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AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE ACTING DEAN

Fellow Alumni:

With the opening of the Eighty-Third Session of our College we find ourselves well on the way toward our Centennial — the culmination of our own "Century of Progress." It has been said of one of our distinguished sister institutions that it believes three hundred years are needed for a college to become of age. If that is true, we can then rejoice for we are but entering the period of our greatest hopes and accomplishments.

The legendary belief in the superiority of that which is *new, modern, and progressive* is one of the most firmly established notions in American folklore. Universities and professional colleges are also susceptible to this idea and yet, paradoxically, each reverently loves and follows the traditions, customs, routines, and heritages of bygone decades.

Occasionally, under the stimulus of a new administration, a happily dozing college will stir restlessly in its slumbers and awaken to announce that things are going to be different, that it is about to embark upon a *new* course. Changes may actually be made, but, as they are just as likely to be retrogressive as not, the whole scene presents about as dynamic a picture as that of my bull terrier dozing in the sun. Such stimuli are about as lasting in effect as a hypodermic injection — and lack the habit forming qualities of the latter. As one of our erudite sophomores would say, "The stimulus was applied to the sacral instead of the cerebral region."

More rarely an exception to this picture of disturbed somnolence occurs, foretelling the dawn of a new day in the educational horizon of the college. But this is truly different. This is not the result of an administrative bombshell. Rather, such changes — permanent and truly different in nature — come as the result of deliberate, critical analysis of the aims and objectives, facilities and methods of the college, made *jointly* by the Faculty and the Administration. Changes that develop from such concerted action will genuinely serve contemporary needs.

It is well at this point to list the aims, purposes, and objectives of our College as we now see them:

First: to supply our students with a broad, comprehensive, factual knowledge of health and disease as a foundation for the practice of general medicine or a specialty. A certain amount of guided freedom in the selection of electives is introduced into the curriculum in recognition of a diversity in tastes, capacities and individual needs.

Second: to develop the basic techniques of medical and surgical practice.

Third: to strengthen the students in the use of their intellectual abilities, such as understanding and critical analysis, initiative and constructive imagination, judgment, and inductive and deductive reasoning.

Fourth: to develop a sense of obligation — a realization that every medical student or physician is a part of the profession and, as such, has a duty or obligation to fulfill. He must contribute to medicine in service, research, and investigation, as well as receive their benefits.

Fifth: to develop a deep sense of Right and Wrong. Today when most nations and people are priding themselves on being hard headed and realistic this may seem a bit naive. Ethics do change — are changing as a matter of fact — but even in these inconstant times there are certain fixed points or principles to which we can adhere. Science and ethics must shake hands.

It should be our method, then, to put into practice in the field of medical education the methods of scientific inquiry that have proved so fruitful in the laboratory and at the bedside. This willingness to experiment, to criticize, and to change in accordance with results of such experimentation is the essence of the progressive approach to education.

J. A. W. HETRICK

COLLEGE NOTES

An innovation this year in the Freshman and Sophomore curriculum is the shifting of the lunch hour from 12 to 1 p.m. to 1 to 2 p.m. The Junior and Senior curriculum (clinical groups) are without major change, altho the elimination of Tuesday morning lectures for the Junior class permits the use of all morning hours for clinical work.

The separate departments of histology, embryology, neuroanatomy and gross anatomy were united in one Department of Anatomy under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. E. Tharaldsen. The Department to be known as the William Waldo Blackman Department of Anatomy.

Dr. L. Corsan Reid was transferred from the Department of Pathology to the Department of Physiology.

