Saturday
The first annual Philadelphia Book Fair, presented by the TJUH Women's Board and Borders Book Shop and Café, in the Ballroom at the Benjamin Franklin House

Lectures on Campus

April 5, Thursday, 4:00 P.M., Solis-Cohen Auditorium, 1020 Locust Street: Potter Wear Lecture: Richard Morimoto PhD, John Evans Professor of Biology, and Dean of the Graduate College, Northwestern University Medical School, will speak on "Stress Sensing Pathways: The Heat Shock Response as a Regulator of Cell Growth"

April 18, Wednesday, 2:00 P.M., 833 Chestnut East, Suite 210: Biele Lecture: Otto Kernberg MD, Director of the Personality Disorders Institute at The New York Presbyterian Hospital, Westchester Division, and Professor of Psychiatry at Cornell University, will speak on "The Treatment of Affect Storms in the Psychotherapy for Borderline Patients"

April 20, Friday, 9:00 A.M., Connelly Conference Room, Bluemle Building, 10th and Locust Streets: Brucker Lecture: Barbara Wynn, Senior Health Policy Analyst, Rand Corporation, will speak on "Financing Graduate Medical Education: Issues and Options"

April 25, Wednesday, 4:00 P.M., Connelly Conference Room, Bluemle Building, 10th and Locust Streets: Luscombe Lecture: Kim Yancey MD, Chair of Dermatology, University of Wisconsin Medical School, will speak on "An Apparent Increase in the Relative Risk for Cancer in Patients with a Form of Pemphigoid"

April 27, Friday, 5:00 P.M., DePalma Auditorium, 1025 Walnut Street: Clerf Lecture: Regan Thomas MD, Chair of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, University of Illinois, will speak on "The Safety Face Lift"

May 10, Thursday, 8:00 A.M., DePalma Auditorium, 1025 Walnut Street: Raymond C. Grandon Lecture in Health Policy: Arthur Leibowitz MD, Executive Vice President for Digital Health Strategy and Business Development, Medscape, Incorporated, will speak on "E-commerce: What Is Ahead for Health Care?"

May 10, Thursday, 8:00 A.M., DePalma Auditorium, 1025 Walnut Street: Hodes Lecture: Charles Higgins '67, Professor of Radiology, University of California, San Francisco, will speak on "The Emergence of Cardiovascular MRE: Diagnostic Efficiency of a Single Noninvasive Test"
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Tom Nasca '75 Appointed Dean of the Medical College

Following a national search, Thomas J. Nasca '75 has been named Dean of Jefferson Medical College and Senior Vice President of Thomas Jefferson University. He will also serve as President of Jefferson University Physicians, the faculty practice plan. The University Board of Trustees made the appointment, which was effective January 8.

Paul C. Brucker MD, University President, explained, "Dr. Nasca's exemplary work in education makes him an ideal person to lead the medical college."

Douglas J. MacMaster Jr., Esq., Chair of the Board of Trustees, noted that "The search committee interviewed several outstanding candidates. Dr. Nasca's leadership abilities, experience in education, and familiarity with Jefferson were the compelling factors in his selection. I know that the Jefferson community welcomes the opportunity to work with him."

Dr. Nasca was appointed Acting Dean in July 2000. He had been Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Affiliates at Jefferson Medical College, and Vice President for Education at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

Dr. Nasca's professional interests include innovative curricular design and evaluation in undergraduate and graduate medical education, the effects of manpower on internal medicine residency and subspecialty training programs, and health care reform and the challenges it poses to medical education.

The new dean said he looks forward to further collaborations with the members of the Jefferson Health System and other teaching affiliates to enhance educational programs.

A native of Brooklyn, Dr. Nasca has been involved in graduate medical education since 1981. He was coordinator of clinical services, then associate program director, and finally Chair and residency program director, all at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh. In 1992, Dr. Nasca assumed the role of Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine at Jefferson, with leadership responsibility for the medical student educational programs of the department. In 1993, he took on the additional role of residency program director at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

Dr. Nasca's honors include the Dean's Prize for Excellence in Teaching in Clinical Sessions presented to him by Jefferson's Class of '99, and the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Medical House Staff Education awarded by the chief medical residents of Jefferson University Hospital, both in 1996 and 1998. His portrait was presented to the university by the medical college Class of 2000.

Dr. Nasca is the immediate past President of the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine and Vice Chair of the Residency Review Committee for Internal Medicine.

The new dean completed his own internship and residency at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh, serving as Chief Medical Resident in his final year. He trained in nephrology at Brown University and Rhode Island Hospital.

Moody's Upgrades University Bond Rating to A1

Moody's Investors Service has upgraded Thomas Jefferson University's bond rating to A1 from A2, announcing that the A1 rating and stable outlook are based on the university's:
- solid financial resources relative to debt and operations,
- reversal of operating deficits following its spinoff of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital to the Jefferson Health System, and
- established market positions in teaching, research, and patient care.

Richard Schmid, Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, offered some insight into the factors behind the rating increase. "At the end of the 1998 fiscal year, the university had experienced a $19 million operating deficit. A two year turnaround plan was implemented, focusing on revenue enhancement and cost reduction to eliminate this deficit."

It was successful. "In the year just ended, the university finished the fiscal year with a $3 million operating profit and net income of $14 million."

Contributing to this turnaround were such factors as the expansion of research by $22 million in the last two years and the growth of revenues from Jefferson University Physicians, the faculty practice plan, by $14 million over the same period. "We’ve strengthened the balance sheet and added to the net assets of the institution," Schmid said.

"The factors Moody's looked at in making their judgment were our relatively stable enrollment, growing research function, steady state appropriation support, and growing faculty practice plan. With our elimination of the deficit, we received the upgrade," he explained. "The university plans to continue to maintain a budget that is either break-even or positive."

Benefits of Higher Rating

Schmid noted that in the future the university will be able to issue bonds without needing insurance, and at lower interest rates. "In addition, the university will be looked upon as a stable force in a very competitive Philadelphia marketplace, where Moody's has downgraded several health care related institutions over the past two years."
Hospital for Neuroscience Is Created in Wills Eye Building

The new Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience will consolidate one of the nation’s busiest neurosurgery programs in what is now the Wills Eye Hospital building.

Thomas Jefferson University has completed the purchase of the building at Ninth and Walnut Streets, adjacent to the university campus. Jeff neurosurgeons will continue to practice, teach, and pursue research on brain and spinal disorders at this location. Jefferson Hospital, part of the Jefferson Health System, has streets, adjacent to the building.

Jefferson Hospital, part of the Jefferson Health System, has one of the nation's busiest disorders at this location. Thomas Jefferson University has purchased a high-tech array of neurosurgical and other equipment that includes the region's only gamma knife, a noninvasive alternative to conventional neurosurgery. In addition, 470 Wills employees will continue their jobs as Jefferson Hospital employees.

“We will continue to expand the neurosurgery program at this new facility,” explained Hospital President Tom Lewis. “In the future, the hospital will have the opportunity to consolidate at this site our strong programs in such areas as epilepsy and headache.”

During the past decade, the Department of Neurology has moved to the forefront in areas including stroke, Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and Parkinson's disease. The Department of Neurosurgery treats vascular brain diseases, brain tumors, epilepsy, spinal cord injuries, spinal diseases, and pain.

The Wills building also houses the Jefferson Geriatric Psychiatry Program, whose inpatient unit is staffed by Jefferson psychiatrists.

Wills Eye Hospital will continue to use the Ninth Street building to treat ophthalmology patients and perform surgeries while Wills's new building is being constructed on top of the Walnut Towers building on Walnut Street between Eighth and Ninth. Completion of the new facility is anticipated by December 2002.

The Wills emergency service will remain in its present location. In addition, patients requiring a hospital stay will be cared for in the existing facility.

Wills Eye Hospital, the nation’s first facility devoted solely to eye care, serves as the Department of Ophthalmology of Jefferson Hospital. The university has had a close and collaborative relationship with Wills over the years, with many Wills physicians serving as faculty members of Jefferson Medical College and Jefferson medical students rotating through Wills as part of their training.

Alumni Trustees Report: Research Building Postponed

- Alumni across the country congratulated Joseph S. Gonnella MD after his 17 years as Dean of Jefferson Medical College. Dr. Gonnella has returned to his prior position as Director of the Center for Research in Medical Education and Health Care. Associate Dean Thomas J. Nasca '75 was named Acting Dean in July 2000 while a search committee was appointed and a national search for a new dean was set in motion (see facing page).
- The university’s increased research activity over the past decade has placed Jefferson in the upper third nationally among the country’s 125 medical schools, as measured by the amount of NIH money received. The Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology and the Department of Microbiology and Immunology are ranked first nationally in their fields, according to NIH dollars received. In December 2000, Jefferson’s Kimmel Cancer Center was awarded a National Cancer Institute core grant totaling several million dollars. In total, Jefferson’s research budget has grown from $12 million in 1981 to $98 million in 2000.
- The start of construction of the new research building to be built over Jefferson’s campus parking garages has been postponed for at least one year to allow the university additional time to resolve the shortage of parking around the Jefferson campus, and to initiate a vigorous philanthropic campaign to fund construction.
- During the past year, Moody's Investors Service upgraded Thomas Jefferson University's bond rating to A1 from A2 (see facing page). As of December 31, 2000 the university's endowment stood at $290 million.
- Applications to Jefferson Medical College decreased nine percent since 1998, while medical school applications nationally decreased seven percent. However, 25 percent of all medical school applicants nationally apply to Jefferson. Regrettably, circumstances dictated an increase in Jefferson Medical College tuition to $30,077 per year.
- Jefferson completed the purchase of the Wills Eye Hospital building in November 2000 after the sale was approved by the Orphan’s Court of Philadelphia. When renovations are completed, this building will give Jefferson an additional 230,000 square feet of space.

