Mark Your Calendar

April 4, Friday
Thomas Jefferson University Choir and Orchestra annual spring concert, First Baptist Church, 17th and Sansom Streets, Philadelphia, at 8:00 P.M. Featuring Mozart's "Missa longa in C." For further information, contact 215-790-5195

April 4, Friday
Alumni reception at the American College of Physicians, San Diego

April 24, Thursday
Alumni Association Annual Business Meeting, 6:00 PM, Jefferson Alumni Hall

April 27, Sunday
Alumni reception at the American Urological Association, Chicago

April 28, Monday
Alumni reception at the American College of Ob/Gyn, New Orleans

May 2, Friday
Alumni regional reception, Pittsburgh

May 2, Friday
Heart Lung Symposium (CME credits), at Jefferson Medical College, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the heart-lung machine

May 20 Tuesday
Alumni reception at the American Psychiatric Association, San Francisco

June 5, Thursday
Graduation reception for seniors

June 6, Friday
JMC graduation, Class of 2003

June 14, Saturday
Alumni reception at the AMA meeting, Chicago

October 24, Friday
Jefferson President's Club Annual Dinner, The Crystal Tea Room, Wanamaker Building, Philadelphia

Listening In: Lectures on Campus

March 27, Thursday, 4:00 PM, Bluemle Life Science Building, 10th and Locust Streets: William Potter Lecture: Lee E. Limbird PhD, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Professor of Pharmacology, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, Nashville will speak on "The Role of Efficacy and Localization in G-protein Coupled Receptor Signaling."

April 4, Friday, 9:00 AM, Connelly Conference Hall, Room 101 Bluemle Life Sciences Building, 10th and Locust Streets: Paul C. Brucker MD Lecture in Healthcare: Troyen A. Brennan MD JD MPH, Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Professor of Law and Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health and President of the Brigham and Women's Physicians Organization will speak on "Safety, Quality, and Litigation: Understanding the Malpractice Crisis."

April 23, Wednesday, 10:30 AM, DePalma Auditorium, 1025 Walnut Street, Thompson Building: Albert M. Biele Lecture: Herbert Kleber '60, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and Director, Division on Substance Abuse, New York State Psychiatric Institute will speak on "Current and Promising Pharmacotherapies for Substance Abuse."

May 8, Thursday, 8:00 AM, DePalma Auditorium, 1025 Walnut Street, Thompson Building: Raymond C. Grandon Lecture: Kenneth I. Shine MD, Director of the RAND Center for Domestic and International Health Security, former President of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, Professor Emeritus, UCLA School of Medicine, Past Dean and Provost for Medical Sciences, UCLA will speak on "Crossing the Quality Chasm."

May 9, Friday, 4:00 PM, Connelly Conference Room, Bluemle Building, 10th and Locust Streets: Luscombe Lecture: Jeffrey Bernhard MD, Professor of Medicine, Chief, Division of Dermatology, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester will speak on "Itch."

May 16, Friday, 5:00 PM, De Palma Auditorium, 1025 Walnut Street, Thompson Building: Clerf Lecture: William H. Baltzell '46, Emeritus Professor, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Thomas Jefferson University.

May 20, Tuesday, 5:00 PM, Solis-Cohen Auditorium, Jefferson Alumni Hall, 1020 Locust Street: Philip J. Hodes Lecture: Harvey L. Neiman, MD, Executive Director, American College of Radiology, Reston, VA will speak on "Molecular Medicine: A New Imaging Paradigm."

Remember the New Date for Alumni Weekend:
October 9, 10, 11, 2003, Thurs.–Sat.
October 2004: Alumni Weekend '04
October 2005: Alumni Weekend '05
This issue of the Bulletin celebrates Jefferson surgeons past and present. On the front cover is Assistant Professor of Surgery Pauline Park '82, teaching a procedure to Keith Kuenzler '97, a resident in general surgery (see more about Dr. Park on page 18). On the back cover is one of the crucial experiments leading to the heart-lung machine, which was developed at Jefferson 50 years ago, under the direction of John H. Gibbon Jr. '27, and revolutionized surgery worldwide (see articles on pages 7 and 8). Page 9 of this issue recalls Jefferson’s early innovators, while page 16 notes the passing of a beloved plastic surgeon. Page 12 of this issue features important new surgical approaches pioneered recently at Jefferson, and page 10 introduces new faculty.

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Heart-Lung Symposium
Friday, May 2, 2003
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CME Program—See Enclosed Brochure

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had the opportunity to testify before the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee of the United States House of Representatives recently. The Honorable James Greenwood of Pennsylvania presided over this important hearing. I hope you will find my testimony instructive as you struggle personally with the vexing issues that our government is struggling with as they attempt to intervene. In this presentation, I speak purely from the medical school perspective on this issue.

Chairman Greenwood, Members of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, of the United States House of Representatives: Thank you for the opportunity to address you on the important issue at hand.

I will not present views concerning the causes of the medical liability insurance crisis in this and a number of other states. You have many experts providing testimony clarifying prevailing, often conflicting views on this very difficult issue.

Rather, I would like to present to you the impact, both currently measurable, and anecdotally not yet measurable (but felt "on the ground") in at least one major medical school and academic medical center which has served the citizens of this country for nearly 200 years. To do so, I will take the liberty of briefly explaining the missions of the academic medical center, the basics of its funding streams, and the impact of rapid escalation of costs, in this case medical liability insurance costs, on these core missions.

**Missions of Medical Schools and Academic Medical Centers**

The missions of the 125 allopathic medical schools and their related academic medical centers are public goods. These missions are carried out in an environment with significant governmental and accrediting agency oversight. They are threefold:

1. The Mission of Education: education of the next generation of caregivers, including physicians and nurses.
2. The Mission of Discovery and Scholarship: the search for basic and clinically relevant discoveries which lead to prevention of disease, enhancement of survival, or amelioration of suffering of persons. This mission also includes the dissemination of this information to all practitioners to enhance care across the nation and the world.
3. The Mission of Clinical Care: the provision of state-of-the-art care, often research based, which will lead to the patient centered care of the individual, provide the opportunity for education of the next generation of caregivers, and the development and dissemination of knowledge beyond the individual patient.

These institutions are not only hospitals. They are not only the germinal center for the miracle cures and clinical innovations which have enhanced the life span and quality of life of all Americans. They are also educational gems, the desired destination of potential physicians and researchers across the world.

**Funding Streams to Support the Missions**

**1. Funding the Educational Mission**

Medical student education is partially supported through tuition dollars of medical students. Educational efforts of the faculty in the pre-clinical years for medical students are supported largely through these dollars.

In the clinical setting and in the conference room, trainees are supervised in the care of patients. This model of progressive responsibility under direct faculty supervision ultimately yields (after 4 years of medical school, and up to 10 years of graduate medical education) a practitioner who is competent to practice medicine independent of direct supervision. There are limited dollars from tuition to support medical student education. (Tuition supports less than 40% of the total costs of provision of medical student education at Jefferson Medical College). The majority of clinical education is supported through willingness of the physician to perform this important task without institutional compensation. This is done at a cost of time of the physician faculty.

Thus, medical student education in the clinical phase is provided through the volunteer efforts of clinicians who are faculty members of the school, whether they are "full time" or "volunteer" clinical faculty. In essence, the time spent teaching is being subsidized by the clinical income of the physicians' practice.

Medicare (and in some states Medicaid) recognizes faculty expenses incurred in the education of residents and fellows, but this is not the case for most other insurance providers. Thus, teaching efforts by the faculty on behalf of residents and fellows in the clinical setting are partially supported by Medicare Direct Graduate Medical Education (DGME) funding. These dollars come to the faculty from the hospital, in Jefferson's case, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

**2. Funding the Research Mission**

In general terms, direct research awards pay for the actual costs of conducting research. Indirect cost recovery is provided by federal sponsors and some other sponsors to support the institutional infrastructure costs incurred in creation of the research environment. Since all direct and indirect costs of the research enterprise are not reimbursed, shortfalls must be provided by the institution.

Of important note in these discussions is the unique role of the "Translational Scientist-Clinician." These are the specialized physician scientists who search for cures for illness found in his or her patients. These physician-scientists are the translators of discoveries made in the laboratory into relevant clinical treatments, procedures, or cures. They are usually highly subspecialized clinicians who care for a group of patients with a particular disease, while also conducting laboratory-based research. Thus, they practice medicine "part-time," usually 15-50% of their effort. Their research time is usually funded through National Institutes of Health awards, or other sources of research funding. Their clinical time must be supported through their clinical practice. Since their practice is part time, high fixed costs, such as medical liability insurance premiums, make the economic dimensions of clinical practice increasingly difficult, or impossible.

Shortfalls in research faculty, facility and other related costs are born
by the institution. Sources of funding for these shortfalls are:
a. Institutional endowments
b. Philanthropy
c. Surplus clinical revenue from the practice plan (the “dean’s tax”)

3. Funding the Clinical Mission
Clinical care is supported through the clinical revenue generated in the care of patients. Institutional support is provided during startup of new faculty, but the clinical enterprise is expected to be largely self-supporting. Academic physicians and their institutions care for all patients who come to their doors, regardless of their ability to pay. Furthermore, patients with severe or unusual illnesses seek out experts at academic medical centers. These patients require more time, more effort, and oversight. Reimbursement for these services is not routinely recognized by third party payers, and is often systematically inadequate to cover the costs of provision of care. Academic physicians have traditionally accepted lower salaries in order to participate in the tripartite mission of the medical school and academic medical center. Indeed, medical schools have utilized this altruistic dimension of the academic physician to subsidize the education of medical students, residents, and clinical fellows over the past 100 years, in the post-Flexnerian era of medical education.