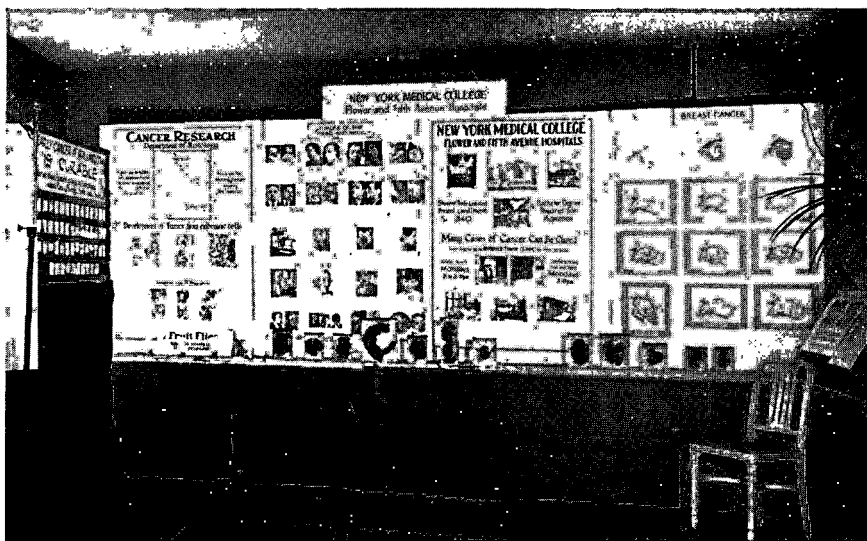
Dr. Stephen P. Jewett was appointed Head of the newly created Department of Psychiatry; and Dr. Thomas I. Hoen was appointed Head of the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery.

Dr. Joseph H. Fobes was appointed Head of Graduate Surgery, and Dr. Louis Rene Kaufman Head of Undergraduate Surgery.

Dr. Reuel Benson was appointed Helen S. Case Professor of Pediatrics.

THE TUMOR CLINIC

The American Society for the Control of Cancer and the New York State Cancer Committee, in an effort to disseminate knowledge concerning available means of preventing needless loss of life from cancer, sponsored an exhibit to show to the public the facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of these malignant conditions. This exhibit was given at the Hotel Astor from April 8th to 11th, 1941. Thirty-eight hospitals participated in this exhibit. The Tumor Clinic of the New York Medical College prepared an exhibit giving the statistics of the Tumor Clinic together with charts, photographs and specimens illustrating tumors of the head and neck, cancer of the breast, and tumors of the kidney. Experimental results with fruit flies suggesting the origin and hereditary nature of the cancer cell were shown with an exhibit of the fly tumor.



This exhibit was very successful and attracted much attention.. A great deal of its success was due to the faithful voluntary attendance of a number of students who explained the features of the exhibit. These students were constantly the center of groups of questioning visitors, and they acquitted themselves with distinction in handling the questions presented to them. The commander of the New York City Cancer Committee, who was largely responsible for the arrangement of the entire exhibit, wrote the following letter to the Tumor Committee of the New York Medical College:

"Your exhibit was of particular interest, and a great many visitors remarked on the interesting material, and the patience of the doctors who were explaining the problem to those interested. We tried to have the people vote for the exhibit which appealed to them most. Memorial Hospital was first on the list and the New York Medical College was second."

Our tumor clinic was established January 1st, 1937, and approved a year later by the American College of Surgeons. Its purpose is twofold; first, the better care of the cancer patients; second, the training of the medical staff and students in the principles of cancer diagnosis and treatment. Patients are referred to the tumor clinic on Monday afternoons for examination, opinion and plan of treatment by the tumor group. Representatives are present from the medical, surgical, pathological and radiological departments, and from time to time consultants from the other medical specialties of the hospital. Formal conferences are held on the first Monday of each month, to which all physicians are welcome. Four hundred and fifty patients have been referred to the clinic during the first four years. Analyses of the cases reveal that two out of three patients were suffering from malignant growths, the majority of which were in the advanced stages of the disease.

GRADUATE COURSES IN NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE

In spite of the unsettled conditions of this defense year a surprising number of graduate students have enrolled for the Basic Science year of the three year graduate specialty curricula. Fifteen students have enrolled to date compared with eleven last year. These graduate students are distributed as follows: ten in Surgery, four in Medicine, and one in Otolaryngology. The students come from a wide range of territory, including the following states: New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Ohio.

The following medical colleges are represented: New York University of Medicine, (Bellevue), Long Island College of Medicine, New York Medical College, University of Western Ontario Medical College, Loyola University Medical School, Royal University of Rome, Italy, Jefferson Medical College, University of Maryland Medical College, University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Hahnemann Medical College.

The courses commence Monday, September 29, 1941.

