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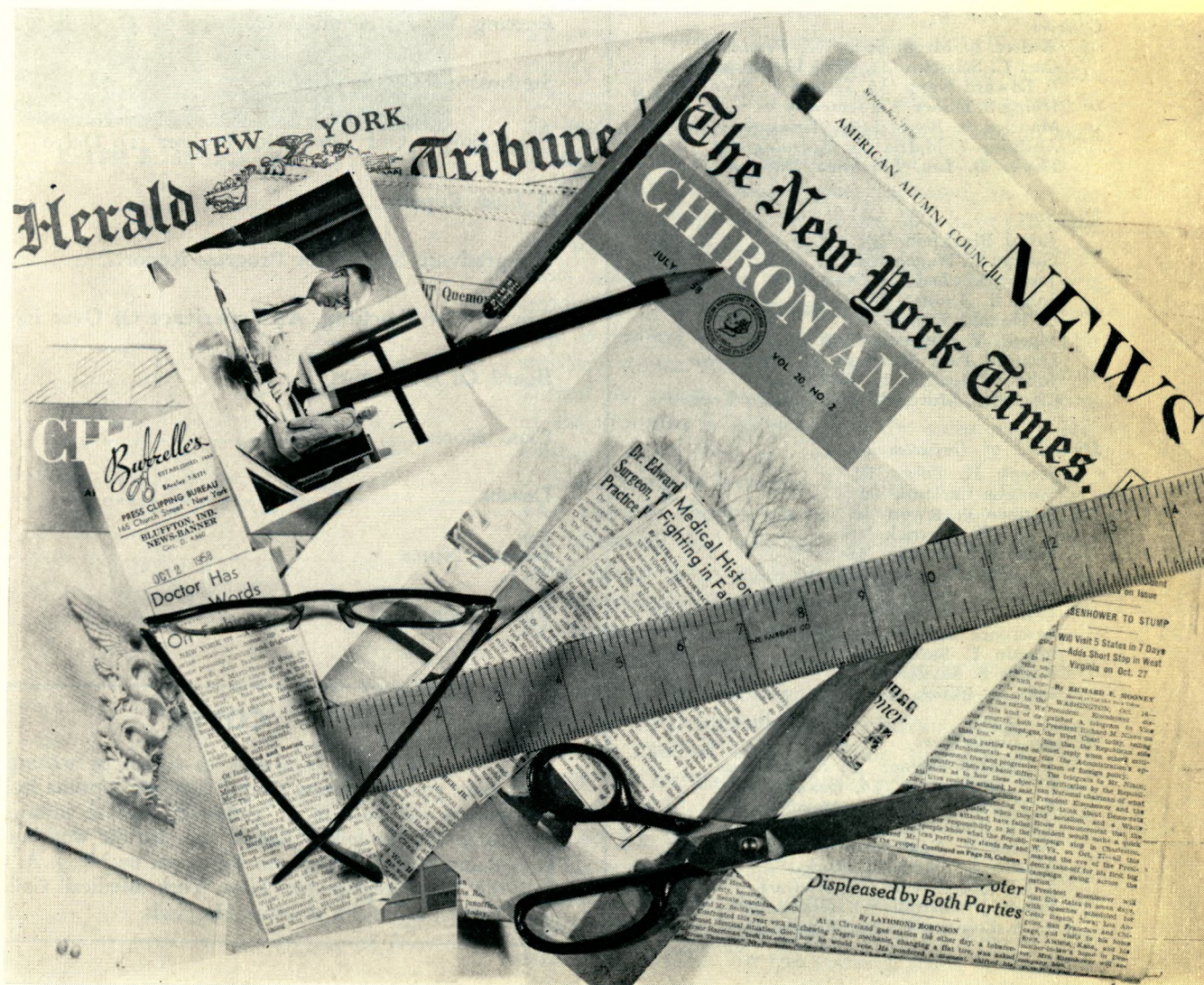


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COVER

The Chironian is always in search of writings by or about you. Appearing in this issue are reprints from newspapers and bulletin, a "gimmick" used to inform you of some of your fellow alumni and also the working of your alumni office. The photo was taken by Mr. J. A. Glenner, the photographer for New York Medical College and Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals.



RALPH E. SNYDER, '50

I am often asked the question "what does an alumnus mean to his medical college?" The answer, which involves the whole concept of alumni-college relations, is difficult to express in a few words.

There was a time when, upon graduation, the alumnus considered his relationship with his college ended. The college, in turn, often reflected the same opinion. But that time has long since given way to the realization that there is a continuing mutual need on the part of both the college and the alumnus.

By the time the student has graduated, his college has played a major role in his life. We have provided the basic, fundamental concepts of medicine—the tools with which he will work. The alumnus is a product of our educational program, and the college is judged by the success of its product. The standing of the college is important to the alumnus during his entire professional life, and the success of the alumnus is important to the standing of the college.

The process of learning continues throughout life. The alumnus should always be interested in medical education. He will look to his college for the latest advances in medical research and education, and his college will look to the alumnus for support, for counsel, and for strength.

A strong, interested alumni group—proud of their college and whose college is proud of them—is one of the essential ingredients of a strong, progressive, respected medical college. Your support of your college is a mutually beneficial relationship. Whatever is good for you—as alumni—cannot help but be good for your college.

This medical college represents an ideal which can only be carried out jointly. Responsibility for its future must be shared—by faculty, by students, by alumni, by friends. In the coming years, with more and more demands on medical education in a rapidly changing world, men and women of courage and conviction from all groups must stand to be counted. The Alumni should lead the way.

Stethoscope on Broadway

by

McCANDLISH PHILLIPS

Since nothing more quickly subverts an evening on the town than to be reminded, by sudden fevers, of life's harrowing transience, the major Broadway theatres always have physicians waiting to rush in with healing balms.

One of the best known and busiest of the theatrical practitioners is Dr. Benjamin A. Gilbert, house physician for fifteen theaters. His office on West Forty-fifth Street is no more than a three minute brisk walk from most theaters in midtown.

Whether one gets ague at "The Visit" or lacerations at "Jamacia," Dr. Gilbert is at one's side in no time, offering bitter draughts or daubing at the blood.

He gets, on the average, four emergency calls a week. The most common complaints are, among actors, laryngitis; among patrons, indigestion; and among dancers, splinters in the hands, knees, or seat.

About twice a year, somebody dies in his seat at the theater. Perversely, this most often happens at a comedy or musical. Dr. Gilbert's job is to get the body out of its seat and into the manager's office before anybody knows what has happened. Otherwise the untimely passing is likely to spread a pall over the remainder of the evening's drolleries.

For less than fatal cases, the Broadway houses carry accident insurance. If a customer becomes ill at the theater, he gets Dr. Gilbert's bill. But if he twists his ankle and sues for broke, the theater is indemnified.

SUMMONED BACKSTAGE

Dr. Gilbert, bound by the ethics of his profession, said he could not use names in spinning out these memoirs, but he recalled a night not long ago at a West Forty-fourth Street theater in which the regular player was too ill to go on and his understudy had spent the day slaking a terrible thirst.

It was generally felt that the understudy would add to the intended comedy of the script just that

touch of spontaneity that spells greatness, but nobody could get him to stand up. He just kept smiling and sinking to the floor.

The physician was called in. Could he achieve in the patient just enough sobriety to save the evening's sellout performance?

Dr. Gilbert jabbed stimulants and vitamins into the man's arm. "He went on," he says, "but every time he came off I had to give him another shot." In the last scene, the actor was to deliver a resounding final testament and then die in bed.

The curtain went up. The actor was asleep.

A wig was fetched for the physician and a costume found with a view to his going on stage in the guise of the dying man's grandmother and, back to the audience, giving him another needle. Fortunately it was a comedy.

Before this could be done, another actor sidled over to the bed and, under the pretense of giving the sufferer a fond pat, delivered him such a pinch on the jowl as would have roused a graven image. Dr. Gilbert was spared the necessity of a medical walk-on, and the play unwound without further dereliction.

Associated with Dr. Gilbert in such works are six other physicians. In addition to the fifteen theaters, they respond to calls from eighteen midtown hotels.

Dr. Gilbert's office, a four room suite, is open twenty-four hours a day. Under the glass top on his desk he has a chart showing the duty hours of the seven physicians who answer to, or in, his name.

On Saturday nights, Dr. Gilbert is the attending physician at the Metropolitan Opera, an assignment that his wife, Anne, calls "really a labor of love."

The Gilberts met in grade 5B at Public School in Brooklyn. By 6A, their romance took on a permanency that nothing since has been able to dissolve.

Now, every Saturday evening, Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert occupy the same two seats just off the aisle in the orchestra at the Met. If anything untoward happens, the ushers know exactly where he is.

Laryngitis, which is a nuisance to actors, is rather more than that to singers.

"At the Metropolitan, it can't be 'The show must go on,'" Dr. Gilbert says. "You can't sing grand opera on sheer faith." Instead, substitutes take over, even in the middle of a scene.

On Broadway, however, that hallowed dictum of show business finds living expression again and

again. Most actors cannot be kept off stage even with temperatures of 103 or more.

"Sometimes they get better, sometimes they get worse," Dr. Gilbert says with resignation.

STUDENT DAYS

Dr. Gilbert began his medical career more than thirty years ago under the auspices of Clayton, Jackson and Durante, the vaudeville team that made long and riotous appearances at such places as the Parody Club, employing the young medical student as a trumpeter.

Young Gilbert went to classes at the New York Medical College from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.; musical employment at 5:30; and concluded at 3:30 in the morning. He studied between numbers.

To save time, he would often leave his tuxedo on for a couple of days. It made him the best dressed man in his class.

He was employed for a time with an outfit called the Raccooners. Its members wore raccoon coats and played wild music in a show called 'Nights in Spain' at the old Forty-fourth Street Theater. July in a raccoon coat he remembers as a singular test of fortitude.

Dr. Gilbert opened his office, right where he is today, in 1930. He became a member of The Lambs and drifted into theater doctoring from there.