Hereditary Cancer Center

Up to 20 percent of cancer cases have a familial component, and approximately five to 10 percent of all cancer may be due to an inherited risk. The goal of the Jefferson Hereditary Cancer Center is to provide individuals with information and cancer screening guidelines based on their family history and/or genetic test results that will assist them and their families in prevention and early detection. The center is staffed by a multidisciplinary team directed by Bruce Boman MD, PhD and includes genetic counselors, oncology nurses, surgeons, molecular geneticists, and a clinical geneticist. An evaluation is available to anyone who is concerned about a family or personal history of cancer. For information, call 215 955 1011.
Beyond the “Fix It” Model of Medicine

Remarks from the keynote address at this year’s White Coat ceremony for first year students, which marks the transition to becoming a physician.

Russell Portenoy MD chairs the Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care at Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan, and is a Professor of Neurology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

One of the watershed events for me in my own neurology training was when I realized that most diseases are chronic. The acute medical model based on the concept that you figure out the pathophysiology based on symptoms and signs, and reverse it to return people to health, is problematic if the patient can’t be returned to health. The patient may have problems that you cannot ‘fix,’ that you can only manage or try to manage. Heart disease, lung disease, cancer, neurodegenerative disease: chronic progressive disease is what most doctors deal with.

“It’s better to view it as a great gift if you do fix things. What doctors attempt most of the time, instead, is to help a patient move toward health: to lessen illness, support autonomy, respect the individual, and offer a continuity and non-abandonment so that your patient knows that you will be with him as he deals over time with chronic illness.

“As first year medical students, recognize that you are imbedded in a cognitive framework, a ‘fix it’ framework that has trained medical students for hundreds of years. This framework may not have much relevance to what you will actually do at the bedside.

“As you get farther in your training, realize that you can push beyond this envelope, you can think out of the box. You may have to shift cognitive frameworks throughout your training in order to accommodate the new experiences that you will have at each stage of training.”

The Class of ’04

was selected from 7,946 applicants to Jefferson. The new first years hail from 22 different states and 91 different colleges. They are 43 percent female, and range in age from 18 to 38.

Cohen Will Lead Gastrointestinal Research

Sidney Cohen MD has been appointed Director of Gastrointestinal Research at Jefferson. He comes from Temple University Hospital where he had been Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine since 1986. He was also Assistant Vice President for the Health Sciences Center and Physician-in-Chief.

In 1969, Dr. Cohen joined the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, which later established the Sidney Cohen Teaching Award in his honor. He headed the gastrointestinal section at Penn from 1974 until 1986.

Dr. Cohen has received six consecutive Career Development Awards from the National Institutes of Health. He has been on the editorial boards of various journals, and chaired the board of Gastroenterology.

Dr. Cohen is joining a division that consistently ranks high according to U.S. News and World Report.

Nearly 30 clinical research trials are ongoing. These include the latest developments in therapy for inflammatory bowel disease, prevention of gastric and colon polyps, chronic liver disease, hepatitis B and C, irritable bowel syndrome, and hepatocellular cancer.

An NIH funded basic science team is studying gastrointestinal motility problems, prevention of gastrointestinal cancer, and the molecular basis of liver disease.
Estate of Alumnus Provides $10 Million

Although Floyd W. Stevens ’14 passed away in 1963, his loyalty to Jefferson continues. Since the death of his widow, Lillian, in June 2000, a trust established by his will has provided Jefferson with $5 million in support. When the trust is completely distributed, it is anticipated that Jefferson will receive a total of $10 million.

Dr. Stevens’s benevolence was evident in gifts made earlier by both him and his wife. In 1978, the fifth floor of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital was dedicated in his memory. During her lifetime, Mrs. Stevens contributed substantially to Jefferson’s cardiac research fund and alumni annual giving fund.

“We deeply appreciate the philanthropy of Dr. and Mrs. Stevens,” said Thomas Nasca ’75, Dean of Jefferson Medical College. “Their generosity sets an example of how alumni and their families can share in the Jefferson legacy.”

Born in 1890, Dr. Stevens was a cardiologist in Scranton, Pennsylvania for nearly half a century. As a student at Jefferson, he was a member of the Loux Urological Society and the Ptolemy Society. Dr. Stevens interned at Scranton State Hospital and the New York Nursery and Child’s Hospital, and did postgraduate work in cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a World War I Army veteran, and became an attending physician at Scranton State Hospital and West Side Hospital. He also served as President of the Fidelity Deposit and Discount Bank of Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Stevens was on the board of the Day Nursery Association of Scranton.

Legacy Society Members

The Jefferson Legacy Society acknowledges alumni and friends of Thomas Jefferson University and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital who have included Jefferson as beneficiary of their wills, trusts, gift annuities, life insurance arrangements, or other estate plans. From time to time in various publications, Jefferson will print the roster of Legacy Society members. If you are a member of the Legacy Society and prefer not to be listed in such reports, please advise the Development Office of this in writing or by e-mail. Direct such correspondence to:

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Three New Professorships in Surgery

Transplant surgeon Donald Dafoe MD is the new Samuel D. Gross Chair of Surgery. He is flanked in the photo at left by Francis Rosato MD, former Gross Professor, and Herbert Cohn ’55, the first Narducci Professor of Surgery.

University President Paul Brucker MD (at center above) is pictured at the reception celebrating the new professorships with Jonathan Rhoads MD, Chair of the Board of Managers of the Benjamin and Mary Siddons Measey Foundation, and Frederick Wagner Jr. ’41, former Grace Revere Osler Professor of Surgery. Jefferson’s new William Maul Measey Professorship was endowed with a grant from the foundation.

The Narducci Professorship was created with a bequest from Anthony Narducci ’29. A Rosato Professorship has been established through a campaign chaired by Daniel Polett, a friend of Dr. Rosato’s, with the support of many of Dr. Rosato’s patients, and a bequest from the estate of Philip Gilbert ’33.
Molecular Pathway Involved in Apoptosis Could Point the Way to Drug Targets

Molecular geneticists at Jefferson are uncovering clues to how and why cancer cells grow with abandon, while at the same time, understanding why brain cells die too young in neurodegenerative illnesses such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. Understanding the molecular secrets of apoptosis, or programmed cell suicide, may enable scientists to identify potential drug targets against these diseases.

Reporting in the March 1 issue of the journal Nature, Emad Alnemri PhD, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at Jefferson, and colleagues at Princeton University and the University of Pittsburgh describe a particular molecular pathway involved in apoptosis. Scientists believe apoptosis gone awry underlies neurodegenerative diseases, autoimmune diseases such as lupus, and cancer.

In the study, the researchers explain how two similar proteins compete for control of a cell's ability to die at a preset time. The Jefferson team focused on an enzyme, caspase-9, which Dr. Alnemri's group discovered. Caspases are cellular enzymes that bring about apoptosis. Other proteins in the cell known as inhibitors of apoptosis, or IAPs, block caspase activity, preventing cells from dying. The scientists described the relationship among caspase-9, XIAP (an IAP that inhibits caspase-9), and another protein called Smac (also known as DIABLO) that disrupts the caspase-9-XIAP interaction.

The scientists discovered how a region in the XIAP protein called BIR3 attaches to caspase-9 and blocks its activity. They also learned how Smac disrupts the caspase-XIAP interaction by competing with caspase-9 for the same docking space on the BIR3 region of XIAP.

"We showed how Smac disrupts the interaction with XIAP and caspase-9, resulting in activation of caspases and apoptosis," Alnemri says. Harnessing Smac's activity or devising a drug to mimic it could allow caspase activation and apoptosis to occur.

"By understanding how caspase-9, XIAP, and Smac interact with each other, we will be able to develop small molecules to fight diseases in which apoptosis is involved in the pathologic process. Our study defines how XIAP blocks caspase-9 activity, a first step in designing and improving the efficacy of new drugs to inhibit or activate caspases.

"Biotech companies are actually using caspases as drug targets to prevent or activate apoptosis," he says. "You want to activate apoptosis by activating caspases in cancer to kill the cells. In cases of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, and others such as stroke and heart attack, you want to prevent apoptosis by inhibiting caspases."

Apoptosis is a fundamental biological process vital to cell differentiation and normal development. In human embryos, for example, apoptosis creates fingers from mitt-like hands. It occurs during normal aging and sometimes during irreversible cell injury from radiation and other poisons. Apoptosis received a great deal of attention in the popular press in recent years when scientists discovered that part of the reason cancer cells grow with abandon is that they lose the ability to die at a preset time. In many cancers, IAP activity abounds.

"You want to develop a drug that binds to IAPs in a manner similar to Smac to specifically disrupt the caspase-IAP interaction in cancer cells, activating apoptosis and killing the cancer," Alnemri explains.

Deciphering the Rosetta Stone of a Tumor Suppressor Protein

Uncovering the structure of a "Rosetta Stone" protein may help scientists understand how cells are programmed to die, and in turn, the role that the loss of this process plays in cancer. Researchers led by Charles Brenner PhD, Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, have determined the three-dimensional structure of such a Rosetta Stone protein. First proposed in 1999 by researchers at UCLA, Rosetta Stone proteins occur when two proteins that are separate in some forms of life are fused in another form of life. The fusion "event" almost always reveals a previously hidden interaction between the two nonrelated proteins.

One of the two proteins, Fhit, has been implicated in many common human cancers. Jefferson researchers have been studying the human Fhit protein since 1996. Kay Huebner PhD, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, and Carlo Croce MD, Director of the Kimmel Cancer Center, and their coworkers discovered that the protein is encoded at the most fragile site in the human genome and is lost in many human cancers.

