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Mark Your Calendar

October 20, Saturday
A special dinner and viewing of the exhibition of the work of Thomas Eakins, the eminent artist who painted The Gross Clinic, at the Philadelphia Museum of Art

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

November 14-17, Wednesday-Saturday
The first annual Philadelphia Book Fair, presented by the TJUH Women’s Board and Borders Book Shop and Cafe, at the Ballroom at the Ben in the Historic Benjamin Franklin House

Please Submit Nominations for the Women in Medicine Alumni Recognition Award

The Women in Medicine Committee of Jefferson Medical College is soliciting nominations for the Women in Medicine Alumni Recognition Award. This is an annual award that will be presented at the Women in Medicine Annual Reception. All medical college and postgraduate alumni are eligible. Nominations of individuals who have made significant contributions to women's health or to the advancement of women in medicine are sought. Please direct a letter of recommendation and curriculum vitae to Attention: Women in Medicine Alumni Recognition Award, 1020 Locust Street M-41, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

In March, a portrait of Marion J. Siegman PhD, Professor of Physiology, was presented to the university by two groups of Jeffersonians: her friends and colleagues on the faculty, and the Class of 2001.

Vail, Colorado was the site of this year’s ski and CME meeting, “What Every Doctor Should Know: A General Medical Update.” Between morning and afternoon lectures, participants enjoyed the exceptional skiing of Vail Mountain. Twenty-two physicians registered. Guests, spouses, and children brought the total to well over 50 Jeffersonians. An opening cocktail reception was held on Sunday night to start the week. The traditional buffet dinner was held on Thursday. Among the meeting participants was Tom Nasca ’75, Dean of Jefferson Medical College, who spoke on “The Continuum of Medical Education.” A variety of other topics were covered during the week, including GI medicine, treatment of cancer pain, breast cancer, and new techniques in vascular surgery. Plans are underway for next year’s meeting, scheduled for February 2–9, 2002 at Whistler/Black Comb, near Vancouver, British Columbia.
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Back cover: The Feldman Collection (see page 6). Photo by Kelly & Massa

Important News about Your Student Loans

Student loan consolidation rates will be dropping significantly after July 1, 2001. The terms may be better for those who consolidate before September 30. Additionally, changes in tax laws after January 2, 2002 may help in the repayment of your loans. Please contact Jefferson’s Financial Aid Office at 215 955 2867 or via email at financial.aid@jefferson.edu for more information.
Parents’ Day: Remarks by Angelo Ciminiello ’03

It is an honor to speak to you today on behalf of the Class of 2003. Courtnay Bloomer and I would like to extend our gratitude to our classmates for giving us the opportunity to feel a little more stressed! As if preparing for Dr. Nasca’s nephrology questions wasn’t stressful enough, you elected the two of us to speak in front of 500 people.

When I was told that I was going to speak today, I was overcome with joy. However, my elation was quickly replaced with fear as I tried to think of what to speak about. Should I talk about the current state of the health care system? Should I talk about the storied history of Jefferson? Or, should I talk about a day in the life of a Jefferson medical student? I chose to talk about a day in the life of a Jefferson medical student so that as parents, you could understand what your sons and daughters do all day. With that said, I give you a day in our lives.

We wake up, we study. We go to class. We have some lunch and study some more. We come home and continue to study. We take a break and call someone up to tell them how much we hate studying. We have dinner while studying. We go to bed, and continue to study. When I was told that I was going to speak today, I was overcome with joy. However, my elation was quickly replaced with fear as I tried to think of what to speak about. Should I talk about the current state of the health care system? Should I talk about the storied history of Jefferson? Or, should I talk about a day in the life of a Jefferson medical student? I chose to talk about a day in the life of a Jefferson medical student so that as parents, you could understand what your sons and daughters do all day. With that said, I give you a day in our lives.

Upon the recommendation of a couple of my friends, I took a walk down memory lane and compiled a couple of statistics that give us an overview of how much studying we have done since coming to Jefferson. In 558 days, we have attended 844 lectures, or 35 straight days of class with no breaks. We have spent 244 hours in lab and have read 6869 pages of text and syllabi. We have spent around 2232 hours, or 93 straight days, studying in the library. We have taken 4605 multiple choice questions, and if we are still second year students, we have answered at least 3224 of those correctly. Out of those 3224 correct answers, I personally guessed on 2876 of them. Now, these are some pretty intimidating numbers. But throughout our stay at Jefferson, we have been taught by renowned physicians and researchers.

As students, we try to learn as much as we can and then put it all together when we see patients. A perfect example of this happened to me last year. At a function hosted by the Jefferson Alumni Association, I was fortunate enough to meet the nationally renowned orthopaedic surgeon, our very own Associate Dean Phillip Marone ’57. It was there that Dr. Marone invited me to sit in on a knee surgery he was performing later that week. I quickly went home and started looking over my anatomy atlas and anatomy textbook. When I woke up a couple hours later, I felt that I had a pretty good grasp of the major structures in the knee. Later on that week, I was in the OR watching Dr. Marone operate. I was watching the operation intensely as I tried to identify the structures that I had studied. Dr. Marone and his team were very informative as they taught me some of the complexities of knee surgery and how to deal with certain instances that may come up during the operation.

The following day, I was in the hospital seeing a patient for our Doctor in Health and Illness class. I was happy to find out that I was assigned a patient who had a knee problem. With the surgical experience fresh in my mind, I started my history and physical. My patient informed me of the excruciating pain she was having in her left knee. I asked her to describe the pain and tell me the impact it had on her daily activities. She said, “Doc, it feels like someone is sticking a knife right through my knee. It hurts like hell whenever I bend my knee like this.” Remembering what I had seen in the OR the day before, I started to formulate a differential diagnosis and a course of treatment. With my vast (!) array of medical knowledge and clinical experience, I started to tell her what I thought the problem was. I said, “To be completely honest, I have no idea what is wrong; however, I can recommend a good therapeutic regimen. No matter what you do, don’t bend your knee like this.”

The point of the story is that in order to succeed in medical school, you have to be comfortable with where you are in the spectrum of your career. Although every patient we see calls us “doctor,” we aren’t doctors yet. We are, however, an integral component in the treatment of our patients. We may not know all the answers, we may not know all the outcomes; but we do know how to listen and how to make our patients feel a little more at ease. This invaluable tool of listening was given to us, neither by physicians nor by our professors. It was ingrained into our personalities by our parents.

So as we sit here and reminisce about the journey of medical school, we are reminded that our parents are the ones who gave us the ability to deal with sick patients. Our parents are the ones who showed us that we should help those who need help. Our parents are the ones whom we call when the walls are closing in on us...
during exam week.
Without them, this journey would not be possible.

Each student who applies for admission to Jefferson Medical College is granted an interview not only with a faculty member, but also one with a student. Whenever I give interviews, inevitably, I am asked why I chose Jefferson. Without hesitation, I say, “because of the people.” I couldn’t imagine myself doing all this work, and sacrificing so much, if I wasn’t doing it with such wonderful colleagues. That is the drawing power of Jefferson. You will not find another medical school whose class pulls for each other more than we do.

We have embarked on a career of continuing education and lifelong commitment. With each new patient we see, we will learn more not only about medicine, but about ourselves.

Friday, January 26, 2001. Beer consumption 4, social events nil, hours in class or studying 6, coffee 16 ounces. Four days post-exam and I am living and breathing pulmonary pathology. My stethoscope has been all over my front and as much of my back as I can reach, as I take a breath in and out checking for wheezes, crackles, and rales. 45 minutes later I realize I’m getting stressed by our biochemistry teacher, I’m home precisely the minute The Simpsons starts. I attempt to study for an hour or two, but after spending seven years in the working world, clocking years in cubicle land, Friday happy hour is almost a Pavlovian response for me. Hence my adversity to Friday studying.

I spend the aforementioned 45 minutes auscultating and palpating the hell out of myself and my poor cat, and nothing gets done. My mind wanders back to our first year of medical school when we learned about diabetes (and evidently forgot, because we’re learning it again in the Introduction to Clinical Medicine course). I started to notice that all those diabetic symptoms our biochemistry teacher stressed such as polydipsia, polyphagia, and polyuria (that means frequent urge to drink, eat, and constant flooding of the litter box) were present in my cat. The lightbulb over my head went off and I threw him in his carrying cage, sped off to the veterinarian’s, and declared “my cat has type two diabetes.” Ah, the rookie medical student. But, you make enough guesses and you’re eventually right. And I was. My cat is now insulin dependent and a terrific teaching tool for diabetes. Now if I could only take these clinical skills and apply them to people. Anyway, it’s Friday night, it’s 9 p.m., and I leave for a fraternity party to drink 4 free beers (conserving my Stafford loan). Back at 2 a.m. Bed. Sleep.