As the new season bursts upon him, Dr. Gilbert or one of his colleagues will make the rounds of three or four theaters each night shortly before curtain time to give vitamin injections to players whose pre-performance rituals require it. In an earlier day, maybe, they would have had a little blood drawn off each night.

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B. A. GILBERT '30, AND WIFE

Ford Taught Old Time 'Hot Rodder' To Drive

by
SAM WOOLFORD

If, by any chance within the past 15 years you have been driving in the hill country around Kerrville, or up the Guadalupe toward Hunt, and you passed a distinguished looking old gentleman with a goatee—who was driving a car at a fast rate of speed, then you have seen one of America's original "hot rod-ders."

The gray-moustached and chin-whiskered gentleman behind the wheel was going some place in a hurry. Had you hailed him down and engaged him in conversation you would have met one of the last of the "bon vivants" of the declining years of the Golden Era of American age which collapsed with Kaiser Bill, Volstead, and the drill sergeants.

"Bonney" lives today in a beautiful home at 206 Circle Drive, Kerrville. It is set amidst imposing liveoaks on what he calls "Harmony Hill." And he is perhaps the only man living who bought one of the first automobiles ever made by Henry Ford, and then had the inventor take him out to teach him to drive it.

Quoting Dr. Orlando R. von Bonnewitz, M.D., born in Ohio in 1867:

"I landed in New York in 1901 to practice medicine. Henry Ford had built three Model 'N' cars, one for Thomas A. Edison, one for Mrs. Ford, and I bought the third. This was before the 'Model T.' He took me out to demonstrate the car, and before long the muffler fell off. Henry got out and got under to put it back on, and burned his fingers. But we finally got it to going again."

From a bundle of old and faded pictures "Bonney" drew out a photograph of this first Ford. He said:

"I added the mudguards, the acetylene lights, the kerosene dash-board lights, and the top."

Even then, the doctor wore a goatee; and the picture showed his wife dressed in the mode of female motorists of that day.

The tires, he said, were permanently attached to the wheels. You fixed a puncture like you would a tubeless bicycle tire, with rubber bands.

"MUGBOOK"

The pictures which unfolded from what he calls his "mugbook" were so interesting that I decided to start at the beginning. Sitting in his home, amid the oil paintings from his own hand, we reconstructed his life. And I thought you might like to know how a young fellow got a start, back in the last century:

"I was born in Van Wert, Ohio, in 1867. My father was a typical heel-clicking German, and whatever I have of wit and humor I inherited from my sainted Irish mother. I never saw my father smile in his life, but he did give me some good advice. He said: 'Son, keep your eyes and your bowels open and your mouth shut.'

"Kids in those days, if they wanted any money to spend, had to work for it. Nobody gave kids any money. My first job, outside of moving groceries in a wheelbarrow for the town store, was in varnishing broughams and surveys. You had to put on 20 coats of varnish; it made me sick, so I quit.

"I then got a job in a drugstore, and had to sleep in it at night to protect it from burglars. I learned about medicine; and, as they weren't so strict about requiring a license to practice in those days, I probably did a little of that.

"I decided to go to Philadelphia and get a degree in pharmacy at a school which is now part of the University of Pennsylvania. I didn't have much money, so I found room and board for \$5 a week by sharing a bed with a typesetter who worked night shifts. I graduated and went back home. Then I got a job in another drugstore for \$50 a month, but also had to sleep in that store at night, and I ate at the Boss' home.

NEW PILLS

"I started to move around, and next got a job sampling doctors—that is, I would take the new pills then being made and call on physicians, and sell them. Doctors used to carry medicine around in small leather cases, as well as keep it in their offices. I traveled all over the country, finally winding up in Kansas City.

"There was an opera troupe rehearsing for a tour, and I got acquainted with them. It was the Alkazar Comic Opera Company. Marie Stone, a coloratura soprano, was the leading lady; and the tenor was in love with her. Well, the Midland Hotel and theater was full of these show people, and they were booked

for a long tour clear into the Bijou theater in Chicago. Three days before the tour was to open, the leading man got mad and walked out. They tried to get a tenor from Chicago, but couldn't. Miss Stone says: 'Bonney can sing every role, so why don't we hire him to sing the lead?'

"Well, we went into some fast rehearsals. We were singing 'Fra Diavolo,' 'Chimes of Normandy,' 'Pirates of Penzance,' and 'Doctor Alcantara.'

"I had a lot of trouble with my cues, for this was all new to me. I started out at \$125 a week and wound up in the Bijou theater in Chicago at \$2500 a week." Bonney reached back into his "mugbook" and pulled out lobby pictures of himself as a tenor, with as fine and delicate a goatee, even then, as you would ever hope to see.

"I put my money in the Michigan Avenue Savings Bank and resumed my medical education, enrolling at the Rush Medical College in Chicago."



SELLING BIKES

In the years that followed, Bonney worked to extend his savings account, at one time renting a show window on Michigan Avenue and riding and selling bicycles which were becoming popular in the Nineties. About the time he graduated in medicine, the bank went broke and Bonney lost \$4000. He went back to his old home, Van Wert, to see about a place to practice medicine; a man with two degrees now, but broke.

"A couple of the local boys had gone to Norfolk, Virginia, and had made good. So I decided to go there and practice medicine. I got out my bicycle and rode all the way, clear across the mountains, sleeping in farmhouses, and carrying my extra clothes in a bundle tied to the handlebars. But I couldn't make a go of it. Many of the patients were colored people, and I had been taught to diagnose patients by the color of the skin so I had to give it up. I rode back to Van Wert on my bicycle."

Finally, after years of working in conjunction with other doctors, young Bonnewitz decided to try his luck in New York City. He had made enough money now so that he could afford to travel in a comparatively plush state.

"I remember the fare from Ohio to New York City was \$182. I had a berth, parlor car, and a smoking car to enjoy. I was up there talking to the men in the smoker when the conductor came in and asked if there was a doctor present. It seemed that a child in one of the cars had passed out. I went back into the compartment and the child had what we used to call membranous croup. I had it once myself; and the old-fashioned remedy was to pour the mouth full of kerosene. In fact it was diphtheria, but they didn't call it that then. All of the child's people were arguing about what should be done, and I told them what I proposed to do. By this time the little girl had already turned blue. But they didn't have any kerosene, and I asked about the conductor's lantern. He brought it, and I applied my remedy, and sure enough, the child began to breathe. She progressed, but when we went through Pennsylvania (She was on the Pennsylvania coach), they set that coach out. I went on to New York, and never got a nickel for saving that child's life."

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DR. THOMPSON APPOINTED



Dr. Samuel A. Thompson, who is internationally known for his research in the field of heart surgery, has been appointed chief of the section of thoracic surgery at New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals. Announcement of the appointment was made in September by Dr. Ralph E. Snyder. Dr. Thompson perfected the cardiopexy, popularly known as the "talcum powder heart operation," which is performed on patients suffering from angina pectoris to stimulate an increased flow of blood to the heart and restore it to normal activity. He is the author of more than 40 articles in scientific journals.

Born in Lynchburg, Virginia, Dr. Thompson was reared in Raleigh, N. C. He received his BS degree from Wake Forrest College, Winston-Salem, and his MD degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Appointed to the staff of New York Medical College in 1923 as instructor in surgery, he became associate professor of surgery in 1938 and will continue to fill this position.

Dr. Thompson is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, American College of Chest Physicians, American College of Cardiology, New York Academy of Medicine, and the International College of Surgeons. He is a founder member of the Board of Thoracic Surgery and of the New York Society for Cardiovascular Surgery, and is a mem-

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THE THEOLOGY, SCIOLOGY, AND ANATOMY OF THE LOWER EXTREMITIES IN BOTH SEXES, WITH REPORT OF A CASE

by JOSEPH H. FOBES, M.D. '01

R—S—, Age 30, applied for treatment for a severe ulcer of the right leg. Skin grafting was performed with negligible results. Amputation was requested and refused. Thereupon the patient, thinking that a change of religion might better her lot, applied for and received baptism into the Christian faith.

Shortly after this the patient requested an amputation on the ground that a proposal of marriage had been made and accepted with the promise that said leg be amputated. The authorities acceded to the request and amputation was performed. The Social Service then applied (as was the custom) to the Hebrew Charities Society for an artificial leg. Said Charity Society refused on the grounds that their function was to supply Hebrew, not Christian legs, and there the matter rested for a time.

Through hard work the Christian Chaplain of the Hospital obtained the information that a certain male patient had no further use for a wooden leg. He interviewed the patient and received permission to utilize said leg in any way desired. A conference was held between the instrument maker and female ex-Hebrew Christianized patient and report was made as follows:

The artificial leg is a good one with the following exceptions: 1. It is of the opposite side to the one desired; 2. It is a male limb. However, on account of the war (World War II), male limbs are in great demand. Therefore, for a sum of twenty-five dollars and the male limb, a new female leg will be made and applied.

It was so ordered and accomplished. A ring is noticed on the fourth finger, left, of the patient.

Query: Will the proposee stick to his proposition?

Published in Medical Pickwick

Postgraduate Studies: A Progress Report

Appreciating that medical colleges have a major responsibility for providing appropriate opportunities for continuous postgraduate training, your Alma Mater instituted a program to meet this need more than a decade ago. In fact, the earliest affiliation of the College was with the former New York Ophthalmic Hospital in which the College was located early in the Civil War. That hospital trained physicians in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat and early was granted permission to offer a special advanced degree.

The more recent program was designed primarily to assist veterans of World War II whose training had been interrupted by military service to reacquaint themselves with civilian practice, to qualify for Specialty Boards, and for other reasons. This program accomplished its original objective but subsequently languished as the number of physicians inactivated by the Armed Forces dwindled. Nevertheless, at a considerable financial loss the College discharged an implied educational and patriotic obligation to many who had served their country.