The Impact of the Current Crisis on Jefferson Medical College

The tenuous balance between clinical service, education, and the funding of research at Jefferson is in jeopardy of disruption due to the recent, unprecedented increases in cost for medical liability insurance, seen in the graph below.

Figure 1. Total Medical Liability Insurance Premiums, Jefferson University Physicians

The result of these increases in medical liability insurance costs at Jefferson has been threefold:
1. The clinical faculty are providing more clinical services, and spending more time seeing patients.
2. The clinical faculty are seeing compensation decrease in constant dollars, and in many instances decrease in total dollars. This is despite the fact that salaries at Jefferson are, in general, lower than competitive salary scales at our regional competitors, and when viewed in comparison to other Northeastern University Medical Schools (AAMC Salary Survey).
3. The time for teaching, conducting clinical research, and for each patient encounter is decreasing.

The net result of such phenomena is predictable. Faculty morale is suffering, and individual faculty members are questioning the utility of spending as much time in direct clinical practice as the physicians in private practice, with less and less time able to be dedicated to research and education. These phenomena are not confined to Jefferson. In a soon to be published study conducted by the Group on Practice Affairs of the Association of American Medical Colleges, faculty morale brought about by these and related phenomena is dropping significantly (Lynne Davis Boyle, AAMC, unpublished data).

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The impact of such dramatic increases, in excess of 100%, are significant on the financial health of the organization. With approximately $145,000,000 in total revenue and expenses in the practice plan (Jefferson University Physicians), malpractice costs in the current fiscal year account for 12.8% of all expenses. Furthermore, the increase in medical liability insurance costs has not abated since it doubled in 2001-02. The continued annual increase in premiums has forced increases in clinical service provision to merely “keep pace” with the unprecedented costs of insurance. Further, it should be noted that Jefferson University Physicians has had a lower claims history over the past 15 years than expected (by specialty) according to actuarial analysis. It is also important to understand that these figures do not include medical liability insurance costs for the University Hospital (TJUH), where resident physician liability costs are borne. They are merely the cost of insuring the 469 full time clinicians of the faculty.

It is instructive to review specialty specific data. Below in Table 1 is listed the per physician medical liability insurance annual premiums for Jefferson physicians for 1997-98 to the present. As can be seen in this data, the striking increase has not only been seen in specialized surgical disciplines such as Obstetrics and Gynecology, but also in the primary care discipline of General Internal Medicine. The impact on actual salaries of physicians in these disciplines is predictable, and is seen in Table 2.

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Table 2. Median Specialty Specific Compensation, Jefferson University Physicians

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The impact on faculty, if continued, is clear. Dissatisfaction with the academic practice of medicine will lead to loss of faculty from medical schools, and the inability to recruit the best and brightest young faculty to fill their shoes. Deterioration of the educational and translational research efforts will have long-term disastrous effects on the public. As the country is looking to the academic medical community to solve problems such as cancer and heart disease, while providing protection from bio-terrorism and emerging diseases, the academic medical community will be disintegrating.

Much has been written concerning the fragility of the American health care system. After over a decade of absent capital reimbursement, “cost minus” adjustments in hospital reimbursement, managed care “discounting” of physician reimbursement, recent reductions in Medicare reimbursement for physician services, and dramatic escalations of medical liability insurance premiums for hospitals and doctors, the health care system is in a precarious state. An important subset of this health care system is the Medical School-Academic Medical Center. The 125 medical school based delivery systems in the U.S. are a national resource. They clearly are jeopardized, and the message is reaching those who are choosing medicine as a career. In addition to those students who have chosen not to pursue medicine (applications are down from a high of >45,000 in 1996 to <32,000 in 2002, according to the AMCAS; AAMC), the attitudes of graduating students and residents are instructive. Attached in the Appendix to my Congressional testimony were two documents obtained from the Association of American Medical Colleges. The first is a comparison of the results of the graduation questionnaire administered to all medical students (>95% response rate). In analysis of this question, responses of students indicating an intent to ultimately practice in Pennsylvania, with 92.1% of students agreeing or strongly agreeing (with 60.0% strongly agreeing) with this statement, in comparison to a stable 84.6% (40.1% strongly agreeing) in students interested in practicing in other states. Finally, a trend may be developing. There were only 445 students indicating an intention to practice in Pennsylvania. This is a reduction of 80, or 15% over the prior year.

Medical students are years away from choosing a practice site. Residents and fellows make that choice at the end of their training. GME Track (AAMC) is a survey intended to follow these and other trends. Results from the recent GME Track survey (see facing page) provide more information which, if it is a trend, would raise significant concerns for the future flow of young physicians to Pennsylvania.

As can be seen from this early data, the Pennsylvania practice environment is viewed negatively by young physicians entering residencies (graduation questionnaire) and leaving residency and entering private practice (GME Track data).

These data, coupled with the emerging national data on faculty morale, and the local information I have provided to you raise issues which must be addressed. The emerging realization that medical schools and academic medical centers are nearing their limit of survivability of the external economic factors that are buffeting all of health care, should be of concern to everyone.

The physician who educates the next generation of physicians is performing a societal good greater than the actual provision of patient care. She is making it possible for thousands of other patients to receive health care from those she is training. The physician-scientist who creates a new treatment not only treats the patient on whom the treatment is proven efficacious, he gives that treatment to others, to treat others.

Two anecdotes may help underscore these points.

1. I was approached by a young physician who completed his training at

Table 3. Opinion of Graduating Medical Students (2001 and 2002) on Medical Liability: Students Planning to Practice in Pennsylvania vs. All Graduating Students

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Category of Graduating Medical Student</th>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>All Graduating Students</td>
<td>40.1</td>
<td>44.2</td>
<td>11.7</td>
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W. W. Keen: The Memoirs of One of the "Seven Greatest Doctors in America"

Reviewed by J. Woodrow Savacool ’38

During my first week as a student at Jefferson Medical College in September 1933, Professor of Anatomy J. Parsons Schaeffer held in his hand the brain of the recently deceased (June 7, 1932) W. W. Keen Jr. ‘1862. With admiration Dr. Schaeffer described the achievements of this brilliant Jefferson neurosurgeon, almost a legend in his own time, who had outlived his retirement date by 25 years. Although Jefferson medical students passed by the William Merritt Chase portrait of Keen regularly there was little attention paid to his career. Not until relatively recently have his achievements been publicized and documented, giving him due recognition as Jefferson’s most versatile surgeon of the turn of the 20th century, and one of the most eminent in the United States in those years.

His contributions were reflected in his memoirs, initially published in 1990. The additional gleanings, provided by the present extensively edited and annotated work of W.W. Keen James, contribute a great deal not only to our knowledge of his premier surgical status but also to our appreciation of his intellectual gifts and scholarly pursuits. After his retirement, his appealing personality, communication skills, and concerns as a citizen, made him an elder statesman internationally in medicine and in public affairs.

Dr. Keen’s early career was spiced by his appointment as an assistant surgeon in the Civil War Army of the Potomac, even prior to his having acquired an MD degree. This also led to his exposure to research in nerve injuries and his association with Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, also a Jefferson graduate (1850), who was to become a foremost physician in American medicine and later a close friend and colleague. Keen’s postgraduate studies in Europe provided a “finishing” factor, which contributed greatly to his universal vision and progressive methods. His contacts there included some of the greatest research personalities of the times – Claude Bernard, Virchow, Koch, Hyrtl – as well as famous German and French surgeons. From that time forward he accepted opportunities and molded them to his purposes. His ultimate appointment as Professor of Surgery at Jefferson in 1889, preceded by extensive experiences in teaching surgical anatomy and operative surgery, set the stage for his major accomplishments.

Keen accepted and promoted when many of his peers failed to recognize the overriding importance of the new science of bacteriology. He also pioneered in the application of recent researches in anesthesia to convert surgery from a quick "hit and run" process to one in which time was not as urgent a factor, thus permitting extension and refinement of many procedures. He brought to his profession a solid ethic based upon his lifelong religious beliefs. His designation by Sir William Osler as one of the seven "greatest doctors in America" provides one estimate of the esteem in which he was held.

Having had early opportunities to participate in international medical affairs and to meet many prominent leaders, Keen attended and took part in surgical congresses, sometimes learning a new language along the way. His appointment to the Chair of Surgery at Jefferson in 1889 added an academic thrust to his career. His presidency of the American Medical Association (1900) and of numerous surgical societies, enhanced his local and international status and let to many warm and enduring friendships. It was thus possible for the Kaiserin of Imperial Germany, at a formal presentation for a group of physicians, to recall and acknowledge Keen’s hospitality when her daughter had been a guest at his home in Philadelphia. His many honors, decorations, medals and his 12 honorary degrees from American and foreign universities qualify him as perhaps the most honored surgeon of his time.