Friday, February 2, 2001. Beer consumption 1, social events nil, hours in class or studying 10, coffee 24 ounces. I’m no longer counting time since last exam. I’m ticking off days until the next one. It’s like hash marks on the prison wall. T-9. I’m over pulmonary pathology and now I spend my Friday night perussing my liver (evidently it’s 2 centimeters wide, or I haven’t quite got the knack of this yet). We’re on to gastro-intestinal. My blinds are drawn this time. I’m now moving to the part of the exam cycle when I don’t care if the neighbors spy on me, I just don’t want to see their carefree Friday night activities. The human GI tract is much more complex than I could ever have anticipated. I mean it’s 120 pages in our syllabus! It’s much more than food in, food out. It’s more like food in, food affected by hundreds of pathological conditions, and either lots of food out or no food out at all.

And we’re instructed how to evaluate the “food out” from our patients with a straight face and the proper vocabulary. We’ve come a long way baby. I think back to freshmen orientation when a professor declared that medicine is a new language and we’d learn approximately 10,000 new words over the coming 4 years. He forgot to mention that we’d forget about the same number of old words. I feel lucky to string together two nonmedical nouns. The studying begins.

Friday, February 9, 2001. Beer consumption 2, but after midnight so maybe it should not count against me, social events are you kidding?, hours in class or studying 13, coffee 32 ounces plus caffeinated tea. We finished GI and all the testable material today at 2 p.m. The race is on. We’re now T-60 hours (more or less) till the exam. I spend a few intense hours at the library, then an intense hour in the gym, and again dash through the door as The Simpsons’ melodic TV tune greets my ear. Friday night pre-exam is intense. It’s the start of the marathon weekend when I become hermit-like for almost 48 hours. And somehow this does not seem as exhausting a prospect as it would have last year. Maybe it’s a tolerance. A schoolmate last year, in the library at 1:30 in the morning, told me she was so tired from studying that she was actually going to throw up.

Next I busily attempt to put together notes for our upcoming AMA meeting. I call this constructive procrastination. Then I decide it’s imperative to do my laundry. Studying gets into full swing around 9 p.m. and I study until I drift off to sleep, heavily into Saturday morning.

Now repeat this exam cycle six times and you’re finished the semester and ready to take the board exams. I’m awed by the daily emotional and intellectual toll and the constant sacrifice that medical school requires. And I’m even more amazed by the fact I’m succeeding and enjoying it. I feel quite fortunate to have bumbled my way into a career that will bring surprises, good and bad, knowledge, and accomplishment every single day.
The Feldman Collection of Antique Medical Instruments

- The medicine chest belonging to a British naval captain who commanded the frigate Falcon during the Battle of Bunker Hill

- An original Laennec stethoscope, hand made by the inventor of the stethoscope

- A boxed prize set of diagnostic medical instruments awarded to the 1884 Jefferson graduate who was first in his class in Materia Medica and Therapeutics

These intriguing artifacts are just a few of the highlights of the Martin H. Feldman MD Antique Medical Instruments Collection on display in the Eakins Gallery of Jefferson Alumni Hall. The collection was donated to Jefferson through the generosity of Martin H. Feldman N'66 and his wife, Lynne Gold-Bikin, Esq.

Encompassing more than 120 items, this initial phase of the collection chronicles the evolution of medicine from the early 18th century through the American Revolution, the Civil War and post-Civil War era. Various instruments are on display at different times and Dr. Feldman plans to expand the collection by donating additional items. According to Dr. Feldman, the Mutter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia is the only other place in the area that has a collection of this scope.

"We are delighted and proud that Dr. Feldman has chosen Jefferson as the home of his magnificent collection," Russell W. Schaedler '53, The Plimpton-Pugh Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Emeritus, and Chairman of the Thomas Jefferson University Art Committee, says. "Jefferson is renowned for its premier collection of art and memorabilia, and this generous gift enhances this further."

Dr. Feldman, a neurologist who resides in the Philadelphia area, is on the full time faculty of Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons. He has had a longstanding interest in the history of neurology and medicine. He began collecting antique medical instruments, and the more he acquired, the more his fascination with them grew.

"Finding an antique medical instrument is like being on a treasure hunt — much of the enjoyment derives from developing a power of observation, especially when you detect an item in an antique shop or flea market and it was unnoticed," Dr. Feldman says. "You soon acquire a sense of which items are most unique or sought after, and then you meet other collectors as well as dealers."

The fact that antique medical instruments are becoming increasingly difficult to locate makes this collection that much more extraordinary. The collection includes artifacts from the Civil War period, such as surgical sets and a saddle bag.

Martin H. Feldman N'66 and his wife, Lynne Gold-Bikin, Esq.
Rockefeller Foundation Grant Has Global Reach

The Rockefeller Foundation has awarded a three-year grant totaling nearly $500,000 to Thomas Jefferson University in support of the Global Network for Perinatal and Reproductive Health (GNPRH).

Centered in the Division of Research in Reproductive Health in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Jefferson Medical College, the GNPRH has well-established scientific collaborations with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Alabama, the Population Council and other national and international organizations and agencies. Jorge E. Tolosa, MD, MS, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, is the coordinator of the network and the principal investigator for the grant. Serving as a consultant to Dr. Tolosa is Pisake Lumbiganon MD, MS, an active investigator in the GNPRH and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Khon Kaen University in Thailand.

The objectives of the program are to conduct clinical research in the area of reproductive health, to advance knowledge of conditions affecting the reproductive health of women and their families, and to identify practical, applicable and cost-effective interventions that will improve the length and quality of their lives.

“We are very grateful to The Rockefeller Foundation for so generously supporting the goals of the Global Network for Perinatal and Reproductive Health,” said Dr. Tolosa. “This grant will help to further develop the capacity of the network and will support studies in perinatal and neonatal research and in reproductive tract infections and sexually transmitted diseases. Because premature birth is the most significant cause of perinatal mortality and morbidity worldwide and a growing body of evidence suggests that infection plays a role in the pathogenesis of preterm labor and delivery, these research initiatives have been identified as worldwide priorities in the area of reproductive health.”

Endowed by the late John D. Rockefeller Sr., and chartered in 1913, The Rockefeller Foundation is a knowledge-based, global foundation committed to enriching and sustaining the lives and livelihoods of poor and excluded people throughout the world. One of America’s oldest private foundations and one of relatively few with strong international interests, The Rockefeller Foundation has gained worldwide acclaim for its commitment to the poor and its work against disease and hunger.

Joining The Rockefeller Foundation in providing funding for this program as well as other projects conducted by GNPRH investigators are Jefferson, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the United States Agency for International Development, and the International Clinical Epidemiology Network.

Jefferson Medical College of stethoscopes. The Laennec stethoscope, and the first display, shows some drawings served as captain of the British Boston. Later became a pharmacist in the Priorry stethoscope (circa early 19th century) and a collapsible tongue depressor, awarded as the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia Session 1883-84 Prize in Materia Medica [pharmacology] and Therapeutics [the science and art of healing] to J. Edwin Sprenkle A.B., Class of 1884. “What is unique is that the kit is intact, as it is unusual to find items from this period that are complete,” Dr. Feldman notes.

Another standout is the medicine chest of Sir John Linzer R.N. (Royal Navy). He served as captain of the British frigate Falcon, which fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill in June 1775. The provenance, which accompanies the medical chest, attests to these facts. Sir John later became a pharmacist in Boston.

An original Laennec stethoscope (circa early 19th century) and the Priory stethoscope (circa early 19th century) are on exhibit as well. According to Dr. Feldman, there are only a small number of original R.T.H. Laennec MD stethoscopes in existence that were actually handmade by Laennec himself. Laennec was the inventor of the stethoscope, and the first American edition and translation of his textbook, published in 1838, also on display, shows some drawings of his earlier and later models of stethoscopes. The Laennec stethoscope and textbook are pictured together.

“Each instrument in the collection has a unique story that reflects the evolution of the medical profession, and each is a stepping-stone for the next set of instruments,” Dr. Feldman says. “These instruments present examples of how medicine has advanced in various areas.”