In 1998, Dr. Brenner's group, working with Drs. Huebner and Croce, determined the three-dimensional structure of the Fhit protein in its active form. Later in 1998, the same researchers discovered that in the fruitfly Drosophila melanogaster and the flatworm Caenorhabditis elegans, the Fhit protein is naturally fused to an unrelated protein called Nit. Curiously, the NitFhit fusion protein is found in invertebrates, while vertebrates such as humans and mice, and fungi such as baker's yeast, contain separate Nit and Fhit proteins. Scientists believe that gene and protein fusions occur because pairs of proteins work in the same biological pathways. In the case of Nit and Fhit, he says, "if you found a Nit and Fhit sequence in the mouse and human, you would have no initial idea that they function in the same pathway," he says. "In finding them as part of the same polypeptide in invertebrates, there's an indication that they do."

Because the human Fhit protein is inactivated in many human cancers and loss of Fhit leads to cells with defects in programmed cell death, the scientists wanted to discover additional proteins in the Fhit pathway. When they examined the expression of Nit and Fhit in the mouse, they saw both proteins rise and fall in seven of eight tissues almost identically. They also found Nit in every organism in which they had found Fhit. These results made the case for NitFhit as a
Swallowing a Gene to Treat or Prevent Cancer?

Can simply swallowing a gene actually treat and prevent cancer? While the scientific jury is still out on that question, cancer geneticists and neuroscientists at Jefferson have seen stunning results in a gene therapy experiment in laboratory mice.

Researchers led by Carlo Croce MD, Chair of Microbiology and Immunology and Director of Jefferson’s Kimmel Cancer Center, and Professor Kay Huebner PhD have devised a technique to prevent and perhaps treat cancer by giving oral doses of gene therapy.

The therapy greatly reduced the incidence of stomach cancer in animals already genetically prone to develop tumors and which had been exposed to a cancer causing substance. While it’s too early to say how effective this may be in humans, the work is another step toward safe and effective use of gene therapy for cancer.

“This is the first time we can prevent cancer by using gene therapy,” says Dr. Croce. The technique could have potential use in several human conditions, such as in precancerous lesions in the lung, esophagus, head and neck, bladder, and cervix. Drs. Croce, Huebner, neuroscientist Matthew During MD, Professor and Director of Jefferson’s CNS Gene Therapy Center, and their coworkers reported their results February 27 in the online version of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The article appeared March 13 in the printed journal.

The researchers created genetically altered “knockout” mice lacking a gene called FHIT. Located in the human genome’s most fragile region on chromosome three, FHIT, when damaged, has already been implicated in contributing to a number of cancers, such as esophageal, stomach, kidney, breast and lung. Each mouse was exposed to nitrosomethylbenzy-lamine (NMBA), a carcinogen, beginning four weeks prior to therapy. The scientists’ plan was to cause tumors to develop and then try to either prevent or slow their growth with gene therapy.

All of the 12 control mice receiving NMBA developed tumors. Each of eight mice in three therapy groups received one dose of gene therapy with a different type or combination of virus delivery systems. One group received the FHIT gene delivered through an adenovirus. Another group received an adenovirus associated virus-FHIT treatment, while the third received both viruses with the gene. In the third group, two mice died some time after treatment from pneumonia.

The results clearly showed a difference in the number of tumors. Every control mouse had tumors. In the AAV-FHIT group, 50 percent had tumors. In the AAV mice, only three of eight had tumors.

“We were pretty surprised that it worked so well,” says Dr. Huebner. “We knew we could kill cancer cells in the laboratory, but we didn’t know if the viruses would get eaten up by the stomach juices. We expected differences, but not so dramatic.”

“These results are very exciting,” During says. “This is one of the first studies to demonstrate a gene transfer that is prophylactic. On the heels of the recent announcement of the sequencing of the human genome and the rapid advances in genetic profiling, it’s a step toward enabling us to reduce the likelihood of cancer in high risk individuals.”

In the histological exam, all of the control mice stomach sections were affected. In the AAV treated mice, 56 percent of the forestomach sections appeared normal, “another indication at the microscopic level of the dramatic effect,” Huebner says. She believes that the AAV might result in longer expression of the FHIT gene.

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Of course, many hurdles still remain to effective and widespread use of gene therapy for cancer, not the least of which is getting the virus into every cell affected. Many regard gene therapy not so much a potential cure but rather part of the armamentarium of treatments aimed at controlling cancer. “It will need a lot more study,” Huebner says, adding that scientists would have to develop different techniques to deliver genes to other areas of the body, such as the lung, kidney, and liver.

One step, she says, is to develop other animal tumor models. They are working to develop FHIT gene knockout models for both cervical and lung cancer. “We need to determine at what point the intervention would still work,” she points out. “How early can we give the treatment and would it eliminate more of the tumors? If we started the treatment later in the tumor development process, would it still be effective? And how effective?”

The researchers are beginning to investigate the role of Nit and Fhit in the development of other organisms, such as zebrafish, which have separate proteins. They would also like to determine a potential role of Nit and Fhit in cell death in the developing worm. Dr. Brenner notes that Fhit is absent in tumors and is not a cancer drug target. “If Nit is a pro-survival enzyme, which ought to be inhibited by Fhit, then Nit itself may be the drug target.”

Postdoctoral fellow Helen Pace PhD, working with Dr. Brenner, determined phases of the diffracted x-rays to obtain a three-dimensional map of the NitFhit protein. “The structure clearly shows how Nit interacts with Fhit,” he says. “A central Nit tetramer binds a Fhit dimer on one side of the molecule and another Fhit dimer on the other side of the molecule. Specific Nit sequences invade Fhit sequences to make Nit fit.”

The scientists are particularly encouraged that the flatworm is a leading system in which to study cell death. According to Brenner, the structure of NitFhit tells us that Fhit is functioning in a large complex with Nit in the worm. Following the activity of Nit in worms and other organisms “ought to take us to the next vista point. This structure is leading us to the idea that regulation of Nit may be important for the cell death activity of Fhit.”

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Of course, many hurdles still remain to effective and widespread use of gene therapy for cancer, not the least of which is getting the virus into every cell affected. Many regard gene therapy not so much a potential cure but rather part of the armamentarium of treatments aimed at controlling cancer. “It will need a lot more study,” Huebner says, adding that scientists would have to develop different techniques to deliver genes to other areas of the body, such as the lung, kidney, and liver.

One step, she says, is to develop other animal tumor models. They are working to develop FHIT gene knockout models for both cervical and lung cancer. “We need to determine at what point the intervention would still work,” she points out. “How early can we give the treatment and would it eliminate more of the tumors? If we started the treatment later in the tumor development process, would it still be effective? And how effective?”

The researchers are beginning to investigate the role of Nit and Fhit in the development of other organisms, such as zebrafish, which have separate proteins. They would also like to determine a potential role of NitFhit in cell death in the developing worm. Dr. Brenner notes that Fhit is absent in tumors and is not a cancer drug target. “If Nit is a pro-survival enzyme, which ought to be inhibited by Fhit, then Nit itself may be the drug target.”
"He Served Jefferson during Difficult Times": John Deitrick MD, 1905–2000

John English Deitrick MD, the third Magee Professor of Medicine and 11th Chair of Internal Medicine at Jefferson Medical College, died September 29, 2000. He had served Jefferson from 1952 to 1957 when he accepted an invitation to be Dean of Cornell University Medical College in New York. He had brought to Jefferson a rich experience in medical education.

After graduating from Princeton in 1929, he studied medicine at Johns Hopkins where he received his MD as a member of Alpha Omega Alpha. He married Dorothy Geib, a medical college classmate. After internship at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, he spent four years in a medical residency at the New York Hospital.

He joined the faculty of the Department of Medicine at Cornell where he proved himself a stimulating teacher. His publications covered cardiovascular physiology, complications of immobilization, and medical education.

He was selected by a committee of the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges to direct a national study of medical education in 1948. He moved his family to Chicago to develop a staff and a program to analyze the status of medical schools in the United States.

Attention was given to the processes of education, amount of research, methods of organization and administration, finances, relationships of medical schools to hospitals, quality of libraries and medical records, qualifications of faculties and medical students, and the relationship of undergraduate to postgraduate training. He attempted to define medical schools as social and educational instruments of modern society.

The final report was published in 1953 and was entitled Medical Schools in the United States at Midcentury. It was the first study of the quality of medical education in the United States since the Flexner Report in 1910.

Dr. Deitrick again moved his family in 1952 to begin his service at Jefferson. He saw a need for reorganization and new directions for the department, but implementation was difficult. The faculty was undergoing factional strife. Serious administrative strains were compounded by small empires and private concessions. The new Foerderer Pavilion was not designed for medical education. Members of the department had developed communication channels which bypassed the chair of the department. Some division directors were appointing new members to the medical faculty without the approval of the chair.

Dr. Deitrick lacked authority over the division of hematology since he was not a member of the advisory committee of the Cardeza Foundation which formulated its policy, nor did he have authority over electrocardiography which was administered by the hospital director and an internist, a former hospital director. Peer review of medical records was nonexistent, and the filing system of medical records did not allow their use for clinical research. There was no retirement system for geographic full-time faculty, and the low stipends influenced members to increase private practice to the detriment of research with resulting loss of national prestige for Jefferson. Applications from graduates of other medical schools were few. Pennsylvania Hospital was severing academic relations with Jefferson.