Apart from his medical career, Keen served for 10 years as President of the American Philosophical Society, a distinguished group of intellectuals from diverse fields. He was acquainted with five presidents of the United States and on familiar terms with at least three.

This new book contributes not only further exposition of the career and person of a great American surgeon but warrants a reexamination of the explosive changes and progress in medicine and surgery before and after the turn of the 20th century. Comparison of that period with the challenges experienced in health affairs at the onset of the 21st century provides a fascinating perspective. For more information, see www.bauhanpublishing.com

The care that Dr. Keen rendered to Franklin Delano Roosevelt was recently reexamined by Jefferson faculty members John F. Ditunno Jr. MD and Gerald J. Herbison MD. See their authoritative study in The American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, August 2002, pages 557-566, which convincingly absolves Dr. Keen of criticism in that case.
Internationally Recognized Surgeon Will Direct Liver Transplant

Renowned transplant surgeon Ignazio R. Marino MD, who has personally performed more than 650 liver transplants, has been named Director of Liver Transplant and Liver Surgery in the Division of Transplantation, holding the rank of Professor of Surgery. He comes to Jefferson from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and from Palermo, Italy, where he served as director of the Mediterranean Institute for Transplantation and Advanced Specialized Therapies (a partnership between the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and the Italian National Government).

Lloyd Ratner MD, Director of Transplantation at Jefferson, says, "We are honored to have a transplant surgeon of Dr. Marino's reputation on our team." Dr. Marino most recently served as Professor of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh.

Board certified in general and vascular surgery, Dr. Marino spent four years training at the Transplant Center of the University of Cambridge, directed by Prof. Sir Roy Y. Calne, and the Pittsburgh Transplantation Institute. In 1989 he accepted a permanent position at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Ignazio Marino is a member of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons, the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, and the International Liver Transplantation Society. He has been awarded numerous prizes. A member of the editorial board of Transplantation and the Journal of Investigative Surgery, he has authored 539 scientific publications and two books.

Ralph Marino ’82 Named Clinical Director of Jefferson's Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center

Ralph J. Marino ’82 has been named Clinical Director of Jefferson’s Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center, and Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine. He comes back to Jefferson from Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, where he was program director of the Spinal Cord Injury Medicine Fellowship program at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

His research interests include the course of neurological recovery in spinal cord injury and functional outcome measures. Dr. Marino is co-investigator of a multi-center clinical trial to evaluate the safety and efficacy of an oral medication for patients with moderate to severe spasticity, resulting from chronic, incomplete spinal cord injury.

Dr. Ralph Marino is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation and has additional certification in the subspecialty of spinal cord injury medicine.

Dr. Marino serves as chair of the Neurological Standards Committee for the American Spinal Injury Association and as treasurer for the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine. He serves as associate editor of the American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. A graduate of Jefferson Medical College, he completed a residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Jefferson in 1987. He also earned a master of science degree in clinical epidemiology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1998. He is the author of more than 50 peer-reviewed papers, chapters and abstracts.

Pulmonary/Critical Care Fellows Win National CHEST Challenge, Beating 88 Other Medical Schools

Three pulmonary/critical care fellows from Thomas Jefferson University Hospital bested fellows from medical programs across the United States and Canada to win the American College of Chest Physicians' (ACCP) CHEST Challenge in San Diego.

Rodolfo Pascual '94, Bharat Awsare CCM'02 and Vikas Batra CCM'02, all from the division of Critical Care, Pulmonary, Allergic and Immunologic Diseases at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, were awarded the first-ever ACCP "Gold" in a Jeopardy-style contest that tested the knowledge of fellows from pulmonary/critical care medicine programs.

The CHEST Challenge began last May when the ACCP invited 250 pulmonary/critical care programs to compete in an online contest consisting of 50 pulmonary trivia questions.

Fellows from 89 medical schools responded. The top nine finishers were then invited to attend the November ACCP National Meeting in San Diego, where the competition continued. After the semifinals narrowed the teams down to three, the final round of the CHEST Challenge Championship was held on the last night of the conference.

As first place winners, the Jefferson
fellows earned trophies, awards and $5,000 for research. The Mayo Clinic placed second, taking home $3,000.

Jefferson's fellowship program in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine is well established as a training ground for superior clinicians and researchers. "By winning this contest, they are continuing a strong tradition and demonstrating that Jefferson has the best," said Frank Leone PUD'97, Assistant Professor of Medicine.

All three physicians completed their fellowships in June 2002. Currently, Drs. Awsare and Pascual are members of the Jefferson Medical College faculty and see patients at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Dr. Awsare is Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of the Medical Respiratory Intensive Care Unit. Dr. Pascual is an Assistant Professor of Medicine, specializing in asthma research and treatment.

Two Medical Students Win AOA National Awards

Two Jefferson Medical College students have received AOA National Student Awards, one for original scientific research and another for an outstanding essay. "To our knowledge, having two winners from Jefferson in the same year has never happened before," says Troy L. Thompson II MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, JMC, and faculty advisor to the Jefferson chapter of AOA, the National Medical Honor Society. "Having one winner is quite prestigious for a school, but honoring two in the same year is unprecedented. This accomplishment highlights both the specific achievements of our two winners and the overall quality of our students."

Winner of a 2002 AOA National Student Research Fellowship is Joseph Capriotti '03, for his design of a study to monitor the usefulness of specific serum markers to diagnose and monitor treatment response for acute vaso-occlusive crises in sickle cell anemia. He will conduct the study with Patrick Chang MD, Instructor, Department of Medicine, and David Marmor '03, who have both been crucial in developing the methodology for the project.

Winner of the 2002 AOA National Student Essay Award is Risa Ravitz '05 for her 4,750-word essay, "The Orbit of My Eye." She describes her work as a "slice of nonacademic life" written from a medical student's perspective, providing both emotional and narrative descriptions "from 9/11 to the crescendo of finals in January." The essay also conveys Ms. Ravitz's perception that scientific and artistic visions often intersect. Her essay is to be published by AOA in its journal, The Pharos.

At Career Day, presented by the Alumni Association for the sophomore students, presentations included William Grizos '81 (above) on radiation oncology and John Gould '86 (right) on pediatrics.
Jefferson Urologists Pioneer a
Less Invasive Option for Prostate Cancer

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital is the first medical center in the Delaware Valley to make the state-of-the-art laparoscopic radical prostatectomy procedure available.

Traditionally, prostate cancer has been managed surgically with open radical prostatectomy, which can entail risks and a lengthy recovery time. Now, specially trained urologists at Jefferson offer a minimally invasive, less-traumatic surgical option to certain men with prostate cancer. Laparoscopic radical prostatectomy reduces blood loss during surgery, lessens the risk of postoperative complications, and decreases recovery time.

“We are very pleased that we are now able to treat prostate cancer laparoscopically,” said Stephen E. Strup U’94, Assistant Professor of Urology. Laparoscopic surgery in general has become much more widely available in recent years. Common laparoscopic procedures include gallbladder removal, appendectomy, and correction of esophageal reflux. Additionally, urologists frequently remove other urologic tumors, such as those on the kidney and adrenal glands, with laparoscopy. Yet, laparoscopic radical prostatectomy was not a viable treatment option until recently.

The chief advantages of laparoscopic radical prostatectomy are a reduced loss of blood and a shorter recovery time. Our patients are also glad to have the option of feeling better sooner,” said Dr. Strup.

After laparoscopic radical prostatectomy, the patient’s urinary catheter is removed in less than a week. This tends to be earlier than with traditional surgery, and the time continues to shorten. In studies, the length of recovery time to normal activity has averaged two to four weeks for laparoscopic patients, and six to eight weeks for patients who have had the open procedure. As prostate cancer treatments, laparoscopic radical prostatectomy and traditional radical prostatectomy are similar in effectiveness. A handful of American urologists attempted laparoscopic radical prostatectomies in the early 1990s with limited success, explained Dr. Strup, but most abandoned the surgery because it was deemed too difficult and time-consuming compared to the open procedure. However, a group of urologists at the Institut Mutualiste Montsouris in Paris persevered, and perfected and standardized the laparoscopic radical prostatectomy technique.

“The French team worked through the initial learning curve and created a procedure that could be reproduced by skilled physicians in other clinics,” said Dr. Strup. “Their patients did very well. It became apparent that laparoscopic radical prostatectomy is a worthwhile option.”

Earlier this year, Dr. Strup and a colleague traveled to Paris to meet Institut Mutualiste Montsouris urologists and learn the procedure. “We were very impressed,” said Dr. Strup. “Here at Jefferson, we embarked on our first procedure over a year ago, and since then have successfully completed more that 40 procedures. As our experience has grown, so has our enthusiasm for the procedure.” Patients prepare for the laparoscopic radical prostatectomy the same way they prepare for traditional surgery—by fasting for a short time and avoiding certain medications prior to surgery. The procedure requires general anesthesia and takes between three and five hours. This is slightly longer than an open procedure.

During the laparoscopic procedure, the urologist makes several tiny incisions and then inserts an endoscope (a narrow telescope). The endoscope allows the urologist to pass miniature instruments through the incisions and to watch what he is doing on video monitors. Jefferson urologists are also aided by a voice-controlled robot that moves about, as commanded, to provide a steady video picture where needed.