Dr. Feldman, who is from Tucson, Arizona, graduated from the University of Utah School of Medicine. He donated his collection to Jefferson because of both his own, and his family’s, close ties with Jefferson. Two of his cousins, Elliott L. Goodman CD’55, Honorary Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, and the late K. Kalman “Kuddy” Faber MD, were members of the faculty and it was with their encouragement that Dr. Feldman’s postgraduate training was accomplished at Jefferson.

“I love neurology because of its problem-solving aspects,” Dr. Feldman says. “It’s figuring out puzzles, and there is a great feeling of satisfaction when all the pieces come together. I believe that there should be a return to an emphasis on bedside diagnostic methods rather than relying solely on medical technology. I still carry a medical bag of instruments and residents tease me about my ‘bag of tricks.’ I imagine that’s one of the reasons I am attracted to collecting antique medical instruments.”

Access to the Eakins Gallery is available Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed on major holidays. Please request entry at the information desk by the main entrance of Jefferson Alumni Hall.
Interview #8

A Frank Account of Applying for Residencies
by Jennifer King '01

With the hotel television blaring in the background, I snatch two pairs of pantyhose from my bag and hurriedly check for runs. I know at least one pair got caught in the zipper last night when I packed. After easing my right foot in, I hop to the bed to apply a Band-Aid pilfered from an IV cart to my left little toe where my interview shoes pinch. I throw on my suit, fix my hair one last time, grab my briefcase, and head for the door.

Today, the hotel is within walking distance of the hospital and remarkably I find the conference room with ease. Thankfully the program has arranged to have coffee and, praise heaven, food. Nodding to the other candidates and sucking down my oversugared coffee, I work my way to a seat at the table and settle in for a spell of people watching.

This is my favorite part of interviewing. I am continually amazed by what my fellow fourth year medical students elect to wear on the interview trail. Today everyone seems to be in appropriate uniform: black or gray suit, decent tie, black shoes. Boring. No characters like the woman in the chalk-stripe zoot suit paired with patent leather shoes from a few interviews ago. I don’t know how they interview her without gaping. I shake my head at the memory and recall other poor choices: nubuck shoes with a blue suit, a suit jacket and khakis, Timberland boots!! Speaking of shoes, my left toe twinges unhappily—third day in a row crammed into these shoes and the Band-Aid is slipping.

The interview coordinator bustles into the room—we’ll be starting any minute. Lots of smiles. She distributes the requisite glossy folder chock full of information. I page through the binder of smiling faces, where I detail the research and writing experience I gained in school... I countered with “You obviously haven’t read my personal statement. Very unique, he says. Well, I was an English major, I think to myself, knowing that it is probably the strongest part of my entire application. I try but have difficulty blocking out the memory of my worst interview ever—only five days prior. The attending called me by a diminutive of my name (I hate that) and said “So you’ve gone straight through from college to medical school...” I countered with “You obviously haven’t read my personal statement where I detail the research and writing experience I gained in the intervening four years.” As I discussed that, he flipped through the notebook containing my letters of recommendation, transcript, resume, etc. without making eye contact and pointedly not listening to me. Pinching two of my letters of reference between his thumb and forefinger as though they were dirty, he said pithingly that these were worthless because he didn’t personally know either author. Then he specifically asked whom the “joker” was who had written the statement where I detail the research and writing experience I gained in school. I countered with “You obviously haven’t read my personal statement.” He preferred to have me ask questions. I whip out two remaining letter. I gaped in stunned silence. I dropped their information packet in the trash bin on my way out of the hospital.

This interview goes far more smoothly but brusquely: six rapid-fire questions and I’m outta there. A quick check with the other candidates reveals they had similar experiences with him. Okay. So far so good.

According to our itinerary, we’re slated for four interviews: three attending physicians and one chief resident. That’s manageable, I think, but I need more coffee. The last place I interviewed had us do six interviews. Six! I was almost dead by the last one. As I gulp down another half cup of coffee, I glance at my list of questions. Putting on a happy face I follow the coordinator to the chief resident’s office.

Like almost every chief who’s interviewed me, he’s a he, married, with excellent job prospects. “It’s a great program. You’ll work hard, and learn a ton. We all get along,” he quotes from the official chief resident handbook. I decide he’s normal even though I’m mildly annoyed that he hasn’t read my application. How can he advocate for me in the rank meeting if he doesn’t even know that I took four years off between college and medical school? Nevertheless, we have a pleasant chat about providing medical coverage at local sporting events (bonus!), good movies, and a book I had just read. He drops me off at the conference room.

One of the other candidates is already there and visibly upset. He had asked his interviewer about the numerous stringed instruments adorning the walls of his office only to be handed a guitar and told to tune it. He had to play during the entire interview hence his distress. I hope you play well, I remark. He shrugs. Note to self: NO comments about musical instruments. NEVER.

Round two with an attending. He’s read my file—a little. Compliments me on my personal statement. Very unique, he says. Well, I was an English major, I think to myself, knowing that it is probably the strongest part of my entire application. I try but have difficulty blocking out the memory of my worst interview ever—only five days prior. The attending called me by a diminutive of my name (I hate that) and said “So you’ve gone straight through from college to medical school...” I countered with “You obviously haven’t read my personal statement where I detail the research and writing experience I gained in the intervening four years.” As I discussed that, he flipped through the folder containing my letters of recommendation, transcript, resume, etc. without making eye contact and pointedly not listening to me. Pinching two of my letters of reference between his thumb and forefinger as though they were dirty, he said pithingly that these were worthless because he didn’t personally know either author. Then he specifically asked whom the “joker” was who had written the remaining letter. I gaped in stunned silence. I dropped their information packet in the trash bin on my way out of the hospital.

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Needing a restroom, I head for the door and am intercepted by my next interviewer. We enter the guitar-studded room. I avert my eyes. Even though I’m mildly annoyed that he hasn’t cared to discuss it. He prefers to have me ask questions. I whip out two from my short list and attempt to keep him talking to no avail. He’s jotting notes on a scorecard while I try to talk coherently on the changes I foresee in medicine in the next 10 years. I sound like an idiot.

I find my own way back to the conference room and don’t pass any restrooms. The chairman’s secretary is waiting for me and hustles me...
off to his office. Just as we begin talking, his phone rings. He excuses himself as he leans forward to pick up the receiver. I turn to the bookcase and fake profound interest in the thick texts bowing the shelves. My roommate described an “interview” in which the doctor received a call two minutes into their conversation. The physician was so agitated with the person on the phone that he banged his fist on the desk multiple times and cursed a blue streak while my roommate sat a mere three feet away. He was so apoplectic by the end of the 15 minute phone call that he led her out of the room unable even to apologize for his behavior. Some interview. I can’t remember if she ranked that place.

Thankfully, my interviewer is on the line for all of 10 seconds and we return to our discussion. He impresses me by asking about some of the unique facts I’ve buried in my application. “What in the world is a fat donor?” he leans forward and asks. I smile broadly as I relate my painful experience of donating body fat for money as part of a research study. He laughs in all the right places even when I tell him I lost money because it was deducted from my paycheck. I feel better about this interview.

Then he asks me what my draw to the area is. This is a potential pitfall so I have to play my cards right. Program directors know that location carries a hefty weight in choosing a residency. I have no family here. I didn’t go to undergraduate school here. I have no real ties to the area. However, it is a big city and I’m a city girl—today. So I say that. I also mention that I did a rotation in a nearby hospital during third year and thoroughly explored the area. He nods. Hmmm.

Yesterday, I interviewed in a rural program—8,000 people in the whole town. I told them that I was tired of paying to park, missing sunsets, and fighting traffic. All true. But did I really want to live in a town with only three stoplights? I still don’t know about that one.

Then he asks the killer question: Is there anything not in my application that he should know? I know that they can’t legally ask me specifically about husband/boyfriend, etc. but this is one way to get around that. If I volunteer the information, they haven’t invaded my privacy. That’s some of the impetus behind all the night-before-the-interview gatherings sponsored by many programs. They are facilitated by the residents who take the candidates to a cool local bar and, under the premise of giving us a chance to find out about the program in a relaxed environment, basically find out if we are normal and if we are attached. It is a mutually beneficial exercise because we learn about their social behavior.

Unfortunately, I had arrived late to the pub the night before because some truckdriver had wedged his over-height semi into one of the main tunnels leading to downtown. I sat in traffic for almost two hours while rescue workers attempted to extract the truck. Not one of the residents had asked me about my long term boyfriend (also a fourth year medical student attempting to match in orthopaedics) because they were so intent on assuring me that traffic wasn’t really that bad.