Dr. Deitrick was successful in developing space for research. He recruited young internists with special skills and knowledge in gastroenterology, infectious diseases, and cardiopulmonary diseases, and provided them with laboratories and time to develop research and educational programs with grants-in-aid from the National Institutes of Health. A medical intensive care unit was developed. When his attempt to assign medical students to private patients was resisted, he withdrew the medical house staff from the private patient services to demonstrate that medical education and training should not be separated. Every medical student was given oral and written examinations at the end of medical clerkships.

These actions were not accomplished without varying degrees of discomfort and misunderstanding, but it was a critical time for the organization of a new academic structure.

Among his many accomplishments in his subsequent 17 years as Dean of Cornell University Medical College was a significant increase in the ratio of faculty to students, with the number of faculty increasing by 43 percent. From 1962 to 1969, he served as a Trustee of Cornell University. Dr. Deitrick became President of the Association of American Medical Colleges and of the New York Academy of Medicine, a Director of the Prudential Insurance Company, Executive Director of the Association of Medical Schools of Greater New York, and a Director of the New York City Division of the American Cancer Society.

He and his wife left three children, including two doctors. John Deitrick Jr. MD is now Head of Surgery at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania, and a Clinical Professor at Jefferson Medical College.

Dr. Deitrick served Jefferson during difficult times. He left a heritage for those who believed in the importance of medical education.

—Robert I. Wise MD, PhD, Magee Professor of Medicine, Emeritus, Jefferson Medical College
IN MEMORIAM

Paul G. Holsinger '28 died July 25, 2000 at the age of 101. He and his physician wife, Helen, conducted a general medical practice in Williamsburg and Bellwood, PA until 1941. He then became Medical Examiner for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Pittsburgh until retirement in 1964. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

John P. O'Connor '42 died August 15. He was a Purple Heart recipient in World War II. He practiced general medicine in Tenally, NJ and was on staff at Holy Name Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, a son and a daughter.

Dominic A. Kujda '46 died November 27. He was Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery at Chilton Memorial Hospital, Pequannock, NJ. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. His wife, Norma, three daughters, and a son survive him.

Richard A. Hastings '47 died October 31. He was a radiologist at Ottumwa and St. Joseph Hospitals, Ottumwa, IA. A fellow of the American College of Radiology, he served as President of the Wapello County Medical Society in 1962. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

David J. Lieberman '50 died July 11. He began his career in general surgery but switched to public health after receiving an MPH degree from Harvard in 1963. He served as the Health Officer and Medical Director of the Monroe County, MI Health Department until retirement. Recipient of numerous awards in public health, he served as Vice President of the American Association of Public Health Physicians. There are no survivors.

Glenn W. Bricker '52 died August 16. He practiced general and legal medicine in Ashland, NH and was on staff at the Ashland Medical Center.

Edward W. Whalen Jr. '61 died November 20. He practiced urology in Philadelphia. He is survived by his wife, Susan, three sons, and two daughters.

Donald H. Smith '65 died December 11. He served as Chief of Surgery, President of the Medical Staff, and Director of Surgical Education at Easton Hospital, Easton, PA until retirement. He was a Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia. He served as President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, 1999-2000. His wife, Nancy, and three sons survive him. Son Eric is Jefferson '00.

Edward N. Pell III '66 died August 19. He practiced surgery in Somerset, PA and was on staff at Somerset Hospital. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is survived by his wife, Marian.

Edward M. Laska '70 died October 28. He practiced cardiology at Lankenau Hospital in Wynnewood, PA. A fellow of the American College of Physicians, he was a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at Jefferson. His wife, Roberta, and three sons survive him.

Joseph Marino of Scranton, PA retired from his family medicine practice in April 2000.

Andy Ruoff III of Tequesta, FL runs a volunteer clinic once a week and is still an editorial consultant to the Journal of Trauma.

Frank Butt, now 82 years old, winters in Florida for six months where he sees classmates Bernie Bravevan and John Martin. The other six months are spent in Warren, PA, “an area with beautiful mountains and trees.”

John Gallagher is now retired and living in a retirement community in Valencia, PA.

William Lineberry Jr. has retired from full time practice but has been doing locum tenens coverage of industrial medical clinics several times a week. He lives in Fullerton, CA.

Richard Alexander of Los Angeles, CA is still enjoying the practice of psychoanalysis and doing a bit of writing as well as teaching at a local institute. “Keeps my mind young as the body ages.”

Ed Schauer is serving a second term as mayor of Farmingdale, NJ.

CLASS NOTES

Albert Freeman, son William '64, and grandson James '91 are nearing a century of doctoring in Shippensburg, PA. Although Albert is retired, William and James are still practicing and the line of Freeman doctors could continue. The great-grandchildren are playing with little doctor’s kits already.

Howard Strawcutter of Lumberton, NC is working as Medical Director of a 400 bed county jail. “Quite an experience!”

Daniel DeMeo of Hagerstown, MD is now a volunteer physician for the Washington County Free Clinic and the Wellness Center at Hagerstown Community College.

Bernard Mayer of Gladwyne, PA has been doing an unusual type of volunteer work for the blind: he makes voice recordings of medical texts for use by blind and dyslexic students.

Kenneth Dollinger of Boca Raton, FL is retired from private practice and is now the Medical Director of Planned Parenthood of South Palm Beach County and Broward County.

Kurt Lauer of Yonkers, NY is still practicing consultative cardiology and administering a small group practice in Yonkers.

Albert Wilkinson Jr. of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL continues his administrative activities at Nemours Children’s Clinic and Wolfson Children’s Hospital. He currently serves as President of the Association of Florida Children’s Hospitals.

Harold Allen of Chambersburg, PA gave a lecture on “The History of Medicine on Stamps” for the American Topical Stamp Association last June.
Next Association President
Jim Delaplane ’64

James M. Delaplane ’64 (pictured in his office at Friends Hospital in Philadelphia) takes office as President of the Alumni Association in April. He’s been a hardworking member of the association, serving on committees for the Alumni Achievement Award, annual giving, and Career Day. He has also been a class agent and reunion chair.

Dr. Delaplane has always been interested in the administrative challenges of psychiatry, and served as Medical Director of Friends Hospital for seven years, and Director for 13, before stepping down to concentrate on his private practice. Among the plaques on his wall is the 1993 Isaac Bonsall Award from Friends Hospital.

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A graduate of Georgetown University and Jefferson Medical College, Delaplane served his psychiatric residency at Friends. He later created and led the hospital’s geropsychiatry service.

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Edward A. Jaeger OPH’64, President of the Jefferson Medical College Alumni Association, cordially invites alumni, postgraduate alumni, and current faculty to attend the Annual Business Meeting and Dinner and installation of the new president James M. Delaplane ’64 Thursday, April 26, 2001 at six o’clock
The Union League
Broad and Sansom Streets, Philadelphia
$78.00 per person, payable to JMC Alumni Association

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Mark Your Calendar: Alumni Weekend 2001

June 8, Friday
Alumni banquet, at the Union League of Philadelphia, with presentation of the Alumni Achievement Awards

June 9, Saturday
Women’s forum breakfast, clinic presentations, dean’s luncheon, reunion class parties as follows

'41 60th Jefferson Alumni Hall (noon)
'46 55th Philadelphia Club (7 P.M.)
'51 50th Union League of Philadelphia
'56 45th Union League of Philadelphia
'61 40th Ritz-Carlton Hotel
'66 35th Park Hyatt at the Bellevue
'71 30th Ritz-Carlton Hotel
'76 25th Park Hyatt at the Bellevue
'81 20th Omni Hotel
'86 15th Park Hyatt at the Bellevue
'91 10th Pyramid Club, Philadelphia
'96 5th Union League of Philadelphia
"A Gone with the Wind of the Middle East"

Farid Haurani HEM’57 has written Olinda’s Dream: Palestine and Lebanon Remembered (published under an alternate spelling of his surname: Hourani). He describes it as “a Gone with the Wind of the Middle East, with thoughts and quotations that follow Kahlil Gibran.” Dr. Haurani is a Professor Emeritus of Medicine at Jefferson and longtime member of Jefferson’s Cardesa Foundation.

He explains, “The book covers the history of the Middle East and Egypt from 1860 to the present time... The Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the U.S. Presidents vis-à-vis the conflict... The creation of Israel in 1948... The 1967 war... 1973 war... Carter-Sadat-Begin peace agreement... Israel’s 1982 invasion of Lebanon... The Intifada and the 1993 peace agreement... Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews and Zionism.

“The text is in italics. Interwoven with these historical facts is the semi-biographical storytelling of four generations of the author’s family which is in plain text: their homesteads and travels in Bshiri, Madaba, Jerusalem, Ramallah (the American Friends Schools), Safad, Marjeyoun, Khalsa-Houleh, Golan Heights, Beirut, Philadelphia, and Paris.”

Profits from the sale of Dr. Haurani’s book will support the scholarship fund of the JMC Alumni Association. To order, contact Xlibris Corporation (and please specify your JMC year):

email: Order@xlibris.com
hardcover $25, softcover $16, plus postage
The book can also be ordered through amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, or borders.com

Hospital Murders and Samurai Daggers

Jerry Labriola ’57 writes, “Just a comment about the response to my novel, Murders at Hollings General (Strong Books, 2000). Its first print run sold out nationally in the first six days and it is now in its second printing. It’s a medical murder mystery featuring Dr. David Brooks, a physician/amateur sleuth, who investigates a series of bizarre hospital murders only to find his own life in jeopardy as he quickly becomes locked in a world of international killers, drug cartels, and mysterious samurai daggers. He is pressed into the investigation by his police detective fiancee, Kathy Dupre, and their romantic relationship becomes a subplot woven through the novel.” Currently Dr. Labriola is revising two other novels for publication. He lives in Connecticut.