Laparoscopic radical prostatectomy allows urologists to better visualize the prostatic apex and urethra during surgery, which may result in lower postoperative incontinence and impotency rates. Not every one is an ideal patient for laparoscopic radical prostatectomy. Currently, the procedure is best performed on patients with a lower volume of cancer, or localized disease. In the future, said Dr. Strup, the surgery will likely be offered to patients who may currently be considered inappropriate.

Jefferson Surgeons Perform Region’s First Incompatible Kidney Transplant

Surgeons at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital recently completed the first known crossmatch incompatible kidney transplant in the Philadelphia tri-state region. Crossmatch incompatible transplantation can allow transplant recipients to receive kidneys from living donors who are incompatible because of donor antibodies that previously would have caused immediate and irreversible rejection.

Lloyd Ratner MD, Director of Transplantation at Jefferson, who developed the procedure when he was at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, performed the kidney transplant at Jefferson Hospital on September 3. The procedure involved a 55-year-old South Jersey woman who received a kidney from her adult son. Both live in Hammonton, New Jersey and are doing well.

"Crossmatch incompatible transplantation and the similar ABO bloodgroup incompatible kidney transplantation have the potential to increase transplant opportunities for profoundly ill patients who otherwise may have been prevented from being transplanted or who would have waited for an extended period of time,” said Dr. Ratner. “This procedure will increase the availability of living donor organs.”

More than one-third of willing donors are turned down because their blood types are not compatible with the person to whom they wish to donate their kidney. Another 10 percent of patients have antibodies against potential donors, making them incompatible.

Dr. Ratner said the new type of transplant has been shown to be very successful. “Studies indicate that crossmatch incompatible and blood type incompatible kidney transplants work as well as conventional transplants and last as long.”

Patients typically can receive organs only from donors compatible with their own blood type (i.e., A, B or O). Otherwise, naturally occurring antibodies to the different blood type would trigger the immune system to destroy the transplanted kidney. ABO-
incompatible transplantation increases the availability of kidneys from living donors, particularly from relatives who would be willing to donate a kidney to save the life of a loved one.

The South Jersey recipient developed kidney failure due to a long history of diabetes. Her 28-year-old son, a computer programmer, offered to donate a kidney to his mother after learning that she might have to go on hemodialysis in the near future if a new kidney was not available. In hemodialysis, the patient's blood is passed through an artificial kidney machine to cleanse it. The recipient's younger son was tested as a possible donor, but the elder sibling was a better match, said Dr. Ratner.

A kidney from a living donor is preferable to a cadaver organ for several reasons:

- The waiting period is shorter
- The organ can be tested prior to transplant
- The organ functions immediately after transplant
- The organ typically lasts much longer

In order to receive an ABO-incompatible or crossmatch incompatible transplant, the patient must undergo plasmapheresis, a dialysis-like procedure that removes harmful antibodies from the patient's blood, including those that would potentially destroy an incompatible organ. The patient then receives an infusion of immune globulin, a medication that includes many of the regular antibodies needed for a functioning immune system. Plasmapheresis is performed several times prior to transplant, depending on the level of antibodies present.

To prevent the antibodies from returning and damaging the kidney, the recipient has several plasmapheresis treatments and doses of immune globulin after the transplant. In addition, in the case of ABO-bloodgroup incompatible transplants, the recipient's spleen—where antibodies are produced—is removed during the transplant procedure through tiny incisions. A low level of antibodies may return after the transplant but does not appear to damage the new kidney, Dr. Ratner said.

Normally, a kidney transplant recipient takes three immunosuppressive medications. A recipient who has received either an ABO-incompatible or crossmatch incompatible kidney transplant takes these same three medications, as well as five doses of a fourth medication. If rejection is suspected, the recipient may need additional plasmapheresis treatments and a kidney biopsy to determine if the rejection is due to antibodies coming back.

**Chinese Health Information Center Receives $1.5 Million to Expand**

Thanks to a $1.5 million grant from the United States Office of Minority Health, a series of expanded programs designed to improve access to health care for the Philadelphia Chinese-speaking community will be offered by the Chinese Health Information Center at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

"Despite the wealth of health care options in the Delaware Valley, our research shows that most Chinese-speaking people, many of whom live within walking distance of medical care, do not take advantage of it because of language and cultural barriers," said Thomas J. Lewis, President and CEO of the hospital. "We are most appreciative of Senator Arlen Specter's efforts to facilitate this grant."

Philip Siu MD, Director of the Chinese Health Information Center, says that "as a result of this funding, we will be able to reach people with potentially serious health problems like hypertension, heart disease, hepatitis B and cancer who don't seek care, and whose problems often remain undiagnosed until they have progressed to costly incapacitating illness or death."

Jefferson's Chinese Health Information Center opened five years ago with support from the hospital and from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the van Ameringen Foundation, the Connelly Foundation and the hospital's Women's Board. Its mission was to provide culturally sensitive and linguistically competent health education, community outreach and case management services to the Philadelphia-area Chinese community.

The center has expanded from this initial goal and currently serves a large segment of the Chinese community in the Philadelphia area. The bilingual staff provides health education including Chinese-language childbirth classes for expectant mothers, medical interpretation, support for Chinese-speaking hospitalized patients, and assistance in making appointments with health-care professionals.

Dr. Siu, who is an Instructor in Pediatrics, says: 'With this new federal funding, we will be able to become an even stronger presence in the Chinese community.' As part of the expanded program under the grant, center staffers will go into the community and provide health screenings and seminars on health issues of special interest to the Chinese community. These include hepatitis B, heart disease, cancer and osteoporosis. Center staffers will also create 24 public-service articles for use in Chinese-language publications to provide health information and contacts to enable underserved populations to access care and to identify affordable medical insurance.

So far, programs scheduled include:

- One-on-one consultations and information sessions at 52 locations throughout the city. Most of these sites will be where Chinese-speaking people work, such as banks, restaurants and garment factories.
- Mammogram screenings at Jefferson University Hospital and dexascan screenings to check for osteoporosis at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and its Methodist Hospital Division.

Two years ago, Jefferson's Chinese Health Information Center partnered in the Chinese Community Partnership for Health with New York University Downtown Hospital in New York City to develop two easy-to-understand bilingual publications on prenatal and infant health care, and a companion video in Cantonese and Mandarin.
REPORT FROM THE ALUMNI TRUSTEES

Since our last report to the alumni, the University Board of Trustees met June 3, 2002, July 29, 2002, and December 2, 2002. Charles J. Stahl III ’56 of Rockville, MD joined the board as an Alumni Trustee replacing John J. Gartland S’44 who completed his term of service.

Early on during the past academic year University President Paul C. Brucker MD summarized for the Trustees some of the challenges and opportunities now facing Thomas Jefferson University. He cited keeping sight of the academic mission, ensuring that educational programs meet contemporary educational needs and accreditation requirements, growing clinical and basic science research programs, implementing the university’s new Strategic Plan, further developing the university’s information technology systems, and continuing to implement mission-based budgeting. Dr. Brucker acknowledged that malpractice insurance premiums in Pennsylvania continue to rise out of control and, as a consequence, several of our academic surgeons have been forced to relocate to other areas.

Eight new department chairs have been appointed in the medical college since our last report to the alumni. Arthur M. Feldman MD PhD, a noted cardiovascular researcher at the University of Pittsburgh, is the new Magee Professor of Medicine and Chair of the Department. A. M. Rostami MD, a prominent researcher in neuroimmunology and musculoskeletal diseases at the University of Pennsylvania, is the new Chair of Neurology. Promoted from within their departments at Jefferson were Richard C. Wender MD, Chair of Family Medicine, Leonard G. Gomella MD, Chair of Urology, Vijay M. Rao MD, Chair of Radiology, William A. Buckheit MD, Chair of Neurosurgery, and Marion J. Siegman PhD, Chair of Physiology. In addition, Zvi Grunwald MD was appointed Acting Chair of Anesthesiology. James B. Erdmann PhD, former Associate Dean for Administration and University Registrar, has been appointed Dean of the College of Health Professions. Mr. Flynn Andrizzi has been named Vice President for Institutional Advancement, replacing Robert Peterson who retired.

The Board of Trustees approved a new Strategic Plan for the university. Included in the new plan is the construction of a new education and research building on campus. For the medical college, the plan will address research, education, and patient care needs. New goals also have been set for the College of Graduate Studies and for the College of Health Professions. The new strategic plan also contains opportunities to strengthen new programs through better cooperation with and within the Jefferson Health System. The trustees also noted that Philadelphia now is ranked third in the country in medical research dollars from the National Institutes of Health behind Boston and New York. Jefferson’s new alliance for care with the Christiana Medical Center, Wilmington, DE is believed to be critical to the Jefferson Cancer Center because this alliance provides an enhanced community prevention and outreach program which is essential to Jefferson’s aspiration for designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute.

As part of the new Strategic Plan, Jefferson Medical College remains committed to increasing and enlarging its efforts in basic and translational research. Jefferson Medical college received full LCME accreditation at its most recent accreditation visit. The first two phases of the curriculum changes have been implemented along with new and improved programs for faculty development, and for a new and increased focus on diversity on campus. An ACGME institutional accreditation visit is scheduled for January 2003 and it is anticipated that Jefferson’s graduate medical education programs will obtain full accreditation.