C. E. THARALDSEN, Chairman
Graduate Education Committee

ALUMNI IN SERVICE

Below is a list of New York Medical College Alumni who are in the military and naval service of our country. There are probably many more. Kindly advise the office of the Alumni Association, 1 East 105th Street, N. Y. City of any additional names, giving name and location, so as to keep the list as complete as possible.

Bagner, Alan Bernard '38, Camp Livingston, La.
Berlin, Walter '40, Camp Shelby, Miss.
Bernstein, Wilbur B. '37, U. S. Navy
 Aboard Trans. U. S. S. Joseph T. Dickinson
Beyer, William, '27, Fort Ontario, Oswego, N. Y.
Caes, Henry Joseph '41, U. S. Navy
Cafarelli, Roosevelt '35, Fort Knox, Kentucky
Candiloro, Carl G. '29, Fort Lee, Virginia
Clune, Francis J. '15, Fort Custer, Battle Creek, Mich.
Colmer, Malcolm '38, Fort Dix, N. J.
de Castro, Carlos M. '18, Med. Officer U. S. Sel. Serv.
 Territorial Headq. San Juan
Ennis, Russell '41 U. S. Navy
Finkelstein, Howard E. '40, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana
Graham, Allen S. '37, U. S. Army
Greenberg, Morris W. '31, U.S. Army
Heeve, William L. '37, Pine Camp, N. Y.
Iamele, Louis Arthur '35, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Jurnove, Donald S. '36, Camp Livingston, La.
Kimball, Cyril V. W. '40, U. S. Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I.
Kogel, Marcus D. '27, U. S. Army
Livingston, Elias '37, U. S. Army
Lombardi, Anthony L. '36, Fort Buchanan, Porto Rico
Longworth, Edmund F. '37, Camp Forrest, Tullahoma, Tenn.
MacKoske, William F. '39, U. S. Navy
Manfredi, J. J. '35, Camp Livingston, Louisiana
Mellow, Joseph A. '38, Fort Dix, N. J.
Napp, E. Edward '33, U. S. Navy, Quantico, Virginia
Reiser, Paul '33, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Reinstein, Herman, '37, Fort Ogelthorpe, Georgia
Santoro, George '39, Fort Hamilton, N. Y.
Stivala, George J. '33, U. S. Army
Swartwout, John A. '36, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Taddeo, Mario '37, Fort Dix, N. J.
Tichenor, Clifford '40, Camp Lee, Virginia
Viola, Lawrence '34, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

There are 329 students enrolled in the New York Medical College this year; 77 Seniors, 71 Juniors, 85 Sophomores, and 96 Freshmen. Three of the members of the Junior class were transferred to the New York Medical College from the University of West Virginia, Duke University and the University of North Dakota. In the Sophomore class one member was transferred here from the University of Michigan.

The Freshman class is larger now than it has been for several years and includes students from numerous colleges and universities throughout the country. Ten of this new class are women students. Sons of the following alumni are enrolled for their freshman year: Dr. Oscar Northway-Meyer (1895), Dr. Earl Eaton (1916) and Dr. Louis Grycz (1920). Dr. Stephen Chilian, of the surgical staff, and Dr. Albert Goldey, of the urology staff, have sons in the class of 1945, and a nephew of Mr. Clifford Hemphill, vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, has enrolled for his freshman year.

The Medical Students Club is preparing for another active year. Recognized by both faculty and students alike as an important and welcome organization in the life of the College, the Club is planning a program which will meet the recreational, educational, and social needs of the student body to an even greater extent than ever before. The Club's unique purpose and function is to provide an opportunity for all-around development outside of the regular academic work in its effort to help prepare medical students for their place in society as members of the medical profession.

A highlight of last year was the newly organized Glee Club which will be continued this year. Judging from the interest already shown in the project, there should be a splendid choral group this year. With many members of last year's basketball team, augmented by some fine freshman material, the varsity team, which starts practice in October at the Heckscher Foundation, looks forward to an unusually fine season. Because of the interest shown in the clay sculpturing group of last year, it is likely that this group will continue along with other hobby groups as well. All-college dances, noonday lectures, annual art exhibit and Christmas Party are but a few of the other activities which will be sponsored by the Medical Students Club, as it looks to the year ahead.