Still alert to educational responsibilities and opportunities, last July, Dean Ralph Snyder created a Division of Graduate Studies to implement and expand the postgraduate program which had remained quietly active, playing a relatively modest role and depending for students largely by "word of mouth" recommendation rather than actual publicity.

At the outset, many of the courses will be of the conventional type; that is, training in the recording of electrocardiographs and their interpretation, in diagnostic roentgenology, pediatric allergy, and gastroscopy, to mention but a few. However, most programs offered to physicians of the metropolitan area will be on a part-time basis, for it seems economically inadvisable to require a physician to interrupt practice completely for several weeks at a time. The opposite situation prevails for physicians living at a distance for whom concentrated courses avoid the time and expense of travel.

A somewhat unconventional feature which has been tried with considerable success is to give courses at night. Thus, the three year Comprehensive Course in Psychoanalysis is given two evenings a week during certain months of the year. Obviously, this method cannot be followed when patients are involved

as in the courses on Fractures and Allied Trauma, Gastroscopy, and many others. In an effort to present courses at the most convenient time and place, the College has experimented with having members of its faculty go to hospitals or centers outside the city. This method has worked exceedingly well with groups such as the Academy of General Practice in Westchester for which the College has supplied teachers for several years. In an effort to make postgraduate work more convenient for the student, consideration is being given at the moment to utilizing the facilities and staff of our affiliated hospitals. If these plans materialize we shall be able to give courses at Morrisania Hospital for physicians of the Bronx. The same situation may develop in Queens.

In addressing this first public release to the Alumni there are two motivations. Primarily, they should be aware of the activity of the College in this area. Of almost equal importance is an invitation to participate in the program since groups admitted will be small. It is obviously impossible to catalogue all courses which may be arranged, since the College is willing to help its alumni as far as possible. The course might be a "small" one. For example, two hours a week with an ophthalmologist for six weeks might be worked out for a small group to provide almost individual instruction in funduscopy and the use of the ophthalmoscope; the same is true of the sigmoidoscope, the gastroscope, and so forth. Basic science courses are also available.

If you will write to the Division of Graduate Studies at the College for information on any particular course, you will promptly receive an answer informing you of the possibility of arranging the course, if it does not already exist. Since many of the laboratories and clinics are also utilized for undergraduate teaching, it will not always be possible to complete arrangements, particularly since faculty time and effort must also be conserved. However, you may rest assured that a real effort will be made to solve your postgraduate ambitions.

If space permitted, reference could be made to more ambitious plans concerning the development of a Graduate School at the College. This involves conferring advanced degrees to physicians, as well as the possibility of training in the basic sciences designed to replenish the supply of basic science teachers. These problems have not been mentioned here since the purpose of this communication is restricted to the single goal: How can we help our Alumni?

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KNIGHTS OF THE SCALPEL MEET AGAIN

The Annual Convocation of the Knights (Graduate-Basic Surgery Group led by Uncle Joe Fobes '01) held a dinner on October 8, 1958, during the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. After the oath was administered by Uncle Joe, Commander, a picture was taken showing the following Knights, their ladies and honored guests, left to right: Mrs. and Willard Nelson Bome '49, of Rockford, Illinois; Lloyd C. Larsen '49, of Lexington, Kentucky; Peter Guthorn '46, of Asbury Park, New Jersey; Mrs. Stanley Schwartz of Miami, Florida; John Bentley '48, and Mrs. Bentley, Elizabeth, New Jersey; John McCarthy '45, who demonstrated the "McCarthy Maneuver," of Lakewood, Ohio; C. R. Weinberg and wife, Director of Radiology at Martland Medical Center at Newark, New Jersey; C. Cicalese, resident in Obs-Gyn at Martland (Drs. Weinberg and Cicales had a fine exhibit, Diagnosis of Abdominal Pregnancy at the meeting). Our own Martin Silverstein, Assistant Professor of Surgery at our College; Janet and Walter Mersheimer '39, Associate Professor of Surgery. He collaborated with Martin Stone in an outstanding exhibit also; Kay Guthorn, Stanley Schwartz '48, from Miami Beach, Florida, with his mother. Joe Sarullo '47, from sunny San Louis Obispo, California; Teddy Struhl '46, another one from Miami, Florida; J. A. Gordon, Director of Obs-Gyn at Martland; and Uncle Joe. The other photo shows Teddy Struhl on the left and Stanley Schwartz on the right. Among many others (list to be published later) these men received Fellowships in the American College of Surgeons.

Among the regrets:

Mestel '54, was busy taking his Canadian Boards; Laturnee of Taunton, Mass. '50, could not make the dinner but received his fellowship; Joe Bloom '45, U. S. Steel surgeon of Silver Bay, Minn., was busy having his ulcer operated at Mayo's. (His son is a freshman at our College; Harold Kaufman '45, is now an accepted surgeon at Jackson Hospital in Miami; Maxwell Goodless '52, of Hollywood, Florida, is expecting an arrival at any time; Labbe '51, from Quebec; Ricketts '51, of the Chiriqui Land Co., Puerto Armuellis, Republic of Panama; Galiani '53; Pedulla '51; and Wetchler '48, from New York; Cheezeni '48, from South Carolina; Haft '45, from California; Self '48, from Detroit; Farrar '45, from Canton, Ohio; and many others could not make it.



THE JOY OF TEACHING, AN EXPERIENCE OF OVER FIFTY YEARS

by JOSEPH H. FOBES, M.D. '01

Mark Van Doren recently said, "Teaching is a two-way street. My pupil learns from me and I learn from him." The word "education" means a drawing out. True teaching encourages the pupil to think. Thomas Watson, for many years head of International Business Machine Company, spread the word THINK through the industrial world. "As a man thinks so is he." My pupils were required to keep a diary of the day, what they saw, read about, and then in the last hour before going to bed an original thought about it. The present day medical curriculum is so full that the pupil is crammed to overflowing. This last hour serves to crystalize thought on the work of the day when it is fresh in his mind.

This diary is of great value as a personal reference book. One of my students of long ago told me the other day that he often wanted to throw his diary into the East River but today he often refers to it. A fresh mind often discovers the truth which may be cluttered up with a lot of unnecessary minutiae. Too often one cannot see the woods for the trees. All roads lead to Rome. Some learn by listening, some by seeing, others by reading. The teacher must find out in what way his pupil is qualified and stimulate him in that line. Too often the moving film is an excuse for a good nap. It is not always the book worm who makes the best doctor. Too frequently the top prize men fail in general practice. Every once in a while a good man says to me, "The work on that symposium in my Junior year helped make me what I am today." It was my custom to assign a topic to be covered in its entirety by a number of men in the class, each having a portion of the work. Then they would read it before the class and have a general discussion. It was published in the Chironian and a bound copy presented to the class. Dean Hetrick told me, "I still have my copy. It is one of the best methods of teaching pupils to write and then think out loud." I was never a believer in final examinations per se. Every two weeks a quiz was conducted and marked. By the end of the term I knew the good students. Any one having a mark of 85 % did not have to take the final. Cramming for exams is a bad practice. As they say in the ads "It's the part up front that counts." After all, we do not educate a man to pass an examination in

a subject he has to cram in the last few hours. He must have a knowledge that has become a part of him. One Professor said "Bring your textbooks in with you. If the shelves of your brain know where to obtain the knowledge in books to answer my questions, I am satisfied. Sometimes in doing an intricate operation on that marvelous maze of tendons, nerves, and vessels of the human hand, I am not ashamed to consult my anatomy charts. One brain cannot hold all medical knowledge. Never be ashamed to say 'I don't know but I know where to look for it.'"

As the years roll on, with the eightieth anniversary at hand, and the fifty-seventh year of graduation past, with the multitude of dedicated men and women, my students, the priesthood of medicine, I can say with the queen, "Here are my jewels. God bless them."

NOTICE

Enclosed with this copy of the Chironian you will find an alumni questionnaire. Some of you have received them before, and we have them on file. But they are outdated and much of the information will have been changed. It is a one page sheet designed to give us the basic information we need in order to begin a working set of alumni records. When answered, it is designed to give us the basic information on each of you we would like to have: your address, your husband's or wife's occupation, the names of your children, the memberships you hold in professional societies. We would like this data so that we might better serve your "personal" needs and give you a little more individual attention.

Some of the information will be used in the future in the completion of an alumni directory. More about this later.

Will you take a few minutes, fill it out, and return to us as soon as possible.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors Meeting was called to order by the President on November 12, 1958, at 3:30 P.M., in the Halsey Room.

Present:

Drs. Annitto, Black, Blankfein, Borrelli, Carlton, Fierro, Herrlin, Nagamatsu, Napp, Shiner, Salzman, Silverstein, Slobody, Turtz, Wershush, and Mr. Leo.

Membership Report:

Senior	1187
Junior	286
Armed Forces	63
TOTAL	1536

Dr. Napp directed that the third and final billing be completed before January 1, 1959.

Financial Report:

Checking	\$ 11,146.72
Savings	7,591.17
TOTAL	\$ 18,737.89
Doctors' Sick Benefit Fund	\$18,251.35

The question was raised about investing money in a savings account of the Alumni Association,

which would simply mean that this money might be invested in quarterly installments in small amounts. In this way, the reserve could be collecting interest. No decision was reached.

Alumni Fund:

The President of the Alumni Fund, Dr. Herrlin, announced that at its last meeting on October 23, 1958, the Alumni Fund of the New York Medical College and Hospitals, Inc., presented and unanimously passed the following motion: that the Alumni Fund of the New York Medical College and Hospitals, Inc., be re-incorporated into the parent organization, the Alumni Association of New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, Inc.

The Board made and unanimously passed the following motion: whereas there is no active alumni fund raising at present, it is suggested that the President appoint a committee for the purpose of soliciting funds via the Alumni Association.

Dr. Mersheimer appointed the following Alumni Fund Committee, with additional members to be appointed later:

DR. HERRLIN, *Chairman*
DR. BORRELLI
DR. BLACK
DR. SNYDER, *ex officio*

It was further suggested, but not acted upon, that the outgoing president of the Alumni Association accept chairmanship of the Fund Committee.