Now I had a choice. Did I tell him that a “couples” match was a possibility or did I keep mum and try to match on my own merits? In a stroke of brilliance, I told him that I’m an accomplished pitcher and that I was wearing a pants suit because I had scarred up my leg stealing third base. (One of the residents had mentioned their fanatically competitive softball league.) He laughed out loud and wrote that down.

So I had deflected. I just didn’t get the sense that they were a warm and fuzzy program interested in dealing with a possible “couples” match. There was no ring on my finger to prompt him to pry further so the topic was dropped. I also didn’t feel like discussing my own misgivings about the “couples” match concept.

We headed back to the conference room. I darted to the restroom to self-assess: no runners, no makeup disasters, no coffee stains, no dandruff.

The stock tour was next. I knew. I almost dreaded it based on previous experience. Some programs need to do a little more thinking about their tour design. I’d been on tours that go past dumpsters and sterilization rooms just to avoid walking an extra 20 yards. While my toes appreciated the thought, my enduring memory of those hospitals was of its resident trash-picking seagull flock and not its state-of-the-art ICU. Some residents are far more gifted at gab than others. There is nothing worse than sending the least talkative resident as the tour guide. At one program, a classmate and four other interviewees got separated from their tour group when only half could get on the elevator. It took 10 minutes to find the rest of the group. Of course the real death knell is when the tour guide gets lost.

I prayed that we wouldn’t be going outside. I was ill-equipped for a trek across an icy parking lot. Negotiating the snow piles on my way from the hotel this morning was enough of an adventure. If I wiped out now, with all these people watching, I would be mortified. Thankfully, we did a quick dash down to see the ER, which looked remarkably like every other ER I’ve been in. Same with the SICU.

Please let us eat lunch, I am about to fall over, I pleaded silently as we marched to the parking lot.

Lunch proves more painful than actually crossing the frozen lot. Neither of the two residents chaperoning the meal is a talker. We interviewees are exhausted from keeping our game faces on and make pathetic attempts at chitchat. One guy gives up any and all pretense and just orders a beer. The residents silently raise their eyebrows. Bad move. A slick applicant from Reno excuses himself from the table. We overhear him on the lobby payphone with his bookie checking his bets. I choke down a bad chicken salad sandwich.

I think back three interviews ago where we were served a catered lunch in the conference room. While we ate, the genial program director floated from candidate to candidate offering drinks and asking us about other interviews. He even quietly pulled one young applicant out of the room to cut the tags off his obviously brand new suit.

I’m already mentally pulling out of the parking lot by the time the check arrives. The mute residents awkwardly bid us well and head back to the hospital. Caffeine is uppermost in my mind as I change into jeans in the restaurant restroom. I carefully hang my suit, check my hose for runners (again), and pull out a map. I plot my route to interview #9 as I massage my left toe.
Next Stop for the Class of 2001

**Arizona**

**Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center - Phoenix**
- Elise Brown (Medicine-Pediatrics)

**California**

**Kern Medical Center - Bakersfield**
- Leslie Storey (General Surgery)

**Cedars-Sinai Medical Center - Los Angeles**
- Erun Aftab (Medicine-Pediatrics)

**UCLA Medical Center**
- Scott Davis (Family Practice)
- Christina Wu (Family Practice)

**UC Medical Center-Harbor**
- Emma Clay (Transitional)
- John Vallone (Transitional)

**Children's Hospital - Oakland**
- James Killinger (Pediatrics)

**Kaiser Permanente Medical Center - Oakland**
- Henry Duke (Internal Medicine)

**Kaiser Permanente Medical Center**
- David Kan (Internal Medicine)

**San Diego Naval Medical Center**
- Kristie Robson (General Surgery)

**UC San Francisco Medical Center**
- John Fiss (Radiology-Diagnostic)

**UC San Francisco Medical Center**
- Joseph DellaValla (Internal Medicine)

**Stanford University Programs**
- Tonya Kolodziej (Internal Medicine)
- Melissa Lynch (Emergency Medicine)

**Connecticut**

**Yale Univ.-New Haven Hospital**
- Kaita Ronay (Psychiatry)

**Delaware**

**Christiana Care - Newark**
- Carmen Campanelli Jr. (Transitional)
- Tara Corson (Family Practice)

**University of Delaware**
- Joseph Bella (Internal Medicine)
- Daniel Elliott (Medicine-Pediatrics)
- John Fiss (Radiology-Diagnostic)
- Allison Kolody (Medicine-Pediatrics)
- Koren Miller (General Surgery)
- Ryan Neff (General Surgery)
- Patricia Olympia (Internal Medicine)
- Jon Ryckman (General Surgery)
- Srikala Shenbagamurthi (Emergency Medicine)
- Pamela Simpson (Internal Medicine)
- Amanda Straight (Medicine-Emergency Medicine)
- Samuel Weiner (Family Practice)
- Steven Wing (Emergency Medicine)
- Ulysses Wu (Internal Medicine)

**TJU daPonte Hospital for Children - Wilmington**
- Doyle Lim (Pediatrics)
- Angela McGovern (Pediatrics)
- Laura Rybachak (Pediatrics)

**District of Columbia**

**Georgetown Univ. Hospital**
- Jessica Rosen (Internal Medicine)
- David Park (Family Practice)

**Providence Hospital**
- Walter Reed Army Medical Center
- John Berger (Internal Medicine)
- Jason Cabot (Pediatrics)
- David Osborn (General Surgery)

**Washington Hospital Center**
- Nayo Wills (Internal Medicine)

**Florida**

**Univ. of Florida/Shands Hospital - Gainesville**
- Mark Clayman (General Surgery)
- Mayo Graduate School of Medicine - Jacksonville
- Peter Hulick (Internal Medicine)

**University of South Florida College of Medicine - Tampa**
- Esther Olita Layton (Anesthesiology)

**Michigan**

**Univ. of Michigan Hospitals - Ann Arbor**
- Sangeeta Senapati (Obstetrics/Gynecology)

**Sinai-Grove Hospital - Detroit**
- Jody Rogers (Emergency Medicine)

**Wayne State Univ./Detroit Medical Ctr.**
- Esi Nama Anjaj (General Surgery)

**William Beaumont Hospital**
- Gregory Freimer (Emergency Medicine)

**Massachusetts**

**Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center - Boston**
- Scott Houghton (Internal Medicine)

**Boston University Medical Center**
- Jennifer Andrus (Otolaryngology)
- Robert Young (Internal Medicine)

**Brigham & Women's Hospital - Boston**
- Andrew Beckwith (Obstetrics/Gynecology)
- Marcella Nunez Smith (Internal Medicine)

**Harvard Longwood Psychiatry - Boston**
- Kevin Hill (Psychiatry)

**Lake Clinic Medical Center - Boston**
- Eugene Chung (Internal Medicine)

**New England Medical Center - Boston**
- Joshua Namias (Internal Medicine)

**Tufts University School of Medicine - Boston**
- Jacqueline Leung (Family Practice)

**Baystate Medical Center - Springfield**
- Melissa Rosenburg (Pediatrics)

**Maine**

**Maine Medical Center - Portland**
- Andrew Dennish (Internal Medicine)
- David Sallo (Family Practice)
- A. Catriona Shepherd (Family Practice)

**Maryland**

**Baltimore**
- Jonathan Hansen (Emergency Medicine)

**New Hampshire**

**Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center - Hanover**
- Campbell Levy (Internal Medicine)

**New Jersey**

**UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson - Camden**
- Marc Crider (Internal Medicine)
- Jason Friedman (Emergency Medicine)
- Joshua Wolfe (Emergency Medicine)

**Hunterdon Medical Center - Flemington**
- Dorothy Pauch-McNamara (Family Practice)

**New York**

**SUNY Health Science Center - Brooklyn**
- Jamie Wells (General Surgery)

**Schroen Hospital - Manhattan**
- Leslie Miller (Pediatrics)
- Lawrence Phillips (Internal Medicine)

**Mt. Sinai Hospital - New York City**
- Ryan Longman (Obstetrics/Gynecology)
- Tara Weintraub (Psychiatry)

**New York Hospital/Cornell Medical Center - Queens**
- Kirk Russell (Transitional)

**Univ. of Rochester Strong Memorial Hospital - Rochester**
- James DeBloom II (Internal Medicine)
- Noreen Galaria (General Surgery)
- Matthew Jordan (Emergency Medicine)