"For Those Who Sail Far"

John Levinson ’53 was responsible for the revisions to the fifth edition of Advanced First Aid Afloat, originally authored by Peter Eastman MD. Dr. Levinson describes it as “a guide for nonmedical people under difficult conditions.” Published 2000 by Cornell Maritime Press of Centreville, Maryland.

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Cesar Colon-Bonet of Lakeview, MI is now practicing emergency medicine in western Michigan and “still having fun!”

G. Richard Dickerson retired a year ago as Associate Professor Emeritus at Harvard Medical School and pathologist at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is now a permanent resident of Jackson, NH and winters in Naples, FL.

Stanley Kern of West New York, NJ is still working a full schedule. Most of it entails evaluating violent sexual predators as well as general forensic psychiatry. “I find it interesting and challenging.”

Henry Fletcher of Poughkeepsie, NY is still doing part time office gynecology as well as medical mission work in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. “The rest of the time I am trying to get the anti-tobacco message across to the kids in our community.”

Alfred Scottolini of Spokane, WA continues as a medical consultant to the Department of Social and Health Services of the State of Washington and periodically does locum tenens in pathology.

H. Alex Smith Jr. is doing consultant outpatient work at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Harold Weidaw of Pinehurst, NC is now working part time having sold his practice to an allergy group.

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Robert Berry of Roanoke, VA is Chair of the Development Committee for the American College of Surgeons.

Joseph Heaney of Cumberland, WI is proud to announce that daughter Kathleen will graduate from JMC this June. “She will be the third of my six children to become a physician.”

John Hewlett of Hershey, PA has been doing volunteer work at the Hershey Medical Center.

Guy Schless of Philadelphia is still busy at Pennsylvania Hospital in endocrinology. He also
teaches first and second year medical students from the University of Pennsylvania.

John Sourbeer, after 42 years of family practice in Clearwater, FL, has retired to Boone, NC “to fish, hunt, golf, and read.”

David Zenker of Morristown, NJ continues part time with his ear, nose, and throat practice. He and his wife Jeanne split their time between Morristown, NJ, Vero Beach, FL, and Martha’s Vineyard, MA.

'56
Joseph Bard of Plymouth Meeting, PA is enjoying semi-retirement. “I still enjoy seeing some of my older patients that I’ve taken care of for more than 40 years—unusual in this era of managed care.”

Bertrand Kushner of Harrisburg, PA does volunteer teaching in the inner city school system.

Bob Maro Sr. is still practicing family medicine/geriatrics in Cherry Hill, NJ at the age of 71.

Charles Stahl III of Rockville, MD was honored by Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA with its Alumni Award. Dr. Stahl, who specializes in anatomic and clinical pathology as well as forensic pathology, has directed residency programs in all three fields. He served for 38 years as an officer in the Medical Corps of the United States Navy; as Chief of Laboratory Service, Chief of Staff, and Deputy Medical Inspector, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and from 1992 to 1996, as Distinguished Scientist, American Registry of Pathology, and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner for the Department of Defense at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Dr. Stahl held appointments as Professor of Pathology at several schools including Georgetown University and George Washington University. He is the author or coauthor of many publications and has been the Editor of the Journal of Forensic Sciences. His awards include the Milton Helpern Laureate Award from the National Association of Medical Examiners.

Henry Yim of Kaneohe, HI and son Greg ’88 are now practicing pediatrics and pediatric neurology together. Daughter Robyn ’89, a clinical pathologist, is the President and CEO of the Blood Bank of Hawaii.

'57
Otto Au of Hong Kong wishes all of his classmates the best. He is still very busy with his plastic surgery practice but enjoying it very much. “Learning new things all the time.”

Richard Freeman of Pittsford, NY is almost fully retired. He led a University of Rochester nephrology program for 20 years, served as Chief of Medicine in a VA hospital for three years, and recently retired as Medical Director of Parkridge Hospital in Rochester, NY.

Marvin Lewbart PhD is still working full time doing custom steroid synthesis in his own laboratory in Voorhees, NJ. He is presently involved in synthesizing steroids that may be useful in cancer chemoprevention.

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Marvin Rotman of Kings Point, NY is still working at SUNY Brooklyn as Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology.

L. Reed Altemus of Cumberland Center, ME “was a retired neuroradiologist but am now a full time employee struggling to keep a 100-year-old farmhouse from collapsing. Same hours but less travel—only from bed to barn.”

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James Brubaker of Williamsburg, VA reports: “retirement allows time for working as a volunteer in a free clinic, and working as a temporary duty physician in Alaska.”

William Hushion of Wallingford, PA teaches addiction prevention and addiction recovery to fourth and eighth graders as well as in a boot camp for arrested teenagers.

Fred Dodge of Waianae, HI has spent 25 years working at a not-for-profit community health center in rural Oahu. He is also involved with a community group working to get the military to clean up a contaminated bombing training range near where he lives and works.

Marvin Grossman is now with a cardiology group in Cherry Hill, NJ. “Loving the practice of medicine and thus procrastinating retirement.”

Elliott Perlin of Bethesda, MD has retired from his academic position at Howard University School of Medicine, as Chief of Hematology and Medical Oncology, but continues to practice part time.

William Pratt of Bosque Farms, NM has been working as a locum tenens in orthopaedic surgery in New Mexico, Alaska, and North Dakota.

'62
Robert Glazer of Wynnewood, PA continues to work full time at the Wilmington Veterans Administration Hospital “as chief orthopaedist, cook and bottle washer,” he reports.

Michael Prendergast of York, PA has been elected Chair of the
Pennsylvania Medical Society's Board of Trustees. In addition, he serves on the WellSpan Health System Board of Directors and was a founding member of PennMed Member Services of Harrisburg, a health care management consulting company. Currently he serves as its Vice Chairman.

David Rosenthal of Ambler, PA will be retiring from practice this April.

'63 Ronald Gilcher of Oklahoma City, OK is currently President, CEO, and Medical Director of the Oklahoma Blood Institute.

Irving Ratner of Cherry Hill, NJ is a past President of the Medical Society of New Jersey and Chief of the Section of Orthopaedic Surgery at Rancocas Hospital in Willingboro, NJ. His son Joshua is a fourth year student at JMC.

'64 Henry Babitt of Baltimore, MD retired from his full time cardiology practice in January. Daughter Wendy will graduate from JMC this June, joining her two sisters who are already physicians.

Herbert Fisher of San Mateo, CA, a rheumatologist, was named one of the 500 best physicians in the San Francisco Bay Area by San Francisco Magazine, January 2001.

Anthony Harrison reports: “Life is hectic but sweet.” He is starting to decrease his clinical activity but is still Vice Chair and Chief of the Division of Community Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Larry Green of Swarthmore, PA is still at Crozer-Chester Medical Center and is the Division Chief of Neurology.

Stan Schiffer performs minimally invasive spinal surgery using endoscopes in Fremont, CA.

George Segel is Chief of the Division of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Genetics and Vice Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester School of Medicine.

'65 Nathan Hirsch of Coral Gables, FL just finished a chairmanship of the ob-gyn department at Baptist-South Miami Hospital. “Even with managed care and tort law, still a great specialty!”

Robert Thompson of Zumbrota, MN retired from his family medicine practice this past fall.

Bruce Weissman of North Miami, FL is Chief of Surgery at Aventura Hospital and Chief of Otolaryngology at the Miami Heart Institute.

William Wood of Mankato, MN tells us that his son William Jonathan, a sophomore at Jefferson, “enjoys and appreciates Jeff as much as his father does.”

'66 Donald Booth of Yarmouth, ME is now retired and dividing time between Maine and Florida. “Have lived aboard our trawler for 18 months, spending winters in the Bahamas.”

Robert Lerman, after 20 years at what is now Boston Medical Center and Boston University School of Medicine, where he was Director of Clinical Nutrition and Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, has moved to Gig Harbor, WA. He is Medical Director at the Institute for Functional Medicine, as well as Medical Director of Metagenics, Incorporated.

John Stambaugh of Westmont, NJ practices medical oncology with his son Michael ’94 who is a radiation oncologist. Daughter Michele ’92 is in a private obstetrics-gynecology practice.

Harvey Sugerman of Richmond, VA is now the Hume Professor, Chief of General and Trauma Surgery, and Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery at the Medical College of Virginia. His son David is a second year medical student at Jefferson.

'67 Daniel Harrer is now serving as System Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at South Jersey Health System in Bridgeport.

Elliot Rayfield of New York City has coauthored the chapter on diabetes in the Topol textbook of cardiovascular medicine.

Marc Shuman of San Francisco was recently awarded a Specialized Program of Research Excellence grant for prostate cancer research from the National Cancer Institute, one of four such grants nationally. His projects include the development of novel immunotherapeutic approaches, cancer genetics, and hormone independent prostate cancer. The grant is funded from 2000 to 2005.

Matt White of Gig Harbor, WA continues to serve as a trustee on the board of Franciscan Health System West. Matt was previously the Head of Family Practice and Medical Staff President at St. Clare Hospital. His hobbies include fishing locally and in Alaska, as well as skiing at Whistler, British Columbia.

Edward Bower of Monroe, NC continues to practice general and vascular surgery and is pleased to note that son Curtis graduated from Jefferson in June 2000. Following his father’s location and specialty, Curtis is taking a general surgery residency at Eastern Carolina Health Care/Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, NC.

James LaMorgese was appointed Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at St. Luke’s Hospital in Cedar Rapids. He has been a neurosurgeon in Cedar Rapids for more than 20 years and served as Medical Director at the Physicians’ Clinic of Iowa.

Harvey Lefton of Huntingdon Valley, PA just completed a term as President of the Medical Staff at Frankford Hospital. During his tenure, the ties between Jefferson and Frankford Hospitals were strengthened. Dr.
Lefton is Secretary of the Pennsylvania Society of Gastroenterology.