Alumni Questionnaire:

A questionnaire which will be sent to alumni for purposes of information for the office, Fund activities, and an Alumni directory, was approved by the Board. They directed that the questionnaire be circulated by way of the *Chironian* rather than as individual mailing pieces.

Typewriter:

The President appointed Dr. Fierro to work with the Director in securing a reconstructed electric typewriter for the Alumni Office.

Reports:

The Board directed that hereafter each member present at the meeting shall receive an individual copy of the membership and financial reports, along with the agenda for the current meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
IRVING S. SHINER, M.D.
Secretary to the Alumni Association

CLASS NOTES

'01 Joseph H. Fobes
1 East 105th Street,
New York, New York

'03 John Strother Gaines, 2nd
490 West End Avenue,
New York, New York

'04 Louis R. Kaufman
30 Central Park South,
New York, New York

'08
In May, the Medical Society of the State of New York honored four Dutchess County physicians who have completed fifty years of active practice. One of the men was George E. Lane. The four received certificates commemorating their half century of service at the Society's 152nd annual convention at the Hotel Statler in New York City.

'14
Harry Pike has been elected to the "Founders Group" for the American Board of Abdominal Surgery.

'15 Cassius Lopez DeVictoria
176 East 71st Street,
New York, New York

Dr. Charles A. Turtz attended the Ophthalmological Section of the American College of Surgeons meeting in Stockholm in July. After that he and Mrs. Turtz spent their vacation traveling through Russia and Germany.

'18 Milton J. Wilson
1000 Park Avenue
New York, New York

'20
John H. MacDonald has retired from practice and lives on his farm 10 miles from Kingston, New York. Occasionally helps the neighbors in emergency.

'26 Abraham P. Matusow
1100 Grand Concourse,
Bronx, New York

'27
Dr. Leonard Paul Wershub, Associate Professor of Urology, recently made an extensive tour of the Scandinavian countries. He was accompanied on this trip by Mrs. Wershub. The tour was under the auspices of the American College of Surgeons and was primarily inaugurated at the invitation of the Swedish Surgical Society.

Prior to reaching Sweden, a stop was made at Oslo where the Norwegian Surgical Society was most hospitable in their reception of the visiting American surgeons. In Stockholm, the Swedish Surgical Society arranged numerous receptions as well as daily schedules at the Caroline Hospital (Karolinska Sjukhuset) and the new South Hospital (Sodersjukhuset). A visit was made to an outstanding private hospital, the Sophia Home (Sophiahemmet). This type of hospital is rapidly disappearing in Sweden. The stay in Sweden was terminated by an extraordinary banquet in the Gold Room in Stockholm's unique City Hall (the site of the Nobel banquets).

The next stop was at Helsinki, Finland, where visits to the various newly constructed hospitals as well as medical colleges were of great interest.

The Danish Surgical Society was the next host to the delegation of American College of Surgeons and again the American visitors were overwhelmed by the cordiality extended. In Copenhagen, various hospitals were visited and surgical clinics and lectures arranged for the visiting American Surgeons.

From Copenhagen, Dr. and Mrs. Wershub continued their trip to the Continent where they visited friends in Lake Konstanz, Switzerland, Paris, and London.

'28
Louis J. Goldstein, Clinical Instructor in Head and Neck surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Mrs. Goldstein announced the birth of their granddaughter, Laura Rae, in Naples, Italy. The proud parents are Lt. and Mrs. Stanley Hinden of the U. S. Navy.

'29 Robert E. Princer
461 Bay Ridge Parkway,
Brooklyn, New York

'30 Saul A. Schwartz
1882 Grand Concourse,
Bronx, New York

'31 Harry Barowsky
246 West End Avenue,
New York, New York

Nat Kanner is medical adviser to the Pharmaceutical Council of Greater New York, an organization which consists of all five borough local pharmacy societies, numbering nine member organizations.

'32 Leon Paris
2685 Creston Avenue,
Bronx, New York

Dr. Theodore Rothman, Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, participated in the following professional activities:

September 12th, in Rome, Italy: Presented a paper at the First International Meeting of Neuro-Psycho-Pharmacology, organized by the Collegium International Neuro-Psycho-Pharmacologicum, entitled: "Studies in Pharmacologic Psychotherapy IV. Nine Years Experience With the

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Treatment of Refractory Psychoneuroses and Personality Disorders With Sodium Pentothal, Methamphetamine, and Methylphenidate (Ritalin)."

September 22nd, Montpellier, France: Presented a paper at the XVI Congress International D'Histoire De La Medicine, entitled: "Montaigne's Concept of Human Nature, Renaissance Medicine, and Modern Psychiatry."

October 10th, New York: Spoke on a luncheon panel at the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine: "Goals in Treatment; Training Potentialities". He also gave a paper entitled: "Disturbed Communication and Psychotherapy."

Dr. Abner Weisman was recently awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Collectors Club of New York for his exhibit of postage stamps at the Club's Annual Exhibit (1958). His exhibit consisted of Mexican Revenue Stamps used Postally during the 1913-1916 Mexican Revolution. Dr. Weisman is asking those members of the Alumni Association who are philatelists to contact him at the College to organize a Physicians' Stamp Club.

'33 William Kropf
2076 Davidson Avenue,
New York, New York

Alan A. Kane received his F.A.C.S. at the October meeting of the American College of Surgeons.

Frank J. Borrelli is President-elect of the American College of Gastroenterology, and will assume his duties as President on October 21st.

'34 George R. Nagamatsu
121 East 60th Street,
New York, New York

Meyer Berliant's daughter, Ana Berliant, has been enrolled in the September Freshman class at New York Medical College. She is a graduate of Bennington College, Class of 1958.

'35 Roy E. Wallace
32 Cayuga Street,
Seneca Falls, New York

Dr. Martin M. Fisher was elected Fellow of the American College of Physicians. At the same time Dr. Leon Simms received his Fellowship. Dr. Martin Fisher is also a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and a Fellow of the American College of Angiology.

'36 Anthony J. Maffia
212 East 61st Street,
New York, New York

'37 Peter Bisconti
1070 Park Avenue,
New York, New York

Dr. Leonard R. Rubin writes: "I have received the appointment of Clinical Associate Professor of Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery at the State University Medical School at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn. I am also a Director of Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery with the approved teaching residency program in Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery at Meadowbrook Hospital, Hempstead, New York.

"One of these days I hope to get into New York to see some of my old friends again."

'38 Lyman J. Spire
Highbridge Road,
Fayetteville, New York

'39 George Santoro
219 76th Street,
Brooklyn, New York

'40 Stuart P. Barden
248 North Avenue,
Battle Creek, Michigan

'41 Henry P. Leis
2 East 55th Street,
New York, New York

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Padalino of 2012 - 15th St., Troy, New York, have returned home after a cruise to Nassau in the Bahamas.

Edward Wurzel is at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. He is married, the father of triplets, and an officer in the Regular Navy.

'42 Irving M. Rollins
875 Far Rockaway Boulevard,
Far Rockaway, New York

'43 Howard B. Rasi
139 Clinton Street,
Brooklyn, New York

John B. Reddy was elected to the Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Society in San Francisco, in May, 1958—his thesis for acceptance, "Basilar Artery Circulation in Otolaryngology." He is now taking a four month course in Otolologic Surgery at Jefferson Hospital, which consists of the new concepts in Stapes Mobilization, fenestration surgery, and myringoplastic surgery.

'44 Bernard J. Wattiker
56 East 65th Street,
New York, New York

'45 Edward J. Nightingale
12 East 87th Street,
New York, New York

D. L. Graves writes: "I am still here in the foothills of the Cumberland National Forest and as yet the only doctor

in the county. Am Medical Director of the United Presbyterian Center here which is a small general hospital, nursing home, home for the aged, and disabled and handicapped.

"We have five children from 1 to 8, adopted the first one, are happy and busy, hobby is a mountain farm a mile out of town on which we raise sorghum, and I, with other business men, have organized a corporation, Hillbilly Enterprises, Inc., which hopes to promote local products and exploit native products by providing a sales outlet."

Edward H. Mandel has been appointed to the staff of the Department of Dermatology of the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

'46 C. Donald Kuntze
4 East 88th Street,
New York, New York

Marjorie Rittwagen has opened an office for the practice of child and adolescent psychiatry at 110 East 36th Street.

Dr. Adelaide Scanlon, one of Long Island's most active pediatricians, married to Dr. Thomas Sheehy, one of Long Island's most active Obs-Gyn men, is expecting her tenth child. Their oldest child, a son, is eleven years old.

'47 Herbert M. Eskwitt
59 State Street,
Teaneck, New Jersey

Thomas Sullivan writes: "I met Warren Kelley in January, 1958, at the second part of the Orthopedic Board Exams. His address as listed in the Orthopedic Directory: 401-29th St., Oakland 9, Calif.

"In case this wasn't mentioned in an earlier issue, I passed the second part of the Ortho Boards and am now a Diplomate of the A.B.O.S. practicing at 769 North St., Pittsfield, Mass.

Thelma Golub Warshaw is a dermatologist practicing in Manhattan.

M. P. Lazar is a dermatologist with two sons, practicing in Chicago and Highland Park and on staff of Michael Reese, Weiss Memorial, and Highland Park Hospital. Teaching at New York Medical School, Department of Dermatology, he was in Japan in 1951-55, and stationed in Osaha with Warren Kelley.

Harold Lazar is now a Fellow in gastroenterology at Northwestern U. Veteran's Administration Research Hospital in Chicago. He finished his medical residency at Michael Reese Hospital and will take medical boards (internal medicine) in October.

In September, A. Edward Blackmar assumed the duties as medical director at the Lawrenceville School, New Jer-

sey. The school has an enrollment of 636 boys representing 36 states and 17 foreign countries.