**New York Medical School - Rochester**
- Trisha Jordan (Medicine-Pediatrics)
- Robert Kottmann (Internal Medicine)

**Stonybrook Teaching Hospitals**
- Darshan Patel (Internal Medicine)

**SUNY Health Science Center - Syracuse**
- Joseph Smith (General Surgery)

**North Carolina**

**Northeast Medical Center - Concord**
- Scott Hamner (Family Practice)

**Duke Univ. Medical Center - Durham**
- James Appel III (General Surgery)
- Bret Rogers (Internal Medicine)

**Ohio**

**Ohio State Univ. Medical Center - Columbus**
- Christa Tokarsky (Medicine-Pediatrics)

**Oklahoma**

**Image Family Practice - Hillcrest**
- Brian Williams (Family Practice)
Pennsylvania

Abington Memorial Hospital
Jennifer Bakker (General Surgery)
Brent Godke (Family Practice)
Joshua Stein (Internal Medicine)

Geisinger Health System
Thomas Bowen (Orthopaedics)
Sara Lally (Internal Medicine)
Lillian Liang (Emergency Medicine)
Danielle Lindemuth (General Surgery)
Christopher Oberg (Pediatrics)
Steven Salas (Urology)

Lehigh Valley Hospital
Gretchen Perilli (Internal Medicine)

Hershey Medical Center/Pennsylvania State Univ.
Vai Wang (Internal Medicine)

Lancaster General Hospital
Chris Lupold (Family Practice)

Latrobe Area Hospital
William DiCuccio (Family Practice)
Michael Guffey (Family Practice)
Bridge O'Rourke (Family Practice)

Albert Einstein Medical Center - Philadelphia
Brian Bigler (Transitional)
Thomas Chayapruks (Internal Medicine)
Carmen Crofoot (Orthopaedics)
Kimberly Davidson (Transitional)
Daniel Ellis (Emergency Medicine)
Christopher Kyrus (Emergency Medicine)
Joseph Marko (Internal Medicine)
Mary McAleer (Transitional)
Anson Miedel (Transitional)
Su-Ainn Ng (Internal Medicine)
Tamar Rosenblum (Pediatrics)

Chester Hill Hospital - Philadelphia
Erik Cottner (Transitional)
Cherice Lee (Family Practice)
Thomas Lubin (Family Practice)
Nicholas Pelkaros (Transitional)

Frankford Hospital - Philadelphia
Eugene Chough (Transitional)
Rajeeb Guharoy (Transitional)
Jeremy Simon (Transitional)
Eric White (Transitional)

Graduate Hospital - Philadelphia
Jennifer Bakker (General Surgery)
Terry Kwak (Internal Medicine)
Hojin Wang (Internal Medicine)

Hosp. of the Univ. of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia
Roger Band (Emergency Medicine)
Maureen Chase (Emergency Medicine)
Monica Crane (Family Practice)
Pali Dehdya (Internal Medicine)
Raja Sethala (Pathology)
Daniel Tomlinson (Orthopaedics)
Stephanie Hurley Ward (Internal Medicine)

MCP/Hahnemann Univ. Hospital - Philadelphia
Bjorn Miller (Emergency Medicine)
Vashuda Panday (Internal Medicine)
Matthew Saltzman (Emergency Medicine)

Pennsylvania Hospital - Philadelphia
Christine DelBenedictis (Internal Medicine)
Elaine Kilmarin (Internal Medicine)
Kush Singh (Internal Medicine)
Nils Stennan (Obstetrics/Gynecology)
John Wildemore (Internal Medicine)

Temple Univ. Hospital - Philadelphia
Matthew Cohen (Internal Medicine)
Michael DeAngelis (Emergency Medicine)
Brian Kung (General Surgery)
Gregory Mayo (Internal Medicine)
Pallav Mehta (Internal Medicine)

Thomas Jefferson Univ. Hospital - Philadelphia
Marc Abshuler (Family Medicine)
John Birklodes (General Surgery)
Richard Bruno (Emergency Medicine)
Anne Bussard (Obstetrics/Gynecology)
Vincent Campitelli III (Internal Medicine)
Jennifer Chennut (Internal Medicine)
Joseph Chu (Emergency Medicine)
Jennifer Cirello (Orthopaedics)
Scott Daffner (Orthopaedic Research Fellowship)

Mercy Hospital - Pittsburgh
Vincent Lee (Transitional)

Univ. of Pittsburgh Health Center
Rebecca Mancoll (Internal Medicine)
Joshua Rainer (Orthopaedics)

St. Francis Hospital
Neeta Mody (Transitional)
Jeffrey Vargo (Transitional)

Crozer-Chester Medical Center - Upland
Dayna Levin (Transitional)
Minh Thieu (Transitional)
Mark Trochimowicz (Family Practice)

Lankenau Hospital - Wynnewood
Simon Abebo (Internal Medicine)
Douglas Festenhour (Internal Medicine)
Ryan Hoffman (General Surgery)
Ekatarina Vesel (Internal Medicine)
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Rhode Island

Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island - Pawtucket
Nelson Yuen (Family Practice)

Brown Univ. Hospital - Providence
Thomas Isaac (Internal Medicine)

Tennessee

Vanderbilt Univ. Medical College - Nashville
Edward White (Internal Medicine)
IN MEMORIAM

Nathan S. Schlezinget ’32 died March 23, 2001. He practiced neurology and psychiatry in Philadelphia and specialized in neuro-ophthalmology and myasthenia gravis. He served as Chief of Neurology at Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, from 1938 until 1976. He was Emeritus Professor of Neurology at Jefferson, and Class Agent for JMC’s Annual Giving Fund from 1988 until 2001. He is survived by his wife Bobette and three daughters. His grandson, Jeffrey A. Simon is Jefferson ’96.

John J. Schaub ’33 died March 4, 2001. He practiced family medicine during his entire professional career. At retirement he moved to Pleasant Hill, CA. He is survived by a daughter.

Santino J. Catanzaro ’36 died November 14, 2000. He initially practiced orthopaedic surgery in Mount Vernon, NY, then relocated to Fort Lauderdale, FL. He was on staff at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale. He is survived by his wife Louise, three sons and a daughter. Son Robert is Jefferson ’72.

Russell H. Derr ’40 died December 17, 2000. He was a family physician in Adamstown, PA for his entire career. He is survived by one daughter.

John F. Appel ’41 died November 25, 2000. He practiced internal medicine in Holyoke, MA. He was on staff at Holyoke and Providence Hospitals. He served as Chief of Medicine at both hospitals and as President of the Medical Staff, Holyoke Hospital. He is survived by his wife Irma, four sons. His twin brother, Charles, also is Jefferson ’41.

Paul H. Pettit ’41 died March 4, 2001. He practiced ophthalmology in Ocean City, NJ. He served as President of the Cape May County Medical Society in 1973. He was an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, Temple University School of Medicine 1952-1980. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, two daughters and two sons.

John H. Light ’43 died October 26, 2000. A member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, he practiced general medicine in State College, PA, retiring in 1988. He was on staff at Community Hospital, State College, PA, 1947-1989. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, two daughters and three sons.

Bernard J. Shuman ’43 died January 28, 2001. A member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, he specialized in pediatrics and child psychiatry. He was on staff at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia where he also served as Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Child Psychiatry at Hahnemann Medical College. He is survived by his wife Reba, two daughters and a son.

James H. Hawkins ’46 died December 29, 2000. He practiced family medicine and obstetrics in Graham, NC until 1992. He is survived by his wife Jane, three daughters and three sons.

Charles F. Scarborough Jr. ’46 died November 6, 2000. He practiced family medicine in Star, NC for 40 years. He was on staff at Montgomery Memorial Hospital and twice served as its Chief of Staff. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

Ellwood C. Weise Jr. ’47 died September 29, 2000. He practiced dermatology in Bridgeport, CT. He served as Chief of Dermatology at Bridgeport Hospital and was President of the Section of Dermatology of the Connecticut State Medical Society. He is survived by his wife Audrey, two daughters and a son.

Burgess A. Smith ’49 died September 10, 2000. He practiced general surgery in Huntington, PA. He served as President of the Huntington County Medical Society in 1965.

Hal E. Sneden ’50 died May 16, 2001. He was Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery, Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, PA and Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Jefferson Medical College. He is survived by his wife Faith, five sons and a daughter. Son Michael is Jefferson ’79.

Joseph F. Tabasco ’50 died January 19, 2001. He practiced family medicine in Gladwyne, PA and held a staff appointment at Misericordia Hospital, Philadelphia, PA. He is survived by his wife Lena, a son and a daughter.