There were more than 7,000 applicants to Jefferson Medical College for the class entering in Fall 2002. Of the 700 applicants interviewed, 466 were offered admission and 227 matriculated in the Class of 2006. For the first time ever at any U.S. medical school, two Jefferson medical students received AOA National Student Awards, one for original scientific research and the other for an outstanding essay. This unique accomplishment speaks quite eloquently to the quality of today’s Jefferson medical students.

The new Wills Eye Building opened in July 2002. The original Wills Eye Hospital building was purchased by Jefferson and has been renamed the Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience, and will house the new Farber Institute for the Neurosciences. The Office of Technology Transfer reported that, in a study by the Association of University Managers, Thomas Jefferson University ranks among the top ten institutions in the country in inventions, disclosures, patents filed, and companies formed.

The University operating results for the past fiscal year reflected an excess of revenue over expenses of $3.4 million. The total market value of the endowment as of June 30, 2002 was $334 million. The total market value of the pension fund as of June 30, 2002 was $117 million.

Fellow alumni, the Alumni Trustees report to you that the state of both Jefferson Medical College and Thomas Jefferson University appears to be strong and well positioned for the long term.

Allen E. Chandler ’61
Stephen Slogoff ’67
Charles J. Stahl III ’56

Three Foundations Support Research Initiatives

American Foundation for AIDS Research
The American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) of New York, NY, awarded $90,000 to Michael Root MD PhD, Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at Jefferson Medical College and a member of the Kimmel Cancer Center. This grant has supported Dr. Root’s research on the inhibition of HIV-1 membrane fusion by 5-

American Society for Microbiology
The American Society for Microbiology awarded $150,000 to Robert Brown MD PhD of Jefferson Medical College. This grant rewards Dr. Brown’s research looking into the strains and resistance of HIV-1 within the human body.

International AIDS Cooperative (IACS)
The International AIDS Cooperative (IACS) awarded $100,000 to Nancy A. Cohen MD, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology. This grant has supported Dr. Cohen’s investigation of HIV-1 biology and provides for the study of a unique strain that affects children in Africa.

Since 1985, amfAR, a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of HIV/AIDS research, AIDS prevention, treatment education, and the advocacy of sound AIDS-related public policy, has invested
nearly $207 million in support of its mission and has funded grants to over 1,960 research teams worldwide, including more than $350,000 provided to Jefferson researchers since 1989.

**The W. W. Smith Charitable Trust**
The W. W. Smith Charitable Trust of West Conshohocken, PA, awarded a grant of $63,000 to Jianke Zhang PhD, Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at JMC and a member of the Kimmel Cancer Center.

Thanks to the generosity of the Smith Trust, Dr. Zhang and his colleagues are investigating a group of cell receptors that induce death preferentially in tumor cells. Since cancer may be caused by excessive cell proliferation and/or insufficient cell death, this research may help build a valuable foundation for future therapeutic designs.

The W. W. Smith Charitable Trust and the Mary L. Smith Charitable Lead Trust have awarded Jefferson more than $3 million for basic and clinical research in heart disease, AIDS and cancer.

**The Margaret Q. Landenberger Research Foundation**
The Philadelphia-based Margaret Q. Landenberger Research Foundation awarded Giovanni M. Pitari MD PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, a grant of $70,000 to support his research on treatment of colorectal cancer. Dr. Pitari is conducting studies that may lead to the improvement of selectivity, specificity and efficacy of the current chemotherapy.

Mrs. Landenberger, who passed away during 2002 at the age of 96 and whose family has received treatment at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, established her foundation in 1993. Since then, it has provided Thomas Jefferson University with $285,000 to support medical research pertaining to HIV-1, cancer, diabetes and vascular disease.

**Wentzlers Endow First Chair in Anesthesiology**
James Donald Wentzler '46 and his wife Betty have established the first endowed chair in the Department of Anesthesiology. The endowed chair will support the work of the department head, who will be known as the James Donald Wentzler MD Professor and Chairman of Anesthesiology.

For the Wentzlers, the decision to support Anesthesiology came easily, since the chairman, more than anyone else, charts the future of the department.

Dr. Wentzler was particularly impressed with Jefferson’s Acting Chairman of Anesthesiology, Zvi Grunwald MD. “Jim feels Anesthesiology will move into the future in a positive and productive way with Dr. Grunwald at the helm,” Mrs. Wentzler explains. “We funded the endowed chair with the hope that this gift will allow the chief to bring the department into tomorrow.”

Thomas J. Nasca ’75, Dean of JMC, joined in thanking the Wentzlers for their generosity: “Endowed chairs are critical to the future of Jefferson Medical College. They make us stronger in education and research, as well as clinical care. We’re grateful to the Wentzlers for establishing our first-ever chair in anesthesiology.”

The Department of Anesthesiology will not be the only beneficiary of this generous gift. The Wentzlers will benefit, too. They funded the chair by establishing two different trusts, a two-life gift annuity and a two-life charitable remainder unitrust. Each trust offers specific tax advantages, as well as an income for life for both Wentzlers. The gift annuity offers a fixed income, while the unitrust provides a variable income, which fluctuates with the market. By using two different giving vehicles, the Wentzlers received a combination of tax advantages and income that met their needs.

While these financial benefits influenced the form of the gift, Mrs. Wentzler emphasizes that her husband’s and her primary goal was to help Jefferson and its Department of Anesthesiology. “We want Jefferson Anesthesiology to be the best in the world,” she states.

For more information on gift annuities, charitable remainder unitrusts, or other ways of giving to Jefferson, please call Lisa Watson Repko, Director of Trusts and Estates, at 1-877-JEFF GIFT (1-877-533-3443) or email your questions to jeff.trust@mail.tju.edu.
IN MEMORIAM

J. Wallace Davis '42, renowned Philadelphia plastic surgeon, died on December 22, 2002. Dr. Davis maintained his practice at Jefferson Medical College from 1946 to 1988 where he was Chief of Plastic Surgery and a Clinical Associate Professor. Born in Philadelphia in 1918 to Ada Springer and Warren B. Davis '10 (the first plastic surgeon in Philadelphia), Dr. Davis was a graduate of the Episcopal Academy, Dartmouth College and Jefferson Medical College. During the Second World War, Dr. Davis rose to the rank of major in the United States Army Air Corps and served for three years as a flight surgeon in the China/Burma/India theater of war.

Following military service, Dr. Davis returned to his beloved Jefferson where he taught the intricacies of plastic surgery to four decades of medical students. His professional achievements included serving as Secretary and Trustee of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons as well as President of the Robert Ivy Plastic Surgical Society. Dr. Davis was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Medical Association. He was a past President of the J. Aitken Meigs Medical Association.

Dr. Davis won every distinguished award given by Thomas Jefferson University including the Cornerstone Award, the Samuel D. Gross Service Award, the Winged Ox Award, the Dean’s Medal and the Alumni Achievement Award. For 38 years, Dr. Davis served as the Alumni Association’s Chairman of Annual Giving, raising more than 40 million dollars for Jefferson. In 1997, he was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters by the University.

Dr. Davis was a lifelong member of the Philadelphia Country Club and the Rolling Rock Club. He is survived by his wife Gail Gardner Davis and his two children, Jeff and Leslie.

—James W. Fox IV ’70

Charles Levy ’28 died December 5, 2002. He practiced as a cardiologist in Wilmington, DE, and served as President of the Newcastle Medical Society. He served Jefferson as a Class Agent. He is survived by his wife Ruth, three physician sons, and a physician daughter.

Donald L. Arey ’36 died April 14, 2002. He was in family practice in Danville, VA and held a staff appointment at Memorial Hospital, Danville.

Constantine R. Roscoe ’38 died October 17, 2002. He was a pediatrician on staff at Nazareth Hospital, Philadelphia and at Holy Redeemer Hospital, Meadowbrook, PA. He held a faculty appointment at Jefferson as Honorary Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics. He is survived by his wife Virginia, five daughters and two sons.

Joseph R. Bigley ’40 died November 27, 2002. He practiced pediatrics in Philadelphia and was on staff at St. Mary’s Hospital, Philadelphia. He is survived by his wife Margaretta, five sons and four daughters.

Sergius Pechin ’40 died August 2, 2002. A retired general surgeon who lived in Media, PA.

Louis C. Blaum ’41 died June 7, 2002. He practiced general surgery in Wilkes-Barre, PA and was on staff at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He is survived by his wife Kathleen, four sons and a daughter. Son Louis Jr. is Jefferson ’72 and grandson Louis III is Jefferson ’97.

David O. Johnson ’42 died March 23, 2002. He was Chief of Anesthesiology at St. David’s Hospital, Austin, TX and served as Chief of Staff 1966-1968. He was the first President of the Texas Society of Anesthesiologists. He is survived by his wife Irene, three daughters and two sons.

Burton L. Williams ’42 died December 2, 2002. He held radiology staff appointments at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and at Delaware County Memorial Hospital, Lansdowne, PA. He is survived by his wife Harriet, three sons and a daughter. Son Burton Jr. is Jefferson ’78.

Robert J. Gibbons ’43 died August 25, 2002. He practiced general surgery in Hazleton, PA. He was Chief of Surgery at the Hazleton State General Hospital and at the Hazleton-Saint Joseph Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Mary Patricia, and a daughter.