Almost the entire student body and many faculty members attended the opening Freshman Reception held the first week of school. Following the reception the moving pictures entitled "The Training of a Physician" were shown. These pictures were taken here at the College last year.

The Headquarters of the Medical Students Club are in Room 401. Bill Cheney is the Executive Secretary, assisted by Anne Zyfers.

In Memoriam

ALLEN, Wilfred C., '88, West Hartford, Conn. Died on May 21, 1941 of carcinoma of the colon, at the age of 74.

PAGE, Roy Alfred, '94, Magdalena, New Mexico. Former Livingston (N.Y.) County coroner; died on April 27, 1941 of broncho-pneumonia and chronic myocarditis. Aged 69.

OVENS, Ritchie C., '01, Jersey City, N. J. Died on April 11th, 1941 of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 62.

FAIRBANKS, Warren, '16, Freehold, N. J. Dr. Fairbanks was born in Newark, Vt., on February 28, 1884. He attended Boston University and in 1907 entered the Methodist ministry, serving as pastor of the Springfield Avenue Church, Philadelphia, for four years. He left the ministry and studied medicine, graduating from our college in 1916. He was a former president of the Monmouth County Medical Society and for 19 years was the director of the Allenwood Tuberculosis Hospital at Allenwood, N. J. Dr. Fairbanks died at his home on August 5th, 1941 at the age of 57. He is survived by his wife and four children.

NEARY, James M., '19, Brooklyn, N. Y. Died on July 10th, 1941 of a heart condition, at the age of 50. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Ann, 7, and Ellen, 5.

STONE, Hannah M., '20. Dr. Stone was born in New York City in 1894. She was married to Dr. Abraham Stone in 1917. At the Lying-in Hospital, N. Y. City, she met Mrs. Margaret Sanger, and became interested in her fight for the dissemination of birth control information. Dr. Stone was the medical director of the Birth Control Clinical Research Bureau since its foundation in 1923. She died at her home on July 10, 1941, after a short illness, at the age of 47. She is survived by her husband, and a daughter, Gloria.

FACULTY

CASE, William LeFurgey, New York City. Dr. Case was born at Pultneyville, N. Y. in 1870. He was graduated from the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College in 1905. He was an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the New York Medical College for many years. Dr. Case died on July 4th, 1941 of a heart attack at the age of 70. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Emma Evans Case, and a brother, George G. Case, of Rochester.

DOLINSKY, Ethel M., New York City. Dr. Dolinsky was graduated from the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women in 1905. She was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. She was a teacher in Ophthalmology and lecturer in Surgery at the New York Medical College for many years. Dr. Dolinsky died of a cerebral hemorrhage on June 27, 1941. She is survived by one son.



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PERSONALS

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LEÃO, Francisco Garcia Pereira, '01, has celebrated his 79th birthday in his home, 67 Rua Oitis, Jardin Botanico, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Dr. Leão has retired as Minister Plenipotentiary from the Diplomatic Service of his Country, Brazil, after 43 years of service. He is enjoying good health, and sends greetings to all his colleagues.

GALSTER, Henry C. '09, Hudson, N. Y. and Albert Greene, '09, Schenectady, N. Y., attended the Rotary Convention in Denver, June 15-20, 1941. They held a little re-union of their own with James R. Bramley, '10 and Cy Newcomb, '10, prominent physicians of Denver, Colo., where old times were discussed.

WOOD, Earl LeRoy, '17, Newark, N. J., was recently promoted to Colonel in the Medical Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army. He is Surgeon in the Ear, Nose and Throat Department of the Presbyterian Hospital, Babies' Hospital, City Hospital and the Eye and Ear Infirmary, all of Newark.

BOCHOW, George A., '30, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., advises that he has recently flown back from the West Coast after a 9,000 mile trip comparing notes on Anesthesia in Albuquerque, San Diego, Los Angeles, Missoula, Butte and Portland.

SMITH, Sander V. '35, who has been acting in the capacity of Executive Physician in charge of Out-Patient Department at Harlem Hospital for the past year, has been transferred to the Queens General Hospital as Acting Deputy Medical Superintendent.