Samuel L. Stillings ’51 died December 18, 2000. He practiced family medicine and occupational medicine in Mannington, WV. He also served as Medical Director, Philip Lighting Co., Fairmont, WV. He is survived by his wife Linda and six children.

William H. Siemysz Jr. ’56 died December 11, 2000. He initially practiced psychiatry and child Psychiatry in Chestnut Hill, PA, and was on staff at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA. He later relocated his practice to Santa Fe, NM. He is survived by his wife Maria and two daughters.

Gerry T. Cousounis ’57 died January 18, 2001. He practiced family medicine in Roxborough, PA. He held a staff appointment at Roxborough Memorial Hospital, Roxborough, PA where he served a two-year term as President of the Medical Staff. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

Harold J. Hassel ’57 died April 23, 2001. He was an anesthesiologist at Forum Health, Youngstown, OH. His only immediate survivor is a sister.

Archbold M. Jones Jr. ’59 died January 19, 2001. He practiced pediatrics in Marietta, OH and later in Seminole, FL. He is survived by his wife Marie, a son and two daughters.

Martin Feldman ’62 died September 30, 2000. He practiced internal medicine in Malibu, CA. He served as a gastroenterologist at Santa Monica and St. John Hospitals, Santa Monica, CA. He is survived by his wife Deby, two sons and two daughters.

George H. Hughes ’67 died March 22, 2001. He practiced family medicine in Eugene, OR. He served as Chief of the Family Practice Division of Sacred Heart Hospital, Eugene, OR and volunteered at the Student Health Clinic, University of Oregon. He is survived by his wife Nancy, two daughters and a son.

John J. Karlavaze ’74 died January 26, 2001. He initially practiced family medicine in Mahanoy City, PA. He held a staff appointment at Ashland State General Hospital, Girardville, PA. He also practiced in Watsontown, PA and was Director of the Good Samaritan Medical Center, Scranton, PA. He is survived by his wife Judy and three daughters.

Donald J. Armstrong ’77 died April 23, 2001. He was the Director of Emergency Medical Services at Paoli Memorial Hospital, Paoli, PA. He is survived by his wife Marina, two sons and a daughter.

Robert P. Gleich ’79 died January 14, 2001. He was Medical Director of the Orovile Hospital Emergency Services, Orovile, CA. He is survived by his wife Renda, two daughters and two sons.

Charles L. Range IM ’60 died December 26, 2000. He had a family medicine practice in Chicago, IL. He was on the faculty of medicine at Rush Medical College, Chicago, IL and Co-Director of the Rush-Christ Family Medicine Residency Program at Christ Hospital and Medical Center, Oak Lawn, IL. He is survived by his wife Mary Joan, and a daughter.

Gustave G. Amsterdam, Life Trustee, Thomas Jefferson University and Philadelphia industrialist and philanthropist, died February 12, 2001. First elected to Jefferson’s Board of Trustees in 1962, his long years of dedicated service to Jefferson included a term as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. He is survived by his wife Valla and a son.

A Message from University President Paul C. Brucker MD

Joan and I were deeply saddened to learn of the death of our dear friend, Gustave G. “Gus” Amsterdam, Esq. who was an honorary alumnus of Jefferson Medical College, and Life Trustee and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Jefferson. During his 92 years, Gus enjoyed a distinguished career of corporate leadership, outreach and community service. He was a visionary who was, to quote The Philadelphia Inquirer, “a legend of civic-mindedness.”

Among the numerous charitable and educational institutions that he tirelessly supported, Jefferson held a very special place in his heart. In the words of his wife, Valla, “Gus loved Jefferson.” Ever since his election as a Trustee in 1962, he was instrumental in securing our leadership position in the region and advancing our mission. In 1983, we recognized his extraordinary leadership by bestowing upon him The Cornerstone Award, the most prestigious and highest honor of The President’s Club.

Having benefited from his 38 years of dedicated service to Jefferson, I can attest that Gus will be long remembered and missed greatly for his unique spirit and unwavering support. All of us here extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, especially his wife and their son, Anthony, and four grandchildren.

Gifts may be directed to Jefferson Medical College in memory of Gustave Amsterdam, c/o The Jefferson Medical College Alumni Association, Jefferson Alumni Hall, 1020 Locust Street, Suite M-41, Philadelphia, PA 19107-6799.

Valla and Gus Amsterdam
The emergency department of Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY announced the naming of its new conference room that serves as the focal point in teaching medical students, residents, and physicians in honor of **Morris Shapiro** as the “Morris J. Shapiro M.D. Conference Room.” Dr. Shapiro is an Emeritus Professor of Surgery and Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Rochester. He was recently honored by the Jewish community of Rochester which endowed an operating room at the Schneider Children’s Hospital in Israel and named it the “Morris J. Shapiro M.D. Operating Theatre.” He has also received the highest awards of the Monroe County Medical Society and the Rochester Academy of Medicine: the Edward Matt More Award and the Albert David Kaiser Medal.

**Arthur Vaughn Jr.** of Ocean City, NJ was inducted into the United States Figure Skating Hall of Fame at the 2001 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships this January in Boston. A native of Philadelphia, Arthur had a very successful skating career, including winning the 1938 U.S. novice title and the 1939 U.S. junior title. He later added a senior title at the 1943 U.S. Championships. He and his sister, Jane Vaughn Sullivan, hold the distinction of being the only brother and sister to hold U.S. senior titles. Following his successful career on the ice, Vaughn continued to contribute by serving as a national judge from 1943 to 1960.

**Jerome Lebovitz** has returned to practice three mornings a week with a group of cardiologists. He now plays clarinet in a voluntary band in nursing homes in Pittsburgh once a week and still has ample time for golf.

**Jay Nadel** of San Francisco is still working full time at UCSF. His research in pulmonology is well funded. His lab has discovered the cascade leading to mucous hypersecretion and has developed strategies for therapy for hypersecretion, which up to now has been untreatable.

As the first physician board certified in both pediatrics and ophthalmology, Apt helped create the medical subspecialty of pediatric ophthalmology. At UCLA, he established the first full time division in pediatric ophthalmology at a medical school in the United States. During his nearly 40 years of practice, Apt has provided eye care for thousands of children in West Los Angeles, neighboring communities, and around the world.

A world renowned clinician, researcher, and author, Apt has made many original contributions in pediatrics and pediatric ophthalmology. These include development of the widely used “Apt test,” which differentiates fetal from adult hemoglobin as the source of bleeding in newborns; the identification of allergy to catgut and collagen in surgical sutures; and the introduction of new instruments and procedures in eye muscle surgery.

The academy also recognized Apt’s work in codeveloping an inexpensive eyedrop antiseptic that has dramatically reduced the incidence of eye infections and blindness in children in developing countries.
All these past or present members of the staff at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston are Jeffersonians: Gerald Dodd '47 accepted the post of Chair of Diagnostic Radiology at M. D. Anderson in 1966 and took with him Sidney Wallace R'63 and J. Barnett Finkelstein R'65. Over the years, they were joined by Arnold Goldman '60, Hector Medellin R'66, Marvin Lindell '49, Herman Libshitz R'70, Irwin Freundlich R'64, and Jack Edeiken MD, who was Chair of Radiology at Jefferson until he retired in 1985 and joined the M. D. Anderson contingent.

'59
Charles McDowell of Richmond, VA is now in a full time academic orthopaedic surgery practice plus research in cartilage and tendon biology.

'61
Jay Barnhart Jr. of Rockledge, FL is now retired after 16 years of working as a consultant for Miami Vice.

'62
John Capelli of Haddonfield, NJ is Vice President of Medical Affairs for Lourdes Health System and Director of Renal and Transplant Services at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center.

'63
Harry Carrozza of Tucson is enjoying teaching medical students and residents at the University of Arizona, Department of Ophthalmology.

'67
Allan Arbeter of Merion, PA is now Chairman, Department of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine at Albert Einstein Medical Center.

'70
James Gerson of Los Angeles is currently the Regional Medical Director of Southern California for Healthnet, Incorporated.

Jack McCloskey of Ventnor, NJ is the treasurer of the New Jersey Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Directors. He is also the Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery at Shore Memorial Hospital.

Skip Vignati of Indianapolis, Medical Director of Endocrine Research at Lilly, has been named a Lilly clinical research fellow. "During his 10-year career at Lilly, Skip Vignati has consistently focused on results. His knowledge and insights will be highly valuable to the PKC inhibitor product team," said Gus Watanabe MD, Executive Vice President of Science and Technology at Lilly.