'48 Alvin Donnenfeld
106 East 78th Street
New York, New York

John Schaefer is head resident in heart surgery working with Bailey in Philadelphia. He is married to Marie Goehler and has a little girl, Susan, and another is expected soon.

'49 Laura G. Morgan
21 Bridge Street,
Stamford, Connecticut

Murray Herman is in practice at the Ozaukee Medical Center, Thrensville, Wisconsin, which is suburban Milwaukee. He's been certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

John Caldwell is now in practice in psychiatry in Los Angeles—1059 Wilshire Blvd. He met Frank K. Ward '52, in Fukuoka, Japan, while in the Navy.

Also, Marisa Castro is doing dermatology in Sioux Falls, South Dakota—115 South Bend Avenue.

'50 David Plotkin
495 Merrick Road,
Massapequa, New York

On July 3rd, V. D. Mattia, Jr., assumed the position of General Manager of Roche Laboratories, Division of Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., Nutley. Since the beginning of 1958, Dr. Mattia served as Director of Medical Research at Hoffmann-La Roche.

Robert M. Schumann has been appointed Chief of Service in Psychiatry at Pacific State Hospital in Pomona, California, and he and his wife are expecting their 5th.

'51 George M. Massell
43 West Front Street,
Red Bank, New Jersey

Gerald R. Frolow announces the opening of his office for the practice of Dermatology at 1509 Palisade Avenue, Fort Lee, New Jersey.

D. W. Delahanty writes "Presently practicing Orthopedic Surgery in Auburn, New York. Only a few miles from Syracuse, where Steve Cost and George McVey are doing great guns. Unfortunately, I rarely see them.

"Started practice in September of 1956 after residency at State University of Iowa. Presently have 4 children: Brian, Kevin, Meg, and Cathy. Expecting our 5th shortly!"

Constantin Cope announces the arrival of their first child, Leonard Alexander Cope, on July 28. He has taken a position in Cancer Chemotherapy at Kennedy—V.A.

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Solly Scheiner married and set up practice the same month. Quite an undertaking! John Hirsh finished residency and went into surgical practice in Florida. John Viscardi finished Pediatric residency and started practice in Manhasset, Long Island.

J. W. O'Connor has finished his residency at Children's Hospital, Akron, Ohio, and is happy to announce the opening of his practice of Pediatrics at 29 Drummond Place, Red Bank, New Jersey. He now has two children: Joseph, 3 years, and Dorothy Ann, 2 years.

Doctor and Mrs. Burton A. Krumholz announce the birth of Debra Beth Krumholz on September second.

John H. Hirsh announces the opening of offices at 309 Northeast River Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for the practice of general surgery.

Edward A. Talmage writes: "You may be interested to learn that the undersigned having completed Residency training at the Guthrie Clinic and Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa., and at the University of Miami School of Medicine, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Florida, is now serving on the faculty of the University of Miami School of Medicine as an Instructor in Anesthesiology.

"In addition, he has been appointed Assistant Attending Anesthesiologist at the Jackson Memorial Hospital and carries on a limited private practice of Anesthesiology with the University Anesthesia Staff.

"Any New York Medical College graduates who contemplate residency or intern training in Florida would be welcomed and shown any possible assistance in this regard."

'53

Robert S. Donnefeld
1 Joyce Road,
Hartsdale, New York

Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

G. M. Massell writes: "My wife and I are most happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Lisa Ellen, on the 10th of May. Also received a letter from Ann Moyes, who writes she is the Anesthesiologist at the Litchfield County Hospital of Winchester, Conn."

'52

Victor Goldin
171 West 79th Street,
New York, New York

Robert H. Balme, has been appointed a fellow in plastic surgery in the Mayo Foundation at Rochester, Minnesota. The Mayo Foundation is a part of the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota.

Andrew M. Kenlon announces the opening of his office for the practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology at 277 Linwood Avenue, Buffalo 9, New York.

Algirdas Michael Devenis announces the opening of his office for the practice of Gynecology and Obstetrics at 513 Lakeview Avenue, Milford, Delaware.

Peter McNamara writes: "I would like to announce the arrival of our first child, Karen Ann. Dorothy, Karen, and I are leaving for Milwaukee, where I will join a group. I have completed a fellowship in Gastroenterology at Lahey Clinic, and the practice will be limited to that speciality. The address is Suite 300, 720 North Jefferson Street, Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin."

'54

Jean A. Krag
37 Langdon Street,
Cambridge 39, Mass.

Drs. Anthony A. Blasi and Anthony A. Maglione take pleasure in announcing the association of Peter P. Brancucci in their practice of Radiology and nuclear medicine at 27 Ludlow Street, Yonkers, New York.

Edward J. Day announces the opening of his office for the practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology at 609 Savin Avenue, West Haven, Conn.

Dr. Robert Hirsch has been appointed assistant director by Dr. Leonard Cammer of the new Gracie Square Hospital which will be ready for patients before the end of the year.

David B. Karlin announces his marriage to Miss Adrienne Rita Roaman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Roaman of 465 Park Avenue and Great Neck, New York. The wedding took place on August 17th at Temple Emanuel. A reception was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza. After a trip to Nassau, the couple plan to live in New York where Dr. Karlin is a resident in Ophthalmology at the Bellevue Medical Center.

Norman J. Isaacs has completed three years residency training in internal medicine at the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. At the present time he is a research fellow in medicine (allergy) at the New York Hospital—Cornell University Medical College; and he is engaged to Miss Merle Kramer of Westmont, New Jersey, with marriage planned for this coming June.

'55

William A. Stevens
1630 Ford Parkway,
St. Paul Minnesota

James Trone writes: "James Trone, Jr., arrived on August 5th, 1958. James, Sr., is now Chief Resident in Medicine at the U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans. He is slated to go on a tour of medical colleges in New York state publicizing the facilities the U.S. Navy offers in medical training."

Bill and Sallie Stevens are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Kristin Marie, on June 9th, at University of Minnesota Hospital where Bill is continuing to enjoy his last year of a residency in Radiology.

Donald L. Hall has started a general practice in Petersburg, Indiana. He was just discharged from the army where he was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Don and Norma have a 2 year old daughter, Sherry Lee. His address is 1008 Walnut St., Petersburg, Indiana, and he would appreciate hearing from any of his old classmates.

Edward Maciejewski is married and in general practice in Scranton, Penn.

Walter Hasbrouck is finishing his medical residency at Mountainside, New Jersey.

Dick Hosbaer is now practicing pediatrics in New York City.

Gerald W. Parker, Captain, USAF (MC), is presently a resident in Internal Medicine at the 3700th USAF Hospital, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He was co-author of an article, "Massive Dilation of the Left Atrium: A Case Report" The Annals of Internal Medicine. He also announces the birth of a second son, Joseph Henry, born December 9, 1957.

Allen W. Fanslow writes: "Am in Texas on temporary assignment at Fort Sam Houston for training preparatory to active duty in the United States Army. My wife and I spent a day moving into our apartment—quite a job—we had brought everything except furniture with us; and we rapidly filled the place.

We expect to be here for about two months; then on to who-knows-where."

David F. Reese has been appointed a Fellow in Radiology in the Mayo Foundation at Rochester, Minnesota. The Mayo Foundation is a part of the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota.

'56 Stephen Rous
Metropolitan Hospital,
New York 29, New York

Harry Allen is chief of the Public Health Service in Topeka, Kansas.

A. Richards taking a residency in Urology at Kern General Hospital at Bakersfield, California.

Wedding bells tolled loudly on September 6, as both Bill Bradley and Frank Hall walked up the aisle. Bill married the former Mary Ann Williams of this city in a lovely ceremony attended by yours truly. A reception was held afterwards in the New York Athletic Club. Frank was married to an adorable petite blonde, the former Placeda Dee Conteen, in Elyria, Ohio. Frank has gone back to Milwaukee County Hospital where he interned

and is now taking a residency in general surgery. Best wishes from the whole class to Drs. Hall and Bradley.

The class birth rate is rising sharply. Future doctors include Jerry Aaron Floch, born to Gladys and Marty on May 23, 1958; a second daughter, Alexis Marion, born to Harry Allen and wife last July; Deborah Jean, born to Joe Fennelly and wife on April 12; Laura Nicole, born to Toni Wallace Novick and husband on March 20. Joe and Sue Bamford happily announce the birth of a daughter on October 12. Jim Leach sent us a grand and very newsy letter in which he tells us that he is now in Air Force and is stationed way up in Northern Michigan, 100 miles away from the nearest city. Jim and Evelyn have added another little girl to their family—Stephanie Ann, born May 31. Jim says that Karen is almost two years old and is talking "like a maniac." The Leaches will be going into General Practice, and will be opening up the store for business come next July in Providence, Rhode Island. "Skinny" passes on the news that: Jim Hagerty and Pat have one boy, are expecting another, and are stationed in Georgie with the Navy; Bill Varr is a second year resident in anesthesia at the Henry Ford Hospital. The Varrs have one son; the Lastings are stationed in California with the Navy and have one boy; Eddie Maher is (I read this twice) married and the father of one. He is in general practice in Rhode Island.

Hank Tyskowski is also in General Practice in Rhode Island. The Leaches may be reached at 412th USAF Dispensary, Wurtsmith AF Base, Oscoda, Michigan. Thanks again, Jim!

Harry Allen sent us a dandy letter from the West Coast, and tells us that the U.S. Public Health Service has assigned him for his first year to the San Mateo County (California) Health Department, and for his second year to the Chronic Disease Section of the State Health Department in Topeka, Kansas. Harry writes that he had dinner with the Sullivans recently and that they now have a son. Lew, as well as Ev Eaton, is taking an Obs-Gyn residency at the U. of California Hospital. Harry says that his old buddy, Charles Sieger, is now in general practice in Allentown, Pennsylvania, at 22 South 25th Street.