Norman Loberant of Israel has been appointed Senior Clinical Lecturer in Radiology at the Technion Faculty of Medicine, Haifa. His department will be taking part in the scientific exhibits at both the European Congress of Radiology in Vienna in March, and the American Roentgen Ray Society in Seattle, WA in May.

John Martsolf of Grand Forks, ND is still a full time faculty member at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine. He is Professor of Pediatrics and Director of Medical Genetics.

Lawrence Miller of Los Angeles is a medical consultant to the Department of Managed Care, the California agency that oversees HMOs. “The problem with this system is there is little incentive for doctors to improve medical care.”

Gary Buffington retired as Chief of Emergency Medicine at West Florida Hospital in Pensacola this year. He and his wife Millie hiked the entire Appalachian Trail, 2,167 miles from Georgia to Maine.

Cora Christian of Saint Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands was elected Vice Speaker of the House and is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Health Quarterly Association, which is the national network of quarterly improvement and peer review organizations.

Edwin Ewing Jr. of Atlanta retired from the Commissioned Corps of the United States Health Service and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in October, after 25 years specializing in infectious disease pathology and information technology. He is enjoying his hobbies of classical and jazz piano, travel, photography, languages, gardening, and fitness.

Ron Grossman and wife Anne of Hopewell, NJ are back after a year of practicing medicine “down under.”

J. Stanley Smith Jr. of Harrisburg, PA has been named Director of the Clinical Trials Office at Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, where he is a Professor of Surgery. His son Bradley is a second year medical student at Jefferson.

Robert Snyder is Chair of Pathology at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, MD.

Robert Sussman of Baltimore has been working in central Africa for the past three years providing emergency care centers and implementing nutritional programs for displaced populations. He would welcome inquiries from classmates interested in participating.

Richard Bell of Wyomissing, PA was elected to a four-year term on the Pennsylvania Medical Society’s Board of Trustees. As the interspecialty section trustee, Richard will represent numerous specialty groups. In the past, the interspecialty section has advocated for numerous quality improvement issues. Richard is an internist who specializes in pulmonary diseases.

Cheryl Naulty works at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC. She develops and implements policy for the Army’s Exceptional Family Member Program which addresses issues related to family members with special needs. Early intervention services are one of their initiatives.

Jim Redha of Williamsport, PA reports, “I enjoy working with students who rotate through our family practice residency. Learning is still exciting!”

Lawrence Schiller has been Program Director of the Gastroenterology Fellowship at Baylor University Medical Center for the last four years. He is also a Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, and has recently been elected President of the Texas Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy.

Ted Sunder is Professor of Neurology, Pediatrics, and Psychiatry at Southern Illinois University in Springfield. He is also Clinical Director of the Office of Developmental Disabilities at the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Rodney Appell has been appointed the F. Brantley Scott Professor of Urology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Mark Pascal of Teaneck, NJ was on the “best doctor” list for oncology in New York magazine for the second year in a row.

Emilian Wasserman of Brookline, MA is a neurologist at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, which entails some teaching responsibilities.

Barbara Atkinson is currently Chair of the Department of Pathology at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Albert Blumberg is President of MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, for 2000-01. He is a past President of the Baltimore County Medical Association, and has served as a delegate to the AMA. A past President of the Smokefree Maryland Coalition, Blumberg received the 2000 Humanitarian Award from the Mildred Mindell Cancer Foundation.

John Brooks Jr. of Orchard Park, NY has been appointed to the Board of Directors of American Society of Clinical Pathologists. He continues as Chair of the Department of Pathology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo.

David Mayer is Chair of Radiology at Mercy Health System in suburban Philadelphia.

Paul Ruschak JD of McMurray, PA is currently the President of Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology.

Arthur Stielman was featured in a cover story in M.D. News for the Phoenix/Scottsdale, AZ region. “I still have a passion for pathology after two decades of practice,” he says.

Richard Bearoff is now practicing occupational medicine as Medical Director for Continuum Healthcare in King of Prussia, PA.

Vincent Deceny is currently at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh doing orthopaedics.

Paul Gilman of Rosemont, PA is Chief of Hematology-Oncology at Lankenau Hospital and Chief of Medical Oncology at Main Line Health System.

Vic Ferraris of Lexington, KY recently moved to the University of Kentucky and is the Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

Ronald Laub has relocated to Colorado Springs, CO practicing interventional pain management.
The legacy of the Pelvic Open continued at Pinehurst, NC in October—a golf tournament for Jeff staff who operate on this region of the body. Winners this year included Jim Fox ’70, Bill Keane MD, John Moore GS’84, and Dick Edie MD. “Jerry Cotler ’52 and Herb Cohn ’55 set the example for ‘study play’ for Jeff Joseph AN’88 and Ken Brownstein U’76. Dave Maguire AN’82 continues to reign as the first physician up each morning,” according to eyewitnesses, “with Grant Mulholland MD the last to retire each night.” Charlie Dunton ’80 will be chair for the 2001 Pelvic Open—a dubious honor,” according to OUT sources.

Robert Savage of Wellesley, MA is currently Secretary of the Massachusetts Society of Plastic Surgeons.

’78 Maggie Flinn of Newton, MA has retired from rheumatology and has turned to writing full time and traveling extensively.

George Francos of Haddonfield, NJ is a Clinical Professor of Medicine and Associate Director of Nephrology at Jefferson.

Carol Love of Penn Valley, PA appeared in the “top family docs” issue of Town & Country magazine.

Alex Mamourian of Hanover, NH is an Associate Professor of Radiology at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

Pat Petrozza of Statesville, NC has been appointed Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, where she remains a Professor of Anesthesiology.

Paul Pilgram of Salt Lake City, UT has retired from his practice of hospital-based emergency medicine. “The triplets are now four years old.”

Jeffrey Robin of Heathrow, FL is working as the Medical Director of the TLC Laser Eye Centers in Tampa and Boca Raton and plans to have a center in the Orlando area soon. Additionally, he is Executive Vice President of the International Society of Refractive Surgery which takes him all over the world. “With three growing children, we have a hyper-busy but happy life.”

’79 Jeffrey Brandon of Theodore, AL has been appointed Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education at the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

Richard Spade of New York City was selected to receive the Richard and Hilda Rosenthal Foundation Award in the Visual Sciences. This is awarded “to that individual or group of individuals under 45 years of age whose work gives high promise of a notable advance in the clinical treatment of disorders of the eye.” Richard will also be a keynote speaker for the Brazilian Retina Society in April.

’81 The Reverend Christopher Rosko was ordained a deacon in the Roman Catholic Church in December. Chris is on the emergency medicine faculty of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, in addition to ministering at St. Mark’s Parish and with the Salesian Missions in Birmingham.

Christopher Eriksen of Fort Collins, CO has established a practice in northern Colorado and currently has offices in Loveland and Fort Collins with two outreach locations. He enjoys skiing, hiking, kayaking, and the Rockies.

Richard Jahnle of St. Davids, PA is practicing ophthalmology, specializing in cataract and refractive surgery in the suburbs of Philadelphia.

Josef Moul of Bethesda, MD gives an update on the Department of Defense Center for Prostate Disease Research which he directs: “We now have almost 60 researchers and staff members with an annual budget exceeding six million dollars. Our multicenter prostate cancer research data base now has over 11,000 patients enrolled!”
Richard Sterling ’88

is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, in Richmond, and a member of the Section of Hepatology, Division of Gastroenterology.

He is the husband of Ann Auletta ’88, a radiologist, and they are the proud parents of Joseph Andrew Sterling, now 18 months old.

Richard served his internship and residency in internal medicine, followed by a fellowship in gastroenterology and hepatology, at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals. In 1991-92, he was an NIH research fellow in gastroenterology and in 1993 he did an additional year of training in hepatology and liver transplantation.

After completing his fellowship, the Sterlings traveled to Cleveland where Richard became an Assistant Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and Associate Medical Director of Liver Transplantation at University Hospitals of Cleveland. They returned to Richmond in 1997.

Dr. Sterling’s research interests include viral hepatitis, fulminant liver failure, cholestatic liver disease, and liver transplantation. He has been involved in numerous pivotal studies of the treatment of chronic hepatitis C. Many of these were either Phase Two or Phase Three clinical studies or registration trials aimed at obtaining FDA approval for the use of these agents in patient care.

Dr. Sterling’s group was the first to publish the results of long term maintenance interferon treatment to prevent the progression of hepatitis C disease, and they continue to be on the forefront in hepatitis and liver disease research. He has several grants and is funded by the National Institutes of Health.

His clinical research has centered around acute and chronic liver disease, including liver transplantation. Novel areas of study have been the use of prostaglandins to treat fulminating hepatic failure, and the use of interferon and ribavirin in the treatment of chronic hepatitis C and in liver transplantation from living related donors. He has published over 30 papers, 45 abstracts, and several book chapters.

His current investigations include the effects of hepatitis C in patients with renal failure and the impact of hepatitis C on both patient and graft survival following renal transplantation, the mechanisms of diabetes and insulin resistance associated with hepatitis C, hepatitis C in patients with HIV co-infection, treatment of portal hypertension, and the pathophysiology of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis.

A fellow of both the American College of Physicians and the American College of Gastroenterology, he serves on several national committees and currently chairs the Fiscal Audit Committee for the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.

At VCU he wears many hats: director of the second year medical school course in gastroenterology, director of resident education in gastroenterology, and director of fellowship training for the division of gastroenterology. Dr. Sterling was awarded the Medical College of Virginia Outstanding Teacher Award in both 1999 and 2000, and recently the Best Teacher Award as voted by the division chairs of the Department of Medicine.