Robert G. Williamson ’43 died October 17, 2002. He was an attending cardiologist at the Eisenhower Memorial Hospital, Palm Desert, CA. He is survived by his wife Anna Marie, and three sons.

William C. Gaventa ’45 died September 2, 2002. He was an internist who also earned a Master in Public Health degree from Tulane University in 1954. Dr. Gaventa and his wife Alice spent 27 years as medical missionaries in Nigeria, West Africa under the auspices of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board. After this long period of service, he served as Director, Missionary Health Department, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, VA. He is survived by his wife Alice and two sons.

Robert L. Imler Jr. ’45 died October 9, 2002. He was a member of the Congress of Neurosurgery and the Harvey Cushing Society. He practiced in Tulsa, OK and was Honorary Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. He is survived by five daughters.

William P. Warga ’45 died July 21, 2002. Board certified in pathology, he practiced in Athens, GA.

Richard A. Worsham ’46 died May 15, 2002. He practiced orthopaedic surgery in Lake Toxaway, NC.

Martin M. Mandel ’47 died December 7, 2002. He was a neurologist on staff at Holy Redeemer Hospital, Meadowbrook, PA. His interest and work with diabetic neuropathies resulted in a published book and numerous invitations to speak on the subject. The Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital has established a Martin M. Mandel MD Diabetic Neuropathy Endowment in his honor. He served for many years as the Class Agent for the Class of ’47. He is survived by his wife Sylvia, and two daughters.

Curtis H. Swartz ’48 died August 20, 2002. He practiced as a member of the Anesthesia Service Group, San Diego, CA. He is survived by his wife Ilene and two daughters.

Robert E. Stout ’52 died December 3, 2002. He practiced internal medicine in Hampton, VA and was a member of the Virginia Medical Society. He is survived by his wife Jean, two daughters and two sons.

Anthony L. Forte ’54 died September 19, 2002. He was an
Edward A. Renquest '54 died September 27, 2002. He practiced family medicine in Marmora, NJ, and held a staff appointment at Shore Memorial Hospital, Somers Point, NJ. He was physician for the Ocean City, NJ School System and Medical Director for the Atlantic City Electric Company. He is survived by his wife Betty.

Darwin W. Rammels '55 died December 21, 2002. He practiced obstetrics-gynecology in Memphis, TN 1960-1969. Later he was a staff member of Veterans Administration Hospitals in Anna, IL and in Danville, IL. After retirement in 1979, he moved back to Philadelphia. He is survived by two daughters.

Vincent S. Oliva '56 died June 20, 2002. He was Chief of Radiology, West Anaheim Medical Center, Anaheim, CA. He also served as Chief of Staff, 1974-1975. He is survived by his wife Charlotte, four daughters and a son.

Douglas T. Corwin '59 died July 27, 2002. He practiced orthopaedic surgery in Washington, PA and was on staff at the Washington Hospital. He is survived by his wife Madeline, two daughters and a son. Son Douglas Jr. is Jefferson '93.

Donald Safir '64 died August 16, 2002. After practicing psychiatry in both Philadelphia and Reading, PA, he became a staff psychiatrist at Wernersville State Hospital, Wernersville, PA. He is survived by his wife Judith, and two daughters.

Brent R. Noyes '78 died October 18, 2002. He practiced in an orthopaedic group in Wilmington, DE. He is survived by his wife Susan, and two daughters.

Ray Flory is now living in a Brethren home retirement community with his wife near Hanover, PA.

Erich Everts-Suarez of Cinnaminson, N.J. has retired from an active practice. He served as a pro bono consultant to Mennonite General Hospital in Albonito, PR. His children, Deborah Hoellein '78, Erich Jr. '79, and Leslie '90 are all practicing in Philadelphia.

Bernard Mayer of Gladwyne, PA is enjoying his retirement. He does volunteer work at Studios for Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, recording textbooks for use by visually impaired individuals.

Edward Ditto of Hagerstown, MD, now retired, is doing volunteer work with a free clinic, a hospice, Easter Seals, and one week a month as a Medical Examiner. He also is traveling a great deal.

Lyle Vincent of Parkersburg, WV has finally retired, "helped along by the professional liability problems in this state."

Henry Kane of Wilmington, DE is now working part time at the Division of Cardiology at the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children.

John Smith of Village of Golf, FL has retired after a career in general and colon rectal surgery at University of Pittsburgh and St. Francis Hospital. He and wife now volunteer at Caridad Health Clinic in Boynton Beach. They take care of the migrant workers and find it "greatly rewarding."

Stanley Kern of West New York is still working a full schedule, treating sexually violent predators.

Joseph John is happily retired in Pensacola, FL.

William Weintraub of Annapolis, MD is doing only a little administrative medicine. He is very active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary teaching public education classes three nights a week amongst other duties.

Joseph Magrath has moved from the Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA and is now living with his wife in Prescott, AZ. They are enjoying having four seasons again.

Class Notes

Robert Maro has been selected as the Family Physician of the Year by the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians. He was given the 2002 award at the academy’s annual banquet.

The Radiology Department of the University of Pennsylvania has endowed a chair in radiology for Wallace T. Miller of Philadelphia (see profile on page 21).

Stanley Kocot of Harwichport, MA is now retired and living on Cape Cod with wife Mary. He serves on the Harwich Board of Health, and enjoys gardening, boating, and traveling.

Robert Somers of Elkins Park, PA is still Chair of Surgery at Einstein. He is teaching third-year Jefferson students and working with daughter Debra '89 and son-in-law Steve Copit '88.

Walter Bloes of Jermyn, PA, now 71 years old, is in pretty good health, and enjoying the beauty of Pennsylvania and Cape Cod with wife Judy.

New Date for Alumni Weekend:
October 9, 10, 11, 2003
In 2004: October 2004
In 2005: October 2005
A Gala Celebration, Thursday-Saturday, That Will Include All Alumni, in Addition to the Reunion Class Years.
Featuring the Alumni Banquet, Achievement Awards Presentation, Clinic Presentations, the Dean's Luncheon, and Reunion Class Parties.
CME Programs Are Being Planned.
See Future Bulletins for More Details

Needed: 20 Minutes of a Clinician's Time

Are you a non-faculty Jeffersonian who can mentor a first or second year student for 20 minutes once in a while? The student may benefit enormously, and you may find it rewarding and enlightening.

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Pauline Park '82, who takes office in April as President of the Alumni Association, has spent her entire academic career at Jefferson. Currently an Assistant Professor of Surgery and Associate Director of the Division of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care, she completed residency and fellowships at Jefferson after earning her M.D. as part of the six-year program with Pennsylvania State University. Known for her energy, quick mind, upbeat spirit, and sense of humor, she has served on numerous committees and shouldered many departmental responsibilities.

Pauline has also spearheaded the annual alumni/faculty ski trips (see page 20). Pauline and Jack Panitch, an attorney, are the proud parents of William Chung Hoo Panitch, who is almost two years old. Jack Panitch is the brother of Deborah Panitch '84 and the son of Victor Panitch '58.

Harris Clearfield of Bala Cynwyd, PA was presented the Pressman Award for "Outstanding Service to Internal Medicine" by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians in October 2002.

Walt McConnell is now fully retired. He continues his traveling—Iceland, Antarcitica, coast to coast walking in the UK, running competitively in cross country, wintering with his wife on the island of Kauai, and skiing in Snowbird, UT.

'62 John Capelli of Haddonfield, NJ has been appointed Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs of Our Lady of Lourdes Health System.

Robert Nuss of Jacksonville, FL was appointed Senior Associate Dean for the University of Florida in Jacksonville. He is the Senior Academic Officer for 300 faculty and 290 residents and fellows. "No plans for retirement. Having too much fun."

'64 James Barton of Chambergsburg, PA declares: "In spite of rising overhead, increased malpractice premiums, reduced medicine fees and generalized woes, after 35 years, medicine and the treatment of patients who have become friends, is still fun for me and the best of all professions."

Stanley Foster and wife Ronna love living in Washington, DC. They are now close to their family members. He has joined the faculty of Georgetown University and works there three days a week teaching residents and doing diagnostic radiology.

William Freeman has received an award for 35 years of service to Shippensburg University's Health Center.

'65 Edwin Cohen is working as a general surgeon at Martinsburg Veterans Hospital in WV.

Gerard MacDonald retired in July from orthopaedic surgery and has moved to Clearwater, FL.

'66 Louis Centrella of Hockessin, DE still enjoys doing family medicine after 33 years.

Robert Lerman has left the Boston area after 20 years, much of it as the Director of Clinical Nutrition at Boston Medical Center, and has relocated with his family to Gig Harbor, WA. He is presently Medical Director of Metagenics, Incorporated and Director of Medical Education for the Institute for Functional Medicine.

'67 Richard Keohane of Wayne, PA has recently retired from the practice of...
radiology at Pennsylvania Hospital, where he has practiced since 1975 and served as Head of the Section of General Diagnostic Radiology for the past eight years.

'68 John Frost of Anchorage, AK has a solo private practice of orthopaedic surgery with practice limited to arthroscopic knee surgery. He serves on the Board of Directors of Alaska Regional Hospital.