Toni Wallace Novick writes that she has opened her office for the practice of fertility and sterility problems at 207 Pelham Road, New Rochelle, N. Y. We ran into Joe Fennelly at the Metropolitan Hospital dining room a couple of weeks back. Joe was visiting his old haunt, and he told us that he is doing psychiatric work at the Valley Forge (Pa.) Army Hospital, and when he gets out of the Army next July he will enter a residency in Internal Medicine.

Marty Floch sends us the good word that he is a second year resident at the Beth Israel Hospital here in New York in internal medicine. He plans to sub-specialize in Gastroenterology next year, and will then go into the Army after that. Marty sends regards to all.

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Dick and Ollie Babcock are now in the Army Stationed at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Ollie writes that they like their new home, they like the Army life, and they like the town of Forth Smith. Sounds good. Anyone want to enlist? Bill Nass and his wife Helen send their greetings to all from Laon, France, where Bill is stationed with the Air Force. He writes that they have toured much of Europe and are quite happy. Bill would love to hear from any classmates; address is: Captain William Nass, A03076618, 66th TAC Hospital (Laon, France) APO 17, N. Y.

Marty Feuerman sent us news from Boston where he is studying at the Harvard Medical school taking the basic science course in Ophthalmology as part of his Eye residency at the State University of New York. Marty writes that he has heard from Tom Degnan who is stationed in Germany with the Air Force and that Tom and his wife, Pat, have been doing a good deal of travelling on the continent. For any classmates in the vicinity of the HUB, Marty Feuerman may be reached at the Doctor's Dormitory, 14 Embankment Road, Boston, Mass.

Dave Stein, whom we've frankly missed and been most anxious to hear from, says that he is having a whale of a time, in his second year of internal medicine at the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn, New York. He has decided to go into Allergy at the same institution in his last year of medical residency. Dave says that he is in the Navy Reserve, and that he, Miriam, and little Jerry (10 months old) are doing well. Dave brings us the happy news that Jim Tully has again become a papa, that Zel Bernstein is in the Army in Maryland, and that Jerry Schwartz is at Presbyterian Hospital (N.Y.) in anesthesiology. Thanks for the news, Dave! We also hear indirectly that Al Zito is at the St. Clare's Hospital here in N. Y. taking an Obs-Gyn residency, and that Jim Wright underwent a cholecystectomy in July at the St. Albans Naval Hospital. Jim is now very well, and we add our speedy wishes for a complete and quick recovery.

That's about all the news for now, boys and girls, but keep the news rolling in. Deadline for the next issue is December 20.

'57

Joseph A. Intile
1710 Noyes Lane
Silver Springs, Md.

Wallace C. Rooney, Jr., writes: "After one year of active duty in the U.S. Air Force at Lackland, San Antonio, I was chosen after 'stiff' competition to be transferred to Northern Alaska. I still find it difficult to accept the reality of bouncing across the tundra in a furparka, muklak boots, 'boving glove' size gloves, and a red nose.

I arrived here in August after a quiet vacation in Europe in July with the cooperation of the Air Force.

The Base has a small hospital with three other doctors and myself. We find ourselves very compatible and without overlapping interests in similar specialties. At present I am gaining a mild degree of fame as a myopic radiologist.

When I first arrived it was possible to read a book at midnight while walking about outdoors. Such habits, however, are not to be cultivated, for it is literally too easy to bump into a bear's stomach with your nose while your hair's cowlick is slapped into place by a huge, rough tongue.

My tour of duty here is for two years, and brief vacations are devoted to airplane excursions to different villages.

Life is still too curious and fascinating to become bored but 'at heart' it would be satisfying to see a sidewalk or subway again."

Charles Zimijeki, Jr., writes: "Our 2nd child Stephen John was born June 10, 1958. Susan is almost 3. We bought a new home recently. Our address: 14 Addison Street, Bloomfield, Conn. I started a residency July 1, 1958, in Obstetrics-Gynecology at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford."

Daniel M. Baer, a resident in Pathology writes that his current publications in the past year have been: "Review of Fluid and Electrolytes," Deniz Tip Bulteni (Turkish Navy Medical Bulletin); "Extra Corporal Circulation in Intracardiac Surgery," Larcet; "Electrolyte Observations Following Extracorporeal Circulation," American Heart Journal; "Heart Surgery Today," Deniz Tip Bulteni.

Roger Chappelka finished his internship at Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital, Oceanside, California, and is now stationed in Pensacola, Florida, attending the School of Aviation Medicine. On July 10, 1958, Roger married Miss Cynthia Ann Scott in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Bob Egan is doing his residency at Los Angeles County Hospital in Internal Medicine.

Venard R. Kinney has been appointed a Fellow in Medicine in the Mayo Foundation at Rochester, Minnesota. The Mayo Foundation is a part of the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Littlejohn are enjoying duty with the Fleet Marines at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina. They are happy to announce that their second child is expected in May.

Stanley Grossman has completed his rotating internship at Mount Sinai Hospital and is now beginning a three year residency in Psychiatry at the Einstein Medical Center.

Joseph Intile writes: "Here is that long delayed newsletter about the class of 1957. Again my apologies, but much of the delay was caused by the Army and their procrastination in assigning people.

"Due to a change in Army plans, all persons beginning residencies or entering upon active duty as physicians were assigned to a six week orientation course at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. As a result, we saw quite a bit of classmates and fellow alumni. Tom Mathews began his anesthesia residency at Brooke Army Hospital on August 18. Tom O'Connell, experiencing a delay in being assigned a surgical residency, has been assigned to the U.S. Army Dispensary, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. Ray Mendoza, who had his appendix removed in late June, Artie Zimmerman, Harvey Fritz, and Bernie Nicora have been assigned to that oriental wonderland formerly known as Chosen. (The Fritz's are the proud parents of Arthur Elliot, born in late May; Artie Zimmerman is seriously considering embarking upon a career in obstetrics and gynecology upon discharge from the service). Morry Culf, also waiting for an Army surgical residency, has been assigned to the dispensary at Fort Lewis in Washington. Lew Blowers is on his way to France, and Bob Linlon, '56, is on his way to Germany. Dick Babcock and Zel Bernstein, both class of '56, have been assigned to Fort Chafee, Arkansas, and Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, respectively. It was good to see all the old friends again. We managed to get to a Mexican bullfight and to visit the Alamo. The 'infiltration course' produced the tireddest, dirtiest, most miserable group of physicians we'll ever see. All in all, we had lots of laughs and good times.

"Russ King paid us a visit while he was assigned to the flight surgeons school at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio. He was hoping for a job at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Although we didn't get to see the following people, we have heard from or about them through channels. Dave and Marion Kiernan became the parents of a baby girl in June. George Monahan, after completing an Army internship at Fort Benning, is a civilian again and has begun a residency in anesthesia at New York Hospital. Tom March was to have begun his specialty training in radiology at the same hospital. Bill Scragg decided to decline the Army medical residency appointment and to wait for an opening in Ob-Gyn. Meanwhile he's been working in the Department of Medicine at Valley Forge Army Hospital. Morry Birnbaum has accepted a fellowship in forensic medicine at Harvard. Dale Pennington has stayed on at Nassau Hospital, where he interned, for a residency in Obstetrics-Gynecology. Three budding psychiatrists are Dave Levy at Grasslands, Owen Heninger at the V.A. Hospital in Los Angeles, and Stan Grossman. Stan Taub has begun a plastic surgery residency at Beth Israel Hospital in New York. Dick Purdy is back at Flower for surgery. Dick Brent is putting in a year on an Indian reservation in Montana before returning to one of the large Public Health Service Hospitals for surgical training. Kevin Dowling has begun a residency in orthopedics in a Boston hospital. John DeAngelis has gone to San Diego for Ob-Gyn. Jack Tracy has stayed on at New Rochelle for internal medicine, as has Charlie Kilhenny at St. Luke's for the same specialty. And Bob O'Dair

is stationed with the Navy in Okinawa.

"To all members of the class of '57 we'd like to make the following remarks. We, as a class, are sincerely interested in you as an individual. The Chironian is and will be frequently our only common meeting ground. Let's hear from you and classmates you have contacts with. All we ask is a few minutes of your time to jot some notes on a post card."

Audrey and Larry Hardin are pleased to announce the arrival of a son, their second—William James Hardni on August 2. Audrey started her internship at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple, Texas, on September 1.

Norman S. Nadel is at present in the USAF on recruiting duty at the Knoxville armed forces recruiting station—he will be there for his 2 year tour of duty.

Owen E. Heninger writes: "Despite prophylactic measures we have contracted Tract-itis, a malady found frequently but not exclusively among residents of Los Angeles County. We caught it in La Mirada which is about 10 minutes from Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk where I am taking a residency in Psychiatry. I saw Bob Egan just before I left L.A. County Hospital and he is staying there in a Medical Residency."

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James Cole McCann, Jr.
St. Vincent's Hospital,
Worcester, Mass.

DEATHS

AHERNS, HERMAN F. '21, died on September 28, in South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside at the age of 60. Dr. Aherns practiced general medicine and lived in Washington Heights for 40 years until his retirement in 1954. He was associated with Lutheran Hospital of Manhattan, Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital, and St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington Heights. His wife, Louise; a son, Arthur; one granddaughter; and two great grandchildren survive.

DREYER, FRANCIS H. '94, on May 20, at the Midletown New York Sanitarium at the age of 84. One of the oldest practicing physicians and one of the last old-time country practitioners, Dr. Dreyer was a member of the Orange County Medical Society, Medical Society of the State of New York, and the American Medical Association. His only relatives who survive him are second cousins.

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DEATHS (*Continued from Page 21*)

GREENWALD, JESSE '51, "It is with much regret that I must inform you of the sudden and untimely death of one of our beloved classmates . . . Jesse was in practice for five years at West Islip, Long Island, New York, and was at the peak of a large and most successful general practice. In the early hours of the morning of August 4, 1958, without a previous illness, he was suddenly struck down by a coronary occlusion and died shortly afterwards. Burial took place on August 6, on Long Island."

Joseph Taubman, M.D.

Dr. Greenwald died at the age of 40, and is survived by his mother and a brother.