'71
George Denniss III is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at UC San Diego and a senior attending cardiologist at Scripps Memorial Hospital, La Jolla.

Henry Feder Jr. is still at the University of Connecticut where he has been Professor of Pediatrics and Family Medicine since 1988.

Stephen Frost is Senior Vice President at Maine General Medical Center in charge of medical administration.

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

'72
James Hay of Del Mar, CA is President of the San Diego County Medical Society and remains on the Board of Trustees of the California Medical Association.

'74
Joseph Berger of Lexington, KY continues to recruit faculty to the Department of Neurology at the University of Kentucky. He gave the Allison Lecture for the Irish Neurological Society in Belfast this past year.

'75
Ellis Levin of Manhattan Beach, CA, Professor and Vice Chair for Research at UC Irvine, was elected a member of the Association of American Physicians. Election into this prestigious society is based primarily on research accomplishments. Dr. Levin, an endocrinologist, is the only current member from UC Irvine.

'76
Ted Parris is an interventional cardiologist at Hahnemann and Temple Hospitals and a partner in Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia, a single specialty group that now numbers 61 cardiologists.

'77
Tim Loftus has been selected as a Brigadier General in the United States Air Force. He is currently serving as Surgeon General of the U. S. Air Force in Europe, at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.
Paul Weber of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA recently was named to the Board of Trustees of Long Beach Memorial Medical Center.

Irwin Wolfert of Blue Bell, PA has been appointed Medical Director of the Physician Assistant Studies Program at Arcadia University (formerly known as Beaver College).

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'Ira Smith' of Cherry Hill, NJ was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Medical Staff at Virtua-Memorial Hospital of Burlington County.

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Dan Diehl of Willow Street, PA is still in a solo family practice near Lancaster. He and wife Jan have 10 children.

1982

Marie Bush of Lafayette, CO is practicing as an urgent care physician at the Longmont Clinic in Longmont.

1983

Aaron Bleznak of State College, PA has been Chief of Staff at Centre Community Hospital since 1998. He is also Secretary of the Central Pennsylvania College of Surgeons.

1984

Charlie Devlin of Columbia, SC has been named Chief of Staff for 2001 at Providence Hospital.

Paul Kiproff has been appointed Chair of the Department of Diagnostic Radiology at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

1985

Ruth Smith of New York City is now the Director of Personnel Health Services for the new Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers consisting of eight hospitals, four nursing homes, and 15,000 healthcare workers.

1986

Gordon "Chip" Phillips III and his wife Laurie now have five children. The two youngest were born in the mission hospital where he is a surgeon and the administrator. After serving as missionaries in Amazonas, Brazil with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism for four and one-half years, the family returned to the U.S. in May but plans to return to Brazil next year.

Rebecca Zuurbier of McLean, VA is an Associate Professor of Radiology and Director of the Betty Lou Ourisman Breast Center at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, DC. She is also the Director of the Radiology Residency Program and mother of two girls.

1987

Jonathan Fong has relocated to Leesburg, FL and joined the Leesburg-Ocala Heart Institute.

Herbert Kleber '60 (seen above in his office) writes, "After eight years of splitting my time between the Division of Substance Abuse that I helped to found in 1992 at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse which is located nearby, I have decided to spend all my time at Columbia. Our research into new treatments for heroin, cocaine, and marijuana abuse, is going very well."

David Seres of New York City has been in practice in nutrition support consulting and internal medicine for 11 years and was recently appointed Chair for Physician Certification of the NBNSC, an independent arm of the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition.

1988


Crawford Mechem of Radnor, PA is an Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and EMS Medical Director of the Philadelphia Fire Department.

William Warning II of West Chester, PA was recently appointed Program Director of the Crozer-Keystone Family Practice Residency Program. He remains the Medical Director of the Crozer-Keystone Center for Family Health located in Springfield.

1989

Franny Dalton of Piedmont, CA recently returned home from a three-month trek through 11 countries in Europe where she home-schooled her two children. She is happy to be back at her general medical practice in Oakland.

Jeffrey Heckert of Lewes, DE was elected President of the Medical Staff at Beebe Medical Center in Lewes. He currently practices family medicine and is a partner in a multispecialty group practice.

Jeffrey Kent of Evanston, IL recently completed a gastroenterology fellowship and several years as Clinical Gastroenterologist at Rush-Presbyterian-St Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. He is now an Associate Medical Director, COX-2 Development, Pharmacia Corporation.

Kurt Kodroff is now Chief of General Medicine and Ambulatory Care of Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center in New York.

John Marks of Villanova, PA was named President of the Northeastern Society of
Enjoying the alumni trip to Copper Canyon, Mexico in March: Joe Sokolowski ’62, Ed Jaeger OPH’64, Bill Harrer ’62, Lou Keeler U’67, Fr. Juan Ricardo Herrera S.J. of the Tarahumara Children’s Hospital, and Courtney Malcarney ’62.

Raj Sinha and his wife Kavita are both physicians in Pittsburgh. Raj is a member of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh.

Joan Cohen of Encino, CA is a partner in the Southern California Permanente Medical Group practicing cardiology.

Maria Sophocles, husband Alex Martin, and sons Alex and Thomas welcomed the birth of Christian. “Working full-time in ob-gyn and raising kids as well as renovating our 100-year-old house has made for a busy year. Looking for a little more job-family balance.”

Patricia Graham of Lawrenceville, NJ has been appointed by the President of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation as liaison to the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

Helen Sava is now out of the army and living in Yorktown, VA. She is working as a civilian family physician at McDonald Army Hospital.

Donna Talluto and husband Michael Mihelich are living in Raleigh, NC. Donna is practicing ophthalmology and specializing in glaucoma.

Terry Bell of Egg Harbor City, NJ has opened a psychiatric private practice in Northfield, after completing her navy obligation at

Jefferson founded JeffHOPE in 1991 to provide dignified, accessible, and quality healthcare to the city’s homeless and underserved populations. The students are given an opportunity to serve the community while learning medical skills and working as members of interdisciplinary teams. JeffHOPE has established clinics at five homeless shelters in the city.

Minetta Liu of Arlington, VA has completed her fellowship in hematology/oncology at Georgetown University Hospital and will remain there on the faculty as a clinical scientist and breast cancer specialist.

Susan MacMillan is an obstetrician/gynecologist at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Sacramento. Husband John Jr. works as an Assistant Professor in Internal Medicine at UC Davis Medical Center.

Carol Smith PhD finished a fellowship in cornea/refractive surgery at Washington University in St. Louis. She is now in a private ophthalmology practice in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Anju Bhushan has opened a comprehensive medical practice in Sewanee, GA. The practice will treat conditions such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, asthma, allergies, and obesity.

Chris Lehman is completing his UCSF residency and plans a sports and shoulder fellowship in Richmond, VA.

Captain Shelly Purvis of Richmond Hill, GA will be serving with the United States Army on Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo from May through December as an emergency physician. If you would like to wish her well while she is away, she can be reached at: purv68@yahoo.com.
"A Middle Eastern Gone with the Wind"

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 Cardeza 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 connection):

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Karin Thomas of San Diego was a flight surgeon, flying in F-18s, for three years. She decided she needed a change of pace and went back for ophthalmology training.

Jason Wilmuth has accepted a position in private practice otolaryngology in Abington, PA.

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Michael Beck of Hummelstown, PA is finishing the fourth year of his medicine/pediatric residency at Hershey Medical Center and will be Chief Pediatric Resident for the coming year.

Andrew Holmes and wife Alison are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Elizabeth "Lily." Andy is starting his Chief Resident year at Duke University in orthopaedics. Following this, he will do an adult reconstruction fellowship at the Anderson Clinic in Washington, DC.

Mira Kautzky has completed her internal medicine residency at Boston Medical Center and has moved back to Center City Philadelphia where she is now an assistant director of the residents' continuity clinic and hospitalist for the ward medicine service.

Stephen Laird of Lebanon, NH is finishing his residency in internal medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and after a year off will start a fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Tracy MacEachern, after completing his emergency medicine residency in Tucson at the University of Arizona, has accepted a position with a private group of physicians providing emergency medicine services in Colorado Springs. He and his family are enjoying the outdoors of Colorado.

Amanda Smith is a fellow in geriatric psychiatry at the University of South Florida.

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Zachary Phelps has completed his emergency room residency and will begin work as an attending at the Medical Center of Ocean County in Brick and Point Pleasant, NJ.