He modestly credits his accomplishments to his mentors at the Medical College of Virginia and the support of his wife Ann Auletta Sterling ’88.

Mitchell Rivitz and family have moved to Brookline, MA. He is Chief of Interventional Radiology at Newton-Wellesley Hospital and is “enjoying semi-suburbia.”

Richard Greco of Savannah, GA is chairing the Public Education Committee of the American Society of Plastic Surgery.

Ann Olewnik is Medical Director of Newborn Services and Perinatal Transport Services at St. Mary’s Hospital in Grand Junction, CO. “I have just learned to ride a motorcycle and hope to make a trip back to Philadelphia on my bike for a reunion.”

Steve Chen of Lancaster, PA has a busy gastroenterology practice. He is especially interested in liver diseases and participates in several hepatitis C clinical studies. In January, he lectured in the Ukraine as part of a medical mission team.

Jonathan Daitch is proud to announce the opening of his solo pain management practice in Fort Myers, FL. He specializes in treating acute, chronic, and cancer pain, including the use of Botox for head, neck, and migraine pain. “Still playing the violin,” he reports.

Robert Ruffini of Livingston, NJ is Co-chief of Gastroenterology at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Michael Schoen of Newport Beach, CA married Suzanne Goldberg in August and after 12 years in the San Francisco Bay area has moved to southern California. He is Chair of Pathology at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, CA.

Jim Slack joined Kaiser Permanente in Washington, DC this past year.

Richard Uhl of Delmar, NY is in a full time orthopaedic academic practice and is the residency program director at Albany Medical College. He was recently elected to the American Orthopaedic Association.

Irwin Wolfert of Blue Bell, PA has been appointed Medical Director for the physician assistant training program at Arcadia University, previously known as Beaver College.

Guy Hewlett is now the residency director in ob-gyn at
Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Upland, PA. He and his wife Ingrid welcomed their third child, Sean, on May 19, 2000.

Harvey Madnick of Pittsfield, MA has been reelected President of the Berkshire County Chapter of the American Heart Association.

Robert Motley of Hatfield, PA was elected President of his medical group, Tri-valley Primary Care, a 23-physician group with six sites.

William Gallivan Jr. of Santa Barbara, CA has been elected to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Counsellors.

Margaret Mike of Coppell, TX and her husband “have a very busy practice in sleep medicine.” This would seem to be useful: they now have three children of which two are twins.

Leonard Tachmes is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon in his eighth year of private practice in the Miami area.

Marthe Adler-LaVan of Bryn Mawr, PA finished the medical illustrations for a plastic surgery textbook and exactly one week later gave birth to her third child.

Errol Aksu of Middletown, PA was named Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Director of Residency Training in Psychiatry at Penn State University College of Medicine / Hershey Medical Center.

Alan Brown of Demarest, NJ was recently awarded the prestigious Bennett Research Award by the Society of Biological Psychiatry, and was promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University.

Joel Kahn of Ambler, PA is now Chief Technology Officer at WorldCare International, Incorporated, and Chief Medical Officer of Global Health Plan, Incorporated. “We provide second opinions and treatment plans for non-United States residents who want the best U.S. based services.”

Gregory Kane, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Jefferson, and his wife Jean announce the birth of their fourth child, Brogan Elizabeth. Gregory is an internist-pulmonologist and Director of Jefferson’s internal medicine residency program.

Steven Lawrence has joined the University of Kentucky Department of Orthopaedics as chief of foot and ankle surgery.

Brenda Lapinski-Horwitz of Plymouth Meeting, PA is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Temple University Hospital in the section of gastroenterology. She and husband Brett ORS’90 have two daughters.

Lisa Sheppard of Princeton Junction, NJ gave birth to her third daughter, Elena, on July 17. Lisa is back at her radiology practice.

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Diane Flynn is now a faculty development fellow at the Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA.

Jeffrey Lederman is practicing infectious diseases and travel medicine in New Rochelle, NY.

Erich Metzler and family have settled in Carlisle, PA. Erich practices with Women’s Health Associates of Carlisle.

Michael Walker of Newtown, CT has a thriving thoracic surgical practice.

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Carolyn Classen of Gettysburg, PA has been named Medical Director of Hospice of the Good Shepherd, in addition to her internal medicine practice. She has also served as Medical Director for Adams County for six years. She won the Gettysburg Country Club’s Ladies 18-hole Golf Championship in July 2000. Husband Mark Resciniti AN’89 and their two girls are also golf enthusiasts.

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Andres Aldrete and wife Cecily FitzGerald EM’94 are living in Carmel Valley, CA with their three-year-old daughter Aracelia. Andres is an emergency medicine physician at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Alan Berger, having completed his fellowship at Yale University, has joined the cardiology and epidemiology faculty at the University of Minnesota.

Mark Case has joined a family medicine practice in Bluffton, SC.

Jane Chan of Las Vegas, NV is now an Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, where she studies optic nerve diseases and conducts clinical drug trials for the treatment of optic neuritis and multiple sclerosis.

Angelo Grillo and Lenore Tietjens-Grillo are enjoying country life in Elkton, MD with their two children.

Lisa Josephson of Huntington Beach, CA and husband are pleased to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Hannah Kate. Lisa is “still enjoying emergency medicine as well as hospital administrative affairs.”

Major Vik Kashyap of San Antonio, TX is a vascular surgeon with the Air Force. “Last year, I went abroad with President Clinton twice as part of his medical team.”

Gordon Manin of Chadds Ford, PA recently received his Master of Public Health degree from Columbia.

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JoAnn Birtch is in a private hematology-oncology practice in Jackson, MI and gave birth to a second daughter on October 28.
From Children’s Hospital to Lobster Trawlers  Neil Feins ’60 of Boston

As the alumni at their 35th Jefferson reunion filed into the auditorium for the lecture given by their classmate, Neil Feins ’60, in 1995, no one was quite prepared for the topic that this renowned pediatric surgeon was about to discuss: Homarus americanus, the lobster found from the Canadian Maritimes to the Carolinas. Those who attended the lecture still remark about the scholarly presentation Feins made—everything from the anatomy of lobsters to how to find and catch them. In his unique manner, Feins described the traps: “The lobsters eat in the kitchen, then they go back into the parlor, but they can’t get out.”

Sitting in his office at Children’s Hospital Boston and brimming with enthusiasm and energy, Feins looks and sounds like everyone’s favorite uncle—warm-hearted, with a rich, full laugh and a wonderful sense of humor as he recounts the lobster tale. The walls of his office attest to his artistic talent and his love for nature. Blue-footed boobys he photographed in the Galápagos and an aerial view of the coastline of Cohasset, Massachusetts, where Feins and his wife, Christine, live, are on display along with his diplomas and awards. He also paints—“oils if I have time”—in a style he calls “just a little sloppy,” somewhere between realistic and impressionistic.

Formerly the Surgeon-in-Chief of Floating Hospital for Children at the New England Medical Center and Professor of Surgery at Tufts Medical School, Feins joined Children’s Hospital Boston in 2000. He is board certified in general surgery, pediatric surgery, and cardiothoracic surgery, and is a member of the American Urologic Association, an honor accorded to him because of his significant contributions to urology despite not being board certified in that specialty.

Feins became interested in pediatric surgery during his surgical residency: “I started to see how much good I could do. If you fix a kid, you fix him or her for 80-odd years. It makes a big difference! Besides, kids usually have one thing wrong; you fix that, and then they get better.”

In an attempt to improve outcomes and treatment, he tries to direct his research toward identifying clinical problems that have received minimal focus, areas such as lymphedema, complex urologic problems, and vascular anomalies. “Since 1972 I have attempted to establish the appropriate nonsurgical and surgical treatment for lymphedema in infants, children, and young adults,” he says. “I have defined the method of serial excision and debulking procedures that give the best long term results for young patients, and I developed an original incision and debulking procedure for lymphedema of the genitalia.” He wrote a chapter on lymphedema in the textbook Pediatric Surgery.

Feins spends about 40 percent of his time in pediatric urology and has developed some innovative surgical techniques, for example for the repair of a concealed or buried penis.

Feins does his own illustrations for his papers. “As a resident, I used to earn money doing medical illustrations,” he recalls. “Sometimes I draw before surgery so I have an idea of what I want to do, especially if I’m attempting a technique I haven’t used before. I’ll show it to the residents to clarify what we’re going to do. I believe most surgeons can draw—they may not know it, but they can.”

In his limited spare time, Feins loves to go fishing in his 27-foot Boston Whaler for “whatever I can catch,” but he no longer has lobster traps: he is too busy to give them the attention they need.

“I like fishing,” he says. “I eat some of the fish, but I release a lot of them. And you know, I’m just as hyper out there as anywhere else—it doesn’t relax me. I’m really working, putting things out, trolling, and trying to find a spot that tires me out.”

With these multidimensional accomplishments, it’s no wonder that James M. Klick ’70, an anesthesiologist who has worked with Feins at South Shore Hospital in South Weymouth, Massachusetts, for more than 20 years, remarks, “What’s really apparent is that he loves what he does, and he does it very well! He always has a good story or joke, he’s fun to work with, and he’s a great teacher.”

Feins has another piece of art in his office, a framed quote from Sir William Osler: “No bubble is so iridescent or floats longer than that blown by the successful teacher.” Feins’s bubbles are abundant: surgeon, innovator, teacher, artist, fisherman. Reflecting on his long career, he says, “The biggest satisfaction is when fellows I’ve trained call me to discuss an interesting problem they’ve encountered.”

—Heather Zavod

Did You Know?