LERNER, RALPH '21, died at the age of 60. An adjunct in orthopedic surgery at Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn, he was a member of Kings County Medical Society and the Medical Society of the State of New York.

LERRIGO, PETER H. J. '98, died on March 3, in Alhambra, California. Inactive for many years, no other information is available at this time.

LOMBARDO, BARTLO W. '41, died of cancer on July 12, at the age of 41. He made his home in Newark where he was associated with St. James, Columbus, and Clara Maass Hospital where he died. A veteran of World War II, he was certified by the National Board of Medical Examiners.

NAST, ALFRED G. '21 died in Vernon, California, in June.

RIGGIN, HOWARD S. '16, died in June.

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ber of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, New York Surgical Society, and of the International Cardiovascular Society. He is attending surgeon at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals and Metropolitan Hospital; attending thoracic surgeon at St. Anthony's and Riker's Island Hospitals; director of thoracic surgical service at Metropolitan Hospital; consulting thoracic surgeon at St. Clare's Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital for Diseases of the Chest in New York City, and at Paterson General Hospital, Paterson, N. J. He is also consulting surgeon in the department of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at Passaic General Hospital.

FACULTY NOTES

MEDICINE

George B. Jerzy Glass participated on April 11, 1958, in a Symposium on Vitamin B12, sponsored by the Society for the Study of Blood (New York City), discussing "Deposition and Storage of Vitamin B12 in the Normal and Diseased Liver;" on April 12, 1958, participated in meeting of the Eastern Gut Club, held at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, New York. Discussed "Gastric Mucoproteins;" on April 15, 1958, participated in meeting of the American Physiological Society in Philadelphia. Read paper on "Quantitation of Pepsin in Gastric Juice by Paper-Electrophoresis;" on April 27, 1958, read paper, "Correlation of Ultracentrifugation and Paper-Electrophoretic Patterns of Potent Intrinsic Factor Preparations with their Intrinsic Factor Activity," at national meeting of American Society of Hematology in Atlantic City; on May 28, 1958, took part in World Congress of Gastroenterology, in Washington, D.C., reading paper on "Paper-Electrophoretic Analysis of Gastric Juice in Gastric Atrophy, Gastric Anacidity, and Cancer of the Stomach;" on May 30, 1958, participated in the annual National Meeting of the American Gastroenterological Association in Washington, D.C., reading paper on "Deposition and Storage of Vitamin B12 in the Normal and Diseased Liver."

Invited to take part in the Symposium on Vitamin B12, at the 7th Congress of the International Society of Hematology in Rome, September 11, 1958, where he read a paper on "The Localization of Intrinsic Factor and the Sites of B12-Binding in the Paper-Electrophoresis of Human Gastric Juice and Intrinsic Factor Concentrates from Hog Gastric Mucosa." Dr. Glass, in addition, read a paper on the "Deposition and Storage of Vitamin B12 in the Normal and Diseased Liver" at the Plenary Meeting of the same Congress on September 10, 1958.

Dr. Harry Barowsky has been reelected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the New York Academy of Gastroenterology for the year, 1958-59.

Psychiatry

Dr. Lewis H. Loeser, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, has been appointed President of the Board of Managers of the New Jersey Diagnostic Center at Menlo Park.

Physical Medicine

The American Public Health Association has announced Dr. Jerome Tobis as one of the consultants for a study of community health and hospital services in Bridgeport, Connecticut. APHA, the Community Chest and Council, the city government, and several voluntary health agencies are financing the project.

Biochemistry

The 5th edition of Laboratory Instructions in Biochemistry by Israel S. Kleiner and L. B. Dotti appeared in September. It is published by the C. V. Mosby Company of St. Louis.

Obstetrics

In conjunction with the dedication ceremonies of the new west wing at Fitkin Memorial Hospital, New Jersey, a symposium was recently held in which Dr. Martin Stone took part. He spoke on "Acute Renal Failure in Obstetrics."

Dermatology

Dr. Joseph L. Morse, Director of the Department of Dermatology, participated in a Seminar on Compensation Medicine held in Puerto Rico in May, 1958. It was under the auspices of the American Academy of Compensation Medicine at the invitation of the Puerton Rico Industrial Commission. Dr. Morse discussed the dermatological aspects and problems in compensation medicine.

Surgery

Dr. Edward M. Miller, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, delivered the Annual British Medical Association lecture to the North Middlesex Division, London, England, on March 28, 1958, at the invitation of the Secretary of the British Medical Association. Dr. Miller's subject was "The Modern Management of Carcinoma of the Colon."

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Some representative courses to illustrate the scope of the program are listed below:

Courses in Anatomy for Clinicians

Bacteriology, Immunology, and Parasitology

Medicine and the Medical Specialties

Orthopedics in General Practice

Pathology and Clinical Pathology

Pediatric Allergy

Diagnostic Radiology

Surgical Aspects of Peripheral Vascular Diseases

Thoracic Surgery

Anesthesiology and Nerve Blocks

Modern Concepts of Biochemistry

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MOVED AHEAD

This is when Dr. Bonney became associated with the Old Flower Hospital, later to become the Fifth Avenue Metropolitan Hospital. He began to forge ahead in his profession. But among his hobbies was the new horseless carriage. And his purchase of the Ford Model 'N' resulted.

His operative patients were many famous New Yorkers, among them Kent Cooper of the Associated Press; and many old-time Tammany Hall leaders, "including some of the crooks."

In his lifetime he has spent much time in Europe; he speaks German, French, and Italian; and he has always driven good and fast cars. "But I never seem to be able to get through Indiana without breaking down," he added wistfully.

Bonney came to Texas 15 years ago, and he likes the climate.

He lost \$50,000 in the Ballinger oil boom, but doesn't seem to miss it. Bonney has been a success.

"My father once told me, 'Remember the postage stamp. It sticks to one thing until it gets where it is going.'"

I think Bonney started out to live a full, wholesome, interesting, and helpful life; and I haven't met many people who have done a better job.

"Happy ninety-second birthday, dear Bonney."

You, and your goatee, and your hot-rodding!

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of the alumni secretary or director or manager or, in the Council lingo, the Type A man or woman. I am speaking here of the pure-bred alumni secretary as distinguished from the fund director, the development entrepreneur, or the magazine editor.

I have turned full circle in my appraisal of the singular importance of the alumni secretary and have returned to the concept I had of this position many years ago.

In this gamut I have lingered a while in those phases where I believed the alumni magazine was the significant part of alumni work. This was followed in due course by the glamour attached to the alumni fund. I departed alumni work before I could become enamoured with development. As I lived in each of these phases I tended to become disenchanted with the tedium of administering the alumni program itself. I thought this not an unnatural phenomenon. With the alumni magazine there was a feeling of creation, of producing something that could be seen and read, something that indicated I was on the job, something that might even be influential. In the alumni fund there was not only a feeling of production, but its success could be measured on an adding machine tape and then compared with my own previous efforts or those of someone else.

Even in the meeting of this Council, as a triple-hatted alumni secretary, fund raiser, and editor, I discovered that increasingly I attended only those sessions concerned with magazines or funds and that I eschewed the Type A sections completely. When you have to wear such a profusion of haberdashery I suppose you instinctively chose the most colorful.

In recent years, while engaged in different pur-
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suits, I have watched from the sidelines with interest the growing concern with development programs as they are reflected in this Council as well as in the American College Public Relations Association. The opportunities for expansion in development programs are limitless. Even state universities which were slow to experiment in these new programs are now pursuing the muse of development with complete abandon.

Well, while all this has been going on, what has happened to the obscure, sometimes forgotten, frequently depressed, alumni secretary? He certainly hasn't been in orbit. I fear we have relegated him or her to ennui, to shuffling cards and maintaining order, to planning the reunion and the president's itinerary for visiting alumni chapters.

Now, it is safe to say that alumni editors, fund raisers, and development directors are here to stay, and for this I think we should be thankful. Furthermore, they are going to grow in number, in influence, in competence, maybe in arrogance, and certainly in worldly possessions. They will have positive evidence of their productivity and this is likely to be recognized on the payroll.

What I want to ask you is: where would any of them be without you or your predecessors as the alumni secretary? The alumni secretary has been, is, and always will be the starting point, and if for some reason you or your institution have lost sight of this fact should we not explore the reasons why? May not the fault lie with you rather than in the governing stars of your institution?

Previously, before this Council, I have deplored the concern which some of our alumni secretaries have given to matters of no great consequence to themselves or to their institutions, and in fact to some matters which actually reflected adversely upon the institutions. I shall not belabor these again; I am sure you know the trivia to which I refer, notably in the realm of athletics and socio-circus activities of reunions and homecoming celebrations.

If alumni secretaries conceive of these as being their major responsibilities then of course they do not deserve to be regarded with the esteem and importance that attaches to their colleagues in fund raising, developing, and editing.

And of course our alumni secretaries ought not to be bogged down with sheer mechanics of their work. If your institution or association wants to file cards, operate the addressographs, and do other me-

chanical chores about the office they should change your title to clerk-typist and pay you accordingly. To call you an alumni director and to expect you to do these things is not only a misnomer but a profanation of an honored title.

The alumni director of substance and prestige is the one whose principal files of information are to be found in his own head, and which are far more effective than those catalogued in his Remington Rand fire-proof, olive green, four drawers filing cabinet.

The great alumni secretary is the one who knows his constituency by name and character, by class, by profession, by geography, without reference to drawers full of lifeless cards frequently containing almost irrelevant data. The alumni director should be the person who can tell the president from his own knowledge who among the alumni require cultivation at a particular time. He will advise the fund and development directors where the big money is to be found among his constituency. He will also be able to cue the editor on timely and appropriate stories which should be recorded in the magazine.

The alumni director is indeed the living link between the college as it is today and the students of yesterday. His position in this regard cannot be preempted by any other. When preemption has been tried the alumni director has become the gap rather than the link between the college and her alumni.