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Karin Leschly of Providence, RI delivered Jayme Lynn and Kayla Lee on July 12, 2000.

Adam Silverblatt is enjoying his first year of an internal medicine residency at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. He "occasionally craves a soft pretzel or a cheese steak" but loves Portland.

Postgraduate Alumni

Emin Kansu HEM'78 of Ankara, Turkey is Chairman, Department of Basic Oncology, and Director, Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplantation Unit at Hacettepe University, Ankara; Secretary-General, International Society of Hematology. Euro-African Division; and editorial board member, Hematology Journal.

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Physician, businessman, and humanitarian Donald Parks '78 was recently appointed to the Temple University Hospital Board of Governors.

Parks is the owner of Parkstone Medical Associates on North Broad Street—a community based practice serving the overall health needs of the community. Parks is also Associate Professor of Community Medicine at Temple University School of Medicine; medical director of the Temple Health Connection (Temple's nurse-managed, community health clinic); and associate medical director of Temple Physicians, Incorporated (Temple's network of community based physician practices).

"Dr. Parks will bring a high level of energy and excitement to the Board of Governors," says "Chip" Marshall, Chairman. "His commitment to the community and to Temple make him a perfect addition to the board."

"Dr. Parks gives genuine meaning to the term 'concerned individual' for the North Philadelphia community," says Leon Malmud MD, CEO of the Temple University Health System. "His commitment to helping improve our community's health and welfare is extraordinary."

Parks has served on Temple Medicine's Admission Committee since 1994 and is one of the most active referring physicians to Temple University Hospital. Since 1983, he has worked with Temple medical students in his North Philadelphia practice to introduce them to clinical medicine.

Parks received the NAACP Exemplar Award in 1992 and was named Practitioner of the Year in 1997 by the Philadelphia County Medical Society. Since 1992, Parks has served as a Trustee of Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta.
Jefferson Medical College turns its Alumni Spotlight on Richard W. Hill '53 whose professional achievements have brought honor and prestige to Jefferson. Following internship at Lancaster General Hospital in his Pennsylvania hometown, he spent the years 1954 to 1958 in the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. During his residency he spent a year in the gastroenterology research laboratory. He gradually found himself attracted to hematology and this field of medicine ultimately became his life's work. Richard Hill recalls that Jefferson Medical College played a major role in shaping his own understanding of medical ethics, citing Drs. John Hodges and Kenneth Goodner in particular. He also recalls that during his clinical years at Jefferson several mentors helped him appreciate that the patient should come first, a dictum, he sadly observes, that is not always followed at some academic medical centers.

Following completion of his medical residency, he was appointed to the staff of the Mayo Clinic in hematology. He spent 1959 in the hematology research laboratory at the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY. He then rejoined the Mayo Clinic staff in internal medicine and hematology and became board certified in internal medicine in 1962. His practice during these years primarily was as a clinician in internal medicine and hematology, but he did find time to publish 20 papers on hematologic topics. He rose to the faculty rank of Associate Professor and, in 1972, was appointed Chairman, Division of Hematology, thus adding a layer of divisional and Mayo Clinic committee responsibilities to his clinical workload. Dr. Hill admits he enjoyed the chairmanship primarily because it gave him the opportunity to advise and help residents and young faculty members achieve their goals, whether these goals be in education, research, or clinical practice.

Richard Hill is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a member of the American Society of Hematology and the American Federation for Clinical Research. In addition, he serves as Chairman, Board of Directors of the Professional Services Quality Council of Minnesota. He was asked to join the Board of Governors of the Mayo Clinic in 1974 and served as Chairman of the Personnel Committee and as Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors. He also served as Vice Chair of the Mayo Foundation Board of Trustees. This was a very busy period for Dr. Hill because he also conducted a clinical practice at the same time, although a practice with a somewhat diminished volume of patients because of his administrative duties.

As the decade of the 1980s approached, the Mayo Clinic began to investigate the possibility of expanding the parent Mayo Clinic to include satellite Mayo Clinics in other parts of the country. This proved to be a very complex issue because of varying state regulations and because of the possibility that Medicare might change its regulations to limit the access of patients to care in their nearby communities. After a great deal of thought, discussion, and deliberation, the Mayo Clinic decided in 1983 to establish satellite Mayo Clinics in Jacksonville, FL and in Scottsdale, AZ. In 1984, Dr. Hill was asked to accept the challenging responsibility of developing the Scottsdale, AZ Mayo Clinic.

Dr. Hill describes these new challenges as difficult but fascinating ones. With the full backing of the parent Mayo Clinic, and with the help of excellent engineering, architectural, and administrative support, the Scottsdale Mayo Clinic opened in 1987. Dr. Hill admits that the responsibility of interfacing with the physicians of Phoenix and Scottsdale, AZ and with the Scottsdale Memorial Hospital was complex and daunting, but also was gratifying in the long run. Over time, thanks to Dr. Hill's efforts, things came together nicely and the new Scottsdale Mayo Clinic developed along the same lines of operation that have been so successful in Rochester, MN.

Dr. Hill also recruited the 44 physicians who service the Scottsdale Clinic, most of whom were Mayo Clinic trained. He topped off his remarkable achievement by becoming President and Chair of the new Board of Governors.

Richard Hill retired from his Scottsdale Mayo Clinic responsibilities in 1992 but he and his wife, Barbara, remain in Scottsdale where both are active in local community affairs. Dr. Hill remarks that he frequently thinks of the patient care ethic he learned at Jefferson which meshes so closely with the Mayo Clinic philosophy. At Mayo, he recalls, "We often thought of the tricycle: the big front wheel of patient care followed by the two smaller wheels of education and research. All three wheels must remain intact and dependent on one another." Dr. Hill's career clearly epitomizes both the Jefferson and Mayo Clinic philosophies.

Howard Spector NM’82 was appointed Director, Department of Radiology, Geisinger-Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Donna Piscera AN’85 of Marlton, NJ is the Medical Director of Summit Surgical Center in Voorhees.

Michael Giudici CD’88 of Davenport, IA is the Director of Electrophysiology at Genesis Medical Center in Davenport. He received the National Arbor Day Foundation Award for reforesting the city with 6,300 new street trees.

Kelley Crozier PM’89 of Philadelphia is serving as Vice Chair of Rehabilitation Medicine at Jefferson. She recently had a second child.

Mary Yankaskas OBG’90 and Jay Rizzo of Fort Myers, FL announce the birth of their son Thomas on June 22, 2000. He joins sisters Katie and Jennifer.

Judith Lightsey RO’90 has moved to Tavares, FL where she is employed at the Inter Community Cancer Center.

Paula Zollner PD’91 of Lawrenceville, NJ has opened a solo practice in general pediatrics in Pennington.

Freyda Neyman PD’94 of Philadelphia has joined a practice operated by Einstein Neighborhood Healthcare. She is a Regional Education Coordinator for the Immunization Education Program and the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Program of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Kris Kaubback GS’00 of Philadelphia recently completed a residency in general surgery at Jeff where he served as administrative chief resident. He also completed a fellowship in surgical critical care at Jefferson Hospital.
Leonard Vinnick has practiced internal medicine in Connecticut since 1968, specializing in diabetes and endocrinology. He has served as the Connecticut representative on the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association for many years. He is delighted that his daughter, Deborah V. Tesler ’89, a pediatrician, chose to continue the Jefferson tradition.

Sometimes, affluent patients want to thank Dr. Vinnick for his care and concern. On such occasions, he discusses the recent advances in medicine and the need for funds to support such progress. Recently, two of his patients expressed their gratitude by facilitating support for medical research at Jefferson.

One of these patients was an attorney whose client wanted to support heart disease research. After learning from Dr. Vinnick the progress of such research at Jefferson, the attorney then discussed this with his client, who chose Jefferson as beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust.

“This philanthropy illustrates a great appreciation for what we as healers do, and I cherish the confidence that my patients have in the future of medical care,” Dr. Vinnick says.

If physicians want to discover whether their patients may have similar interest in giving, Dr. Vinnick believes one way is to share the benefits of medical advances occurring at Jefferson, and how Jefferson is preparing new generations of gifted physicians. He also suggests ascertaining whether the patient is a benefactor of the local hospital or medical community, noting that if patients already are philanthropically inclined, they might welcome the opportunity to support excellence in research and medical advances at Jefferson. He shares the booklet Jefferson Trusts and Estates — Investing in the Future with those patients who want to learn how, depending on their circumstances, such a gift may provide significant financial benefits. If you would like copies for yourself or to share:

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