644 Jefferson alumni in the Classes of ’70 through ’96 hold fully salaried teaching appointments at medical schools across the United States. There are currently

30 Jefferson graduates on the medical faculty at Harvard
25 at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
21 at the University of Pittsburgh
12 at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
12 at Emory
10 at Mayo Medical School
10 at the University of Rochester
9 at Duke University
9 at Cornell University Medical College
as well as numerous others

according to data available to the Association of American Medical Colleges as of July 2000
**Nancyyane Lerner** of Louisville, KY is an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Louisville and Chief of Anesthesiology at the VA Medical Center.

**Jeffrey Lukish** is doing a fellowship in pediatric surgery at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC.

**Don Perlo** of Newtonville, MA reunited in June with fellow MedCats **Jeff Driben** and **Chris Levy** to play in a Boston Harbor jazz cruise. (The MedCats were the coolest band at Jefferson Medical College in 1991.) “Later, at the Perlo house, Barbara, Sarah, Jared, and Devin grooved to the beat of the aging trio.”

**Jeanette Zaimes** has a private psychiatric practice in Seaford, DE. She is also Medical Director of the Behavioral Health Unit at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital and is an advanced candidate in training at the Philadelphia Association for Psychoanalysis.

**'92 Mary Khine** of New York City recently completed a fellowship in maternal/fetal medicine at Yale. She married Scott Stickler this year and is the Director of Obstetrics at NYU Downtown Hospital in Manhattan.

**Spyros Mezitis PhD** is an attending endocrinologist at the New York Presbyterian Hospital, Cornell Medical Center, and Lenox Hill Hospital. He is President of the Hellenic Medical Society of New York.

**C. Anthony Wolfe Jr.** and wife Lisa announce the birth of daughter Eva on October 12, 2000. Anthony recently completed a residency in family practice at Virtua-Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly, NJ. He now has a practice in Rising Sun, MD.

**Nominees for Alumni Trustee**

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Thomas W. Gardner ’79 is an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, and of Cellular and Molecular Physiology, at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in Hershey. He did his ophthalmology residency at Northwestern, followed by a fellowship at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami. He also holds a master’s in physiology from Penn State. His research has extensive grant support, and he authors articles and reviews manuscripts for numerous journals.

Francis X. Keeley IM’60 did his residency at Jefferson, and also a gastroenterology fellowship. Chair of the Department of Medicine at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center in Camden for 30 years, he holds a Jefferson appointment as a Clinical Professor. He is a past Trustee of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and currently a Trustee at Lourdes. Keeley is a past President of the Camden County Medical Society and of the South Jersey Gastrointestinal Society.

Stephen Slogoff ’67 is Dean of the Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, and Senior Vice President for Clinical Affairs for Loyola University Health System. Slogoff joined Loyola in 1993 as Chair of Anesthesiology. He also chaired the board of the Loyola University Physician Foundation from 1995 to 1999. He not only earned his medical degree from Jefferson, but also did his residency in anesthesiology here. He later joined the faculty of the University of Texas in Houston. Slogoff is a past President of the American Board of Anesthesiology.

‘93 David Adams and Mary Niedqwiekci were married in Niceville, FL on November 4.

Daniel Casto of Tucson, AZ now works in a clinic for the uninsured working poor as Associate Medical Director. As Assistant Clinical Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Arizona, he teaches third and fourth year medical students.

Sharon Griswold married David Theodorson MD on May 27, 2000. Sharon is currently Assistant Director of Jefferson’s emergency medicine residency program. David completed his residency in emergency medicine and is an attending physician at Abington Memorial Hospital.

Eric Mariotti and his wife Deborah of Pinole, CA are proud to announce the addition of their second son, Maxton. Eric was recently elected Chair of the Plastic Surgery Division of Mt. Diablo Medical Center.

Michele Marziano is presently practicing family medicine and geriatrics at Riddle Memorial Hospital in Media, PA.

‘94 Prody Borboroglu will be completing a six-year residency in urologic surgery in June 2001 in San Diego. He will relocate to Baltimore in July where he will begin a two-year fellowship in liver, pancreas, and kidney transplantation at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

**Carl Charnetski** of Shavertown, PA is proud to announce the birth of his first child, Carden Frederick.

**Jon Fish** and wife Sloane now live in Ellicott City, MD with their daughter Anna.

**Jim Hills** and wife Becky ’95 of Hummelstown, PA along with their two sons recently celebrated the birth of their new baby girl, Kiara May. Becky is an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at Penn State-Hershey and Jim is in a radiology group practice with offices throughout central PA.

Vidu Garg of Irving, TX was awarded a major National Institutes of Health grant to study the role of genes in neural crest development.

**Britt Sanford** of Westmont, NJ has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology and the Department of Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology at Jefferson. He will teach first year medical students in the gross anatomy and neuroscience courses. Britt was honored by Jefferson students in December as the guest of honor at the 2000 Black and Blue Ball.

‘95 **Chris Aleman** is working in a private dermatology practice in Richmond, VA.

**Joseph Czarnecki** of West Newton, MA was recognized for outstanding service as a general

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**Addendum: Alumni Department Chairs**

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**Oral and Maxillofacial Surg.**
practice physician at Dyess Air Force Base, TX. According to the commendation, “Captain Czarnecki provided outpatient and postoperative care in the Orthopaedic Outreach Program for 964 patients. Dedicated to medical readiness, his state of the art presentations revolutionized training and realism with actual footage of casualties from military conflicts. Captain Czarnecki developed field treatment teams to expedite triage and care in forward locations.” He is currently an orthopaedic resident at Harvard Medical School.

Jim and Elyse Harrop are proud parents of Matthew, age two, and his sister Casey, born August 3, 2000.

Susan Haas PhD is now an attending obstetrician/gynecologist at Lehigh Valley Hospital. She lives in Allentown, PA with her husband Stuart and three children.

Julius Heyman PhD is now assistant residency director in anesthesiology at Jefferson.

Paul Stauffer of Sonoma, CA started a new job this January at the Sonoma Valley Hospital for General Surgery.


‘96 Barbara-Jo Achuff is currently practicing pediatrics in Plymouth Meeting, PA. She and husband Jim have two children.

Darren Tershak is now a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He continues as an attending physician at Ben Taub General Hospital.

‘97 Morad Hassani of New Castle, DE is completing his internal medicine residency at Christiana Hospital this spring and will be going to Montefiore Medical Center in New York in July to do an infectious disease residency.

Jennifer Rosen is in her fourth year of a surgical residency at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York.

‘98 Kevin Ferguson of Manhasset, NY is finishing his pediatric residency at North Shore University Hospital.

Jonathan Harris of Bayside, NY will stay at Montefiore Medical Center as Chief Medical Resident.

Bennett Loui of Honolulu, HI is finishing his third year of an internal medicine residency at the University of Hawaii Burns School of Medicine and will be Chief Medical Resident next year. He plans on a geriatric fellowship.


‘00 Gregory Adey and Lauren Parkhill ‘98 of Brookline, MA were married May 20, 2000 in Dover, MA with many Jefferson alumni in attendance.


Joann Kim is in her first year of internal medicine residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Postgraduate Alumni

David Ginsberg G6’60 of Newtown Square, PA is now fully retired after 41 years.

Ramesh Vaswani PD’65 of Kutch, India is associated with educational and cultural organizations in an honorary capacity. “Trying to raise educational standards, especially the English language, of schoolchildren and adults in this small town.”

Allan Kogan FP’77 of Houston is in management full time as senior patient manager with HMO Blue Texas, a 350,000 member commercial HMO in south Texas.

Shohhana Desai NPM’80 of Ambler, PA has been on the TJU faculty since completing a fellowship here. “Advancements in the care of newborns remain an exciting part of my life.”

Jacqueline Loveto-Plect PD’84 is practicing general pediatrics with a group in Holyoke, MA. “It is a busy practice that serves a very diverse population. I also spend time teaching Baystate Medical Center pediatric residents and medical students from Tufts.”

Howard Selinger FP’86 of Burlington, CT is practicing with Prohealth, Incorporated, the largest primary care group in the northeast.

Deborah Rubin MMU’92 of Palm Desert, CA is currently the Director of Breast Imaging at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, CA.

Raymond Singer CTS’92 of Allentown, PA was appointed Chief of Thoracic Surgery at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Vasiliki Saitas PCCP’93 of Mahwah, NJ is currently Associate Director of the Laboratory at Passack Valley Hospital, Westwood, NJ. She has been associated with this hospital since graduation.

Timothy Pastore AN’95 and wife Debbie of Montourville, PA celebrated the birth of Anthony, their fourth child, on September 18.

H. Nicholas Shamma DMP’96 has moved with wife Nadine from New York to Centerville, OH. He is currently the Associate Director of Dermatopathology Laboratory of the Central States, and Assistant Clinical Professor of Dermatopathology at Wright State University.

Kevin Cregan UCM’97 of Chambersburg, PA is a staff radiologist at Chambersburg Hospital and an Adjunct Instructor of Radiology for Jefferson’s Division of Ultrasound.

Michael Davis A’97 of Marlton, NJ has a clinical anesthesia practice at Cherry Hill Community Hospital.

Jeffrey Rosenberg FP’97, having worked in Seattle, WA for two years in a private practice, has returned to New York and is working at the Montefiore Hospitals in family medicine.

Jennifer Sherwood OBG’98 and husband Phil Hirshman OBG’98 are still in Dallas with their new son Benjamin. Jennifer is having a career change and is applying for a urology residency.

Christopher Derivaux GS’99 is continuing his fellowship at New York University in cardiovascular surgery.

Peter Vitanza Jr. FPM’00 has joined the Rothman Institute at Jefferson as a nonsurgical specialist in sports medicine. Peter served as a Chief Resident at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC in 1998-99. He is currently Assistant Director of Jefferson’s sports medicine fellowship program.
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