Stephen Kozloff of Bloomsburg, PA recently stopped doing obstetrics. His practice is now limited to gynecology and assisting residents in their gynecology continuity clinic at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

'69 Rob Abel of Wilmington, DE is the author of four books about eyes and health, herbs and supplements. He will moderate an upcoming PBS special on eyes.

Jess Wright of Louisville, KY is the principal author of the first DVD-ROM, multimedia program for treatment of depression. He is Professor and Chief of Adult Psychiatry at the University of Louisville. His book Getting Your Life Back is a widely used self-help guide for recovery from depression.

'70 Marilyn Kershner of Coronado, CA recently traveled to China with a radiology group. "There is high tech CT, MRI, and PET alongside acupuncture."

Steven Klein of Old Westbury, NY continues as Director of Madonna Perinatal Services, a four county perinatal network. He is President of Nassau County Ob-Gyn Society for '02-'03.

Charles Schleifer of Bala Cynwyd has been named Chairman of the Main Line Health Bioethics Committee.

'71 David Cooper of Shavertown, PA was elected President of the World Orthopaedic Society in September 2002. "We are exploring and funding orthopaedic development of an extraterrestrial nature worldwide. It is particularly challenging and exciting."

James Dooley of Creamridge, NJ has joined a group anaesthesia practice in Holmdel, NJ. He recently returned from a 10-year anaesthesia practice in CA.

Henry Feder of Farmington, CT is "still at his first job" at the University of Connecticut. He is a Professor of Pediatrics and Family Medicine. His research interest is Lyme Disease and Periodic Fever (PFAPA). He is married to a dermatologist and has a new daughter, Nola, age one.

Floyd Spechtler of Voorhees, NJ is functioning as a "Moyel." He was certified by the Rabbinic Assembly of the Jewish Theological Seminary. He serves on the Board of Directors of Alaska Regional Hospital.

'72 Joan Shapiro is busy in her ob/gyn practice in Farmington Hills, a suburb of Detroit and is especially excited that her son Evan '02 has returned to the Detroit area with his wife and is now in his second year of an anesthesiology residency at Wayne State University.

'73 Paul Bialas continues to enjoy the private solo practice of general internal medicine with his spouse Deborah, nurse practitioner, in Warren, PA. He was recently promoted to Clinical Associate Professor, Penn State University College of Medicine, precepting medical students for monthly rotations in rural medicine.

Anthony Colatrello of Pittsburgh has a private practice in gastroenterology. He is Division Chief of Gastroenterology at Mercy and St. Clair Memorial Hospitals.

Gary Fleisher of Newton, MA was recently appointed the Thomas Morgan Roth Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School as well as Pediatrician-in-Chief at Children’s Hospital, Boston.

Daniel Scotti of Haddonfield, NJ is Chairman of Radiology at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center in Camden and also at Rancocas Hospital in Willingboro.

Frank Taylor of Tampa, FL was a member of a five-member team of physicians from the Christian Medical Association who recently gave a weeklong symposium on Women’s Health Issues at the National Medical College of Mongolia. The symposium was part of the 60th anniversary celebration of the founding of the National Medical College and took place in Ulan Batar, the capital city, in September. Over 100 national physicians were in attendance.

'74 Stanley Geyer of Gibsonia, PA has become a member of the National Diagnostic Immunology Resource Committee for the College of American Pathologists. He currently serves as the Chairman of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh, and is Professor of Pathology at Temple University School of Medicine.

Vincent Pellegrini of Wyomissing, PA has been installed as a District Director of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Vincent will serve a three-year term as head of ACOG’s District III, encompassing Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. He is Chief of Gynecology and Coordinator of Medical Education in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center in West Reading, PA. He also serves as the Clinical Director of the IVF Program at Women’s Clinic, in West Reading.

Arnold Willis of Alexandria, VA has developed Med Atlantic Cryotherapies to start cryo treatment for prostate cancer and renal cancer. He will be speaking at the Netherlands Urologic Seminar in Amsterdam on prostate cryotherapy.

'75 Paul Ruschak of McMurray, PA is in a private dermatology practice. He is a past President of the Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology and the current President the Pittsburgh Academy of Dermatology.

Arthur Sitelman of Phoenix, AZ is Chief of Staff, Phoenix Memorial Hospital. Chief of Pathology and Medical Directors, Clinical Laboratory, Maryvale Hospital Medical Center and Phoenix Memorial Hospital. "Love the joy of problem solving and intellectual stimulation."

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'76 Carol Boerner of Reading, VT is now living on her little llama farm and practicing in the only full-time ophthalmology practice in an old mill town in rural NH. "What a change from Boston."

Marjorie Bowman of St. Davids, PA, Professor and Chair, Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine, University of Pennsylvania has recently brought out the third edition of her book Women in Medicine: Career and Life Management.

Larry Glazerman has been appointed Director of Information Technology and e-health for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, PA. He has been in private practice in Allentown since 1980, and in 1999, established a high-tech, innovative solo ob-gyn practice, combining the latest technological advances with outstanding personalized care.

Dean Winslow of San Carlos, CA is currently serving on active duty as Colonel in the United States Air Force and has been deployed to the Mideast as flight surgeon supporting combat search and rescue operations. In his civilian career, he is Clinical Professor of Medicine at Stanford University in the Infectious Diseases Division.

'78 Steve Edson and family have moved from Houston, TX to Ashland, OR where he joined a 13-person radiology group. All are enjoying small town life in southwest Oregon.

Carol Lowe of Penn Valley, PA was awarded the Practitioner of the Year Award from the Philadelphia County Medical Society for excellence in clinical care and community service. She has been working with underprivileged high school students and developing a camp for inner city children.

Neil Shusterman of Wyomissing, PA recently left GlaxoSmithKline after 13 years and joined Forest Laboratories, in charge of clinical development of all compounds in the cardiovascular, respiratory, GI, and metabolic areas. "Despite the commute from Philly to New York on Amtrak, I really enjoy the work."

Steven Levenberg of Langhorne, PA received the Spirit of St. Francis Award from St. Francis Medical Center, Trenton, NJ. It is given to a physician whose clinical care, compassion and dedication to patients and community reflects the spirit of the medical center.
The annual ski trip—this time to Whistler, British Columbia—drew alumni, faculty, and their families, including Dean and Senior Vice President Tom Nasca '75. The trip was led by Pauline Park '82 (in the red jacket, kneeling, to the right of the school banner) and Mark Kahn '83.

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Stephen Geraci of Madison, WI is Professor of Medicine and Associate Chief, Cardiovascular Medicine, University of Wisconsin in Madison. He is also Director, Inpatient Cardiology Services, University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics.

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Robert Witt of Kennett Square, PA was appointed Chief of Head and Neck Oncology for the Graham Cancer Center at Christiana Hospital. "My triologic thesis was accepted, earning entry into the senior otolaryngology society, and I sang a solo at the International Voice Conference in Philadelphia."

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Denise McFadden resides in Glen Ridge, NJ with husband Thomas and four children, ages seven through 13. She is with Montclair Radiological Associates. Her free time is taken up with bringing her children to Irish dance classes and competitions.

Judd Maul of Bethesda, MD celebrated 10 years as Director of the Department of Defense Center for Prostate Disease Research and the program itself celebrated its 10th anniversary with an all day educational symposium in Bethesda. Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach, Director of the National Cancer Institute, was the keynote speaker.

Mitchell Rivitz of Brookline, MA and wife Betsy are enjoying entering the school world with sons William, age seven, and Ben, age five.

Mitchell is Chief of Interventional Radiology at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, just outside of Boston.

Robert Schlesinger of Lower Gwynedd, PA is Chief, Section of Cardiology at Frankford Hospital System.

'Todd Demmy of Amherst, NJ is the Chair of Thoracic Surgery at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY.

Lynda Schneider of Wellesley, MA was promoted to Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. She is the Director of the Allergy Program and Atopic Dermatitis Center at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Richard Beers of Fayetteville, NY is keeping busy with four beautiful girls, which includes his wife. He is Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at Upstate Medical University.

Steve Chen of Lancaster, PA is busy in his gastroenterology practice. His spare time revolves around his four active children and his role as a deacon in his church.

Michael Henrickson of Fresno, CA has been elected Chairperson of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Rheumatology Executive Committee.

Sharon Skibber and husband Thomas Lehman '80 of Wilmington, DE have three children, Thomas, Kate and Patrick. Sharon is Chief, Division of Ophthalmology at A.I. duPont Hospital for Children.

James Stefanelli of Moscow, PA is practicing urology with Delta Medix in northeast PA. He is the father of five children, and married to Joyce Perith, DDS. He is active in Make A Wish Foundation and medical malpractice reform.

Karen Baker Lauer is now practicing ophthalmology in Pittsburgh.

J. Ross Slemmer is currently a partner in a private group pathology practice in Baltimore with 20 pathologists staffing five hospitals and providing anatomic pathology services to two large national commercial laboratories. His position is that of Chief of Anatomic Pathology at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore.

Errol Aksu of Pottsville, PA has been named Vice Chair of Anesthesia at HealthSouth of Pottsville, PA and are delighted to announce the opening of their private practice in Pottsville. "It's a boutique-like office in an old-fashioned neighborhood. I even got to hang a shingle – rare these days!" Husband Marcus is the office manager and does online billing.

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Gregory Braccia has started a new practice focusing on interventional pain management located in Linwood, NJ.