FISHER, Martin M. '35, has recently given two radio talks under the auspices of the Kings County Medical Society, entitled "You are as Old as your Arteries."

MANFREDI, Joseph J. '35, is a 1st Lieut. in the Medical Corps, and is stationed at Camp Livingston, Louisiana. Mrs. Manfredi has joined him and is living in nearby Alexandria, La.

BUONOCORE, Lawrence W. '35, who, since May 13, 1938 was assistant surgeon, was made district surgeon of the Medford CCC District, Medford, Ore., beginning July 1, 1941. This entails supervision of 31 CCC Camps and 6,000 enrollees when district is running to capacity. He would appreciate hearing from friends.

BUDETTI, Joseph A. '36, has been appointed Clinical Ass't, Visiting Bronchoscopist at the Municipal Sanatorium at Otisville, N. Y.

HEIMLICH, C. S. '36, has been re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Seneca County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., for the year 1942, and Chairman for the 1942 campaign in the County.

LOMBARDI, Anthony L. '36, who is a 1st Lieut. in the Medical Corps on duty at the Station Hospital, Fort Buchanan, Porto Rico, was married on June 29th, 1941, at San Juan, to Miss Josephine Antoine Sangiurico de la Rosa.

CUONO, Joseph D. '36, was recently married to Miss Dorothy G. Bosetti, of Palisade, N. J. and Bayville, L. I. At present Dr. Cuono is Assistant Chief Resident on Thoracic Surgery at Seaview Hospital, Staten Island.

SWARTWOUT, John A. '36. October 1, 1941 was the date of the marriage of Miss Christine Virginia Stacy of Silver Spring, Maryland, and John Alden Swartwout, 1st Lieutenant Medical Corps, U. S. Army, now stationed at Fort Belair, Virginia. The ceremony took place at Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

BERNSTEIN, Wilbur B. '37 (Lieut. J. G., M.C., U.S.N.R.) is junior medical officer aboard the transport, U.S.S. Joseph T. Dickinson.

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HAMLEY, John J. '38 has passed the National Board Exams. (3rd part) in Durham, N. C., and also the Florida State Board Exams. At present he is the Resident Physician in charge of the University of Florida Infirmary.

GRECO, John J. '39 announces the opening of his office at 437 Union Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

SWIRSKY, Morgan Y. '39, has completed a two year rotating internship at Grace Hospital, New Haven, Conn. He is now spending a year at City Hospital Welfare Island, N. Y. C.

STAHL, Richard H. '39, has completed internship and mixed residency at St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio. At present he is Associate in the Medical Department of the Atlas Powder Co. at the Ravenna Ordnance Plant, (Arsenal) Ravenna, Ohio, and at the end of the year plans to start a three year appointment in Otolaryngology at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. He sends his best wishes to our entire staff.

DEUEL, Ellsworth, '39 has taken a position with the Harrison Radiator Company, and is living in Lockport, New York.

ROTHBARD, Bernard, '39, Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Rothbard are the proud parents of an 8 pound, 2 ounce baby boy. Dr. Rothbard has recently opened his office at 9000 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

CLARKE, Fred, '39 is working as company physician with the Endicott Johnson Shoe Company. He just recently announced his marriage, and they are living in Binghamton, N. Y.

KIMBALL, Cyril V. W. '40, has received a commission as Lieutenant, Junior Grade, in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Navy, and has reported for active duty at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Newport, R. I., where they are very busy examining navy recruits.

MEYERS, Lawrence, '41, who is interning at the Lincoln Hospital, Bronx, was married on June 8th, 1941, to Miss Judith Groffman. They are living in Flushing.

FORTE, Cono, '41, who is interning at the Kings County Hospital, was married on June 22, 1941, to Miss Frances Bucalo. They are living in Brooklyn.

ENNIS, Russell, '41, has passed the naval medical examination and is now waiting his appointment to one of the Naval Base Hospitals.

STACY, Harold G. '41, has received a commission as 1st Lieut. in the Medical Reserve Corps.

R. William Cheney, the executive secretary of the Medical Students Club, was operated on for a Cholecystectomy on September 23rd, at the Presbyterian Hospital, and is coming along nicely. Best wishes, Bill, for a speedy recovery.

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