Perhaps you should remind yourselves occasionally that just as no college or university can be accredited if it does not have a registrar, for example, neither can it be accredited unless it maintains an alumni office of sorts and something called adequate alumni records. Of course accrediting standards are not enforced uniformly in this regard, but there ought to be some gratification in the knowledge that while a college can be accredited even though it has no development program or alumni magazine, it cannot be without a recognizable alumni office.

When an institution sets out to employ a development director it invariably seeks a man or woman of some competence in this particular endeavor; those associations which employ a full-time editor would find it unthinkable to engage a person who did not possess at least the rudiments of writing and editing ability. Is it not strange that many institutions do not define equally high standards for the person who is to become the alumni director? Too often I think we look for alumni directors among our most recent

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graduates. Invariably we think in terms of a man who two or three years ago was the so-called big man on campus, with a high popularity rating among his contemporaries. Just as frequently these persons, when employed, have a limited life expectancy in the job. They are frequently on the make for higher rank and the alumni directorship is merely a stepping stone. The turnover is enormous and thus the institution is not able to take the long view and to maintain a continuity that is so essential in an important alumni program.

I hope it is not improper for me to illustrate this point by personal reference to two of the best known and most beloved members of this Council, both of whom have just retired from their positions.

I do not know how long Cy Young or Hawley Tapping have been the alumni directors at Washington and Lee University and the University of Michigan. While I think both are older than I in age, both are younger in spirit, and it does seem to me they have been in their jobs all of my life. I would hazard the guess that Cy Young probably has known more alumni of his university from the time of its founding in 1749 than has any other alumnus of the school, and he may have known a higher percentage of his alumni than any other alumni secretary in the country. I dare say no one ever associated with the University of Michigan from its founding in 1817 has ever known as many of its alumni and students as has Hawley Tapping. Of the reported 177,601 living alumni of the University of Michigan, Hawley could say that he knew well over 100,000 of them personally. What other person at Washington and Lee University or the University of Michigan could make such claims? Certainly not the development directors or the editors.

I used to chide Cy Young about his very excellent files in which he kept a folder for every alumnus and in which he would duly deposit every newspaper clipping, wedding and birth announcement, and other trivia that would come to hand about the particular individual. Cy believed—and he may have been right—that such files were of tremendous value to his institution and its alumni program. Personally I thought they were an extravagant waste of space and essentially only served to enable Cy to write a fulsome obituary when an alumnus died.

In my opinion the greatness of Cy Young and Hawley Tapping, insofar as their service to their

institutions is concerned, is what they carried in their magnificent heads and not the accumulation in their office files, whom they knew or what they knew about them. This knowledge, plus their long tenures, in addition to their dedication, gave importance to their positions at their institutions.

The maintenance of alumni records is of course essential. But it is their use that is of greater importance. It is of little value I think merely to report that your institution has so many thousands of living alumni and a lesser number with known addresses or that of the total so many of them are graduates and so many are not graduates. These figures may have interest for some people but actually they are not live and vital statistics. If we are going to operate a census let's do it decennially as does the Federal Government.

In recent years I have been privileged to work with some of our great state universities. I have had the occasion or the need to examine the productivity of these institutions; and unfortunately the information we have sought has been difficult if not impossible to obtain. For example, in these post-sputnik and orbit days we have wanted to know how many engineers and scientists these institutions have been producing, and where these alumni are located today. We have wanted to know how many professional employees with General Electric and Westinghouse, among others, were graduates of our institutions. It was suggested from time to time the alumni offices at our member institutions could furnish this information, but this was not so. We also wanted to know how many of our state university graduates were engaged in teaching, and whether they were so occupied in private or public universities or in secondary education. Again, this could not be obtained.

I anticipate that in the years ahead there will be even greater demands for information of this type which should be furnished authoritatively from the files of the alumni director.

The penurious proclivities of college administrations with respect to support of the alumni operation are well known to me. My efforts to obtain adequate equipment, much less competent personnel, and the almost humiliating experience of constantly pleading for a larger budget, are vivid in my memory.

Doubtless many of you have had similar experiences and I am sympathetic.

It is somewhat paradoxical that in recent years we have observed the creation of large development offices on our campuses, including some institutions

where the alumni office had been allowed to fall into disrepair if not disrepute. I know of one institution where the alumni secretary for many years could not employ a full-time secretary. In consequence he typed his own letters, if he answered them at all. But now this same institution has a development director with the title of vice president who does not, I am assured, know the difference between a typewriter and a satellite. How was it that this institution for so many years could not afford to maintain an adequate alumni office and then suddenly initiated a development program which has all the necessary prerequisites but which is largely dependent upon the records, good will, and effectiveness of this very alumni office.

I suppose that the rapid growth of development offices indicates that some of our alumni offices have not grown sufficiently to meet present needs. Some of these development programs have revealed just what the alumni office has not been doing. However, make no mistake about it: ineffective as any alumni office may have been or is, it is not an anachronism which will eventually disappear for lack of significant functions.

If there be some alumni secretaries who sense a claustrophobic frustration—whether it results from the increasing importance of the development program at your institution or for any other reason—I can think of no reason for you to despair. I say this even should you be one of those alumni secretaries who has suddenly had yourself reorganized and had a vice president for development interposed between you and the president. Organizational charts or committees or titles seldom effect progress and they do not substitute for competence.

As President Griswold of Yale suggested to the graduating class last year, "Hamlet could not have been written by a committee, or the Mona-Lisa painted by a club. The New Testament could not have been composed as a conference report. Creative ideas do not spring from groups; they spring from individuals."

The position of alumni secretary is as secure as any other title or position on your campus and more so than many. The individual filling the position may not be secure but that is another matter and I had best not go into it. He or she might be dismissed for incompetency or misbehavior. So might the individual who sits in the president's chair.

What is my hope and plea here? Simply this: that every alumni secretary in the country will come

to realize his or her immense importance to higher education—develop an arrogance about it if you will—and having come to this realization will accommodate himself to the important work at hand. This will include first a self-study or re-evaluation of the administrative job you are now doing; an analysis to determine whether the files and records you are now keeping and have kept since you inherited them from your predecessors are serving a live and creative need of your institution. Are your reunions being utilized for something other than to the classes involved, or are they merely a sop to senility and a salute to survival? If you think no educational value can be injected into a reunion program you might wish to study the alumni seminars conducted at Yale and Bryn Mawr, among others.

What about the influence of your office and association in the community, in the state? Is it highly regarded or is it ignored? Does it attempt to influence the thinking of the public on the problems of your institution and of education generally? If you doubt this can be accomplished will you look at what Loren Hickerson has been doing in the State of Iowa for the past year which has caused the entire state to take a look at itself and its future. Or what John Fullen or Stanley McCaffrey did in Ohio and California several years ago in support of an important bond issue and in awakening public interest in higher education. Please note, none of these is primarily a fund raiser or development director. Bea Field is not a development director either, and I don't know whether she has a file card in her office, but there are few people in the State of Louisiana who do not know her, and the effectiveness of her work for Tulane cannot be measured nor is it reflected in her simple but grand title, Alumni Secretary.

I expressed some of these thoughts to an alumni secretary and old friend not long ago when he complained of a sort of malaise or fatigue about his alumni program. He was tired of his routine and he thought it was too late for him to revitalize his program. I was reminded of the answer of eighty-year old Cato when he was asked: "Why are you beginning to learn Greek at the age of eighty?" He replied: "At what other age can I begin?"

And so it is with you. If there be conflicts and massive headaches in your situation, are you contributing to a solution—or are you a part of the problem? Could you be taking aspirin when you need adrenalin? I am not worried about any of

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you resting on your laurels. But are you rusting on them?

I wish that I might fully account for and understand the concern which it is reported to me some alumni directors have developed for the importance of their positions or the prestige of their persons. I cannot help but believe if this concern exists it must come from fear—that most deadly monster in the labyrinth of living. Yet I cannot account for the fear either.

I do not want to believe that any former colleague of mine is obsessed either with status or with security that is dependent upon the favor or perhaps the whim of others. Very few, if indeed any, of us had status when we came on the job. That isn't all we didn't have; we probably didn't have an adequate salary, office equipment, assistants, or communication with those to whom we were responsible. What did we do to improve these deficiencies? Did I and have you done all we conceivably could to develop the status we ought to have? I'll tell you one way to get the salary of the position raised. Just resign or die! You may be sure your successor will start out with a better salary than you get. Mine did and I am glad of it.

Did I and have you substantially altered the function of the position of alumni secretary which we inherited from our predecessors? We should have, you know, because most of us inherited some mighty weak concepts of alumni work.

Security, however blessed it may be, is no substitute for creative imagination and competence. To take away danger may save the weak. It also ruins the strong.

Alumni effort today—as it did fifty years ago, and as it will fifty years from now—needs a continuing rejuvenation with new ideas and new inspiration. It simply cannot subsist on old ways, old traditions, old customs.

If I may revert to the jargon of my assigned topic, the alumni office can truly be the "launching pad" for your institution's most significant public relations. And the alumni secretary can and should be the "Vanguard." If he is not, cannot, or will not be, there will be no vacuum. Someone else will surely do the job. A failure here will not be structural; it will be entirely personal.

If there be some among you who are momentarily disenchanted, who may feel that all glory is confined to those who are "developing" or fund raising, will

you not reflect upon one salient bit of philosophy too often overlooked these days by all of society. In the unrelenting search for money in which all of our colleges and universities are engaged we must not forget that a university's fight to remain forever free needs your support and mine far more than it needs our support to remain forever solvent. If every alumni secretary in the land will dedicate his efforts to this fight, to combat encroachments and pressures that would make our institutions conform to the dictates of any group, be it alumni, legislators, benefactors, or whoever, then the alumni secretary will acquire an eminence of magnificence and permanence that will surely reap unsurpassable rewards on this earth—and perhaps halos in orbit.

Your problems are indeed not in orbit—or in any outer space or even at the moon. The problems are only at this end. They are enough.

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