Debra Copit of Wynnewood, PA is busy with her mammography practice, her three year old, her 18 month old, and competing in triathlons.

Franny Lizerbram Dalton of Piedmont, CA is thrilled to announce the opening of her private Rockbridge Family Practice in Oakland. "It's a boutique-like office in an old-fashioned neighborhood. I even got to hang a shingle – rare these days!" Husband Marcus is the office manager and does online billing.

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Scott Katzman of Port St. Lucie, FL has developed a one and a half to two inch incision approach for minimally invasive hip replacement surgery currently marketed by Biomet.

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Alumni Spotlight:
Wallace T. Miller

Wallace T. Miller graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1956. Somewhat self-effacing about his subsequent career, Dr. Miller describes himself as an average student at Jefferson and states that initially he did not believe he had an unusual education. The record shows, however, that Dr. Miller graduated summa cum laude from Washington and Jefferson College in 1952. In addition, he holds memberships in Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Omega Alpha, and Sigma Xi, all honor societies to which one is elected on academic or research merit alone.

Dr. Miller became attracted to radiology during his internship at Akron City Hospital, Akron, OH, in 1956-1957 and served a radiology residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 1957-60. He was recruited to the faculty and has been associated with Penn ever since. He now serves as Chief of Diagnostic Radiology, Vice Chairman of the Department, and Chief of the Chest Section at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Among his teaching awards are the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, the Robert D. Dripps Memorial Award which identifies the person who best serves as a role model for the academic physician, and the Donna McCurdy Internal Medicine Award which is given to the best teacher of internal medicine. In 1998 he was presented with the first I. S. Ravdin Award as the best clinician in the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. On a broader scene, he was awarded the Outstanding Educator Award by the Philadelphia Roentgen Ray Society in 1995. In addition, he was awarded a Gold Medal by the Pennsylvania Radiological Society in 1990 and a Gold Medal by the Radiological Society of North America in 1997 for excellence in teaching.

He believes that one of the most important duties a person in his position should carry out is to transmit knowledge to developing physicians. As a consequence, he has been awarded practically every teaching award given by the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

On the academic side he is Professor of Radiology at Penn, and professionally he is Chief of the Chest Division, Department of Radiology, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a Fellow of both the American College of Radiology and the Radiological Society of North America, and serves as Editor of Seminars in Radiology. He is the author of 127 published articles, 25 book chapters, and four radiological textbooks. He has served as a Visiting Professor on 47 occasions in this country and abroad, including Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Japan and Thailand.

He admits that his strengths as a physician are clinical medicine and teaching, and he continues to use the common sense approach to clinical problems he learned originally at Jefferson. He is widely regarded at Penn as a radiologist with a vast knowledge of clinical medicine. He believes that teaching makes one a better physician, because of the need to develop a sound approach toward problem solving to explain a clinical case or, in radiology, a film or a series of films. The give and take of a teaching session educates everyone, the teacher as well as the student.

Dr. Miller and his wife, Betty, have three sons and a daughter. Son Wallace T. Miller Jr. now is Chief of Chest Radiology at Jefferson. Jefferson congratulates Dr. Wallace T. Miller '56 on his distinguished career and thanks him for bringing distinction and honor to Jefferson Medical College.

Pamela Tece Johnson, who has served as a reviewer for several years, has been selected to serve on the Editorial Board of the journal Radiology. She and husband Michael are living in Charlottesville, VA with their two small children. She is currently taking time off from clinical radiology, but continues to work for Johns Hopkins and Jefferson on research and educational projects.
Stash Marczynski and wife Mara of Absecon, NJ are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth child, Brendan Michael, born August 19, 2002. Brendan joins his big brothers Stash, 7, Matthew, 5, and Daniel, 3, to complete dad's basketball team. "I still get to play."

Shailen Shah of Mount Laurel, NJ is an Associate Residency Director in Jefferson's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

'92 James Jennings, wife Mary, and one-year-old Michael are now living in Longmont, CO where James has joined an anesthesiology group.

James McKeith of Santa Rosa, CA is Chairman and Medical Director of Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. He welcomed Cara this past October a home and is enjoying life.

Sproos Mezitis of NYC is an attending endocrinologist and a clinical investigator at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Cornell Medical Center, Lenox Hill Hospital. He was reelected President of the Hellenic Medical Society of New York.

William Sulowich and Kristen announce the birth of Kevin Michael on January 13, 2003. They reside in Chesapeake, VA with their five children. William is Director of orthopaedic spine surgery at Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA.

Daniel Westaum of Wyndmoor, PA has joined a practice of plastic and reconstructive surgery in Bryn Mawr. He is on staff at Lankenau, Paoli Memorial, Bryn Mawr and Mercy Suburban hospitals.

'93 Eileen Conti of Chester, NJ is in her own private practice, Conti Eye Care, in Flemington.

Kurt Crowley is currently in his seventh year of internal medicine practice at Paoli Memorial Hospital. He and his wife Caroline live in Berwyn, PA with their two sons.

Steven Grant of Irving, CA finished an advanced laparoscopic fellowship and has been in practice in Long Beach, CA doing general and laparoscopic surgery, and some trauma. He and wife Rebecca now have three children.

'95 William Charlton is a partner with Orthopaedic Consultants in Kingsport, PA and wife, Lynne Coslett-Charlton is a partner at Ob/Gyn Associates, also in Kingsport. They have three children and reside in Shavertown, PA.

Darlene Forth of Berlin, NJ has started a solo practice in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia.

Steven Oberlander is doing Mohs and dermatological surgery in Allentown, PA.

Jay Rudd and wife Carla have settled in Olympia, WA with their three children. Jay has recently become a partner in an eye center.

Mary Schuler and husband Dan Gzesh '95 live in Delaware County, PA. They are each in private practice. Mary is in internal medicine and Dan in neurology. They have two sons: Evan, born in March '99 and Colin, born in April '02.

Swati Shah has a busy obstetrics/gynecology practice in the New Orleans area. She has purchased a home and is enjoying life.

Peter Stull has moved to Olympia, WA after spending four years in Hawaii. "Although I have completed my obligation and gotten out of the army, I am still practicing emergency medicine for the army at Madigan Army Medical Center."

Daniel Tershak and Vivian Mao happily announce the birth of their second child, Abigail, on September 22, 2002. Dan and Vivian are both in private practice in Roanoke, VA.

'96 Jacqueline Brown of NYC is a member of the faculty ofBeth Israel Medical Center and also has a private practice in obstetrics and gynecology.

David Donald of Elk Grove, CA is an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

Jeffrey Morrison has opened a family medicine practice in NYC and is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine at Penn State College of Medicine. He has written a chapter entitled "The Prevention of Diabetes Mellitus" which is featured in the text Integrated Medicine.

Justin Nast and wife Elizabeth Durkin '97 are now stationed at Luke AFB in Phoenix, AZ.

Shelly Purvis and husband Rob of Richmond Hill, GA are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, Kaitlyn Rose, on September 22, 2002.

Bret Sokoloff and wife Lori of Germantown, TN welcomed their third child, Jamie Elise. Bret is busy with his orthopaedic practice in Memphis.

Karim Thomas of San Diego, CA is finishing her ophthalmology residency this year, having served as a flight surgeon for three years with the Marines.

Theoklis Zouzis is in his third year of a pediatric infectious disease fellowship at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He, wife Lisa PD'98 and four sons live in West Chester, PA.

'97 David Nelson of West Chester, PA is a pediatrician and a partner in Gettysburg Pediatrics with Brad Hoch '74.

Jonathan John of Pearlard, TX is completing a pediatric cardiology fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Michael Longo of Philadelphia is a hospitalist at Christiana Hospital in Newark, DE.

W. David Boyd and Catherine McIntyre OB'99 were recently married. Both are working for the Ob/Gyn Department at the University of Florida in Jacksonville.

Amy Sproch and Dan Ellis PD'01 of Haddonfield, NJ were married September 21, 2002.

'01 Tonya Kolodziejski of Palo Alto, CA married James Kaltenbach in June 2002 in Philadelphia. Many Jefferson women were in attendance: Carrie Glenn-Mastro, Allison Kolody, Rene Chase, Chris DeBenedictis, Angela McGovern and Lisa Grunebaum. Tonya is presently in an internal medicine residency at Stanford and just accepted a fellowship position at Stanford in gastroenterology.

Ryan Neff of Newark, DE completed his first triathlon this past year and is training for his third Boston Marathon this spring while doing his general surgical residency at Christiana Care.

Emery Fisher AN'98 is a pediatric anesthesiologist on staff at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ. He and his wife have two sons and reside in Edison.

Karen Chojnacki GS'00 of Drexel Hill, PA has joined the team of surgeons at TJUH. She comes to Jefferson from Bryn Mawr Hospital, where she was an attending surgeon. She also served as the Baltz Teaching Fellow and residency director at Bryn Mawr Hospital, directing graduate and undergraduate medical education. Her clinical and research interests include laparoscopic management of benign esophageal diseases and surgical treatment of pancreatic cancer and liver tumors. Her postgraduate training began at TJUH where she completed a residency in general surgery and served as administrative Chief Resident. She also completed an advanced laparoscopic fellowship at the University of Southern California where she was a Clinical Instructor in Surgery.

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