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JUDGING BY participation in this year's Annual Fund, there is a rising tide of alumni interest in the College.

It has been deeply gratifying to see the Century Club idea expanding, the initiation of a 400 Club of special contributors (largely through alumni efforts), the formation of a committee to carry the message of the Fund through personal contacts, the scheduling of telephone squad meetings at the College to do more of the same. The turnout at our Kick-Off Dinner was the best yet. At this writing, some 200 alumni have already contributed more than half of what the entire alumni body did last year.

And I think it is significant that our alumni of tomorrow, the members of the present senior class, have, on their own, adopted an insurance program which will enable them to make a 25th Class Reunion gift of \$40,000 to the College, quite aside from their individual yearly contributions.

It is refreshing to find more alumni asking, in effect, "What can I do for my College?" The reaction seems to be contagious. I hope it becomes epidemic.

May I express my thanks to the devoted and active group of alumni which has been showing the way. May I urge all my fellow alumni to join their number.

The future of the College can be as brilliant as we choose to make it.

RALPH E. SNYDER, M.D.  
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# Alumni Press 1961 Annual Fund Drive

COLLEGE ALUMNI have already contributed \$13,967 to the 1961 Annual Fund, it was reported by Dr. Saul A. Schwartz, Alumni Chairman, at the Annual Fund Kick-Off Dinner held at the Harvard Club on March 29th.

A vigorous advance solicitation effort by forty committee members was responsible for producing this sum, which is a third of the total of \$40,000 in advance gifts to the Annual Fund obtained from all sources, announced at the dinner by Dr. Ralph E. Snyder, President and Dean.

Dr. Schwartz noted that the alumni drive began early. An organizational meeting was held at the College on February 1st. In addresses to this gathering, Dr. Snyder and Dr. Rachmiel Levine, Chairman of the Department of Medicine, stressed the large stake which alumni have in the College's continued and heightened progress.

In an enthusiastic discussion which followed, numerous suggestions for increasing alumni participation in the Annual Fund were made. One which has already been put into effect with what Dr. Schwartz termed "an excellent reaction" is the formation of a Century Club for alumni.

This is an honorary group made up of alumni who pledge to contribute \$100 or more to the Annual Fund each year. It was first introduced by Drs. Fred-

erick M. Spitzhoff and Arnold I. Turtz in the class of '48, according to Dr. Alvin M. Donnenfeld, class chairman.

"Now the Century Club idea is catching on in other classes as well," Dr. Schwartz said. "We believe a great many of our 3300 alumni can and should become members of the Century Club."

## WHAT IS

### *The 400 Club?*

The 400 Club is a new society dedicated to the progress of New York Medical College.

Its membership will be limited to 400 persons, each of whom is pledged to play a special role in furthering the College's objectives.

Members will receive a distinctive insignia, will be accorded special prerogatives and will be feted at an Annual Dinner to be given by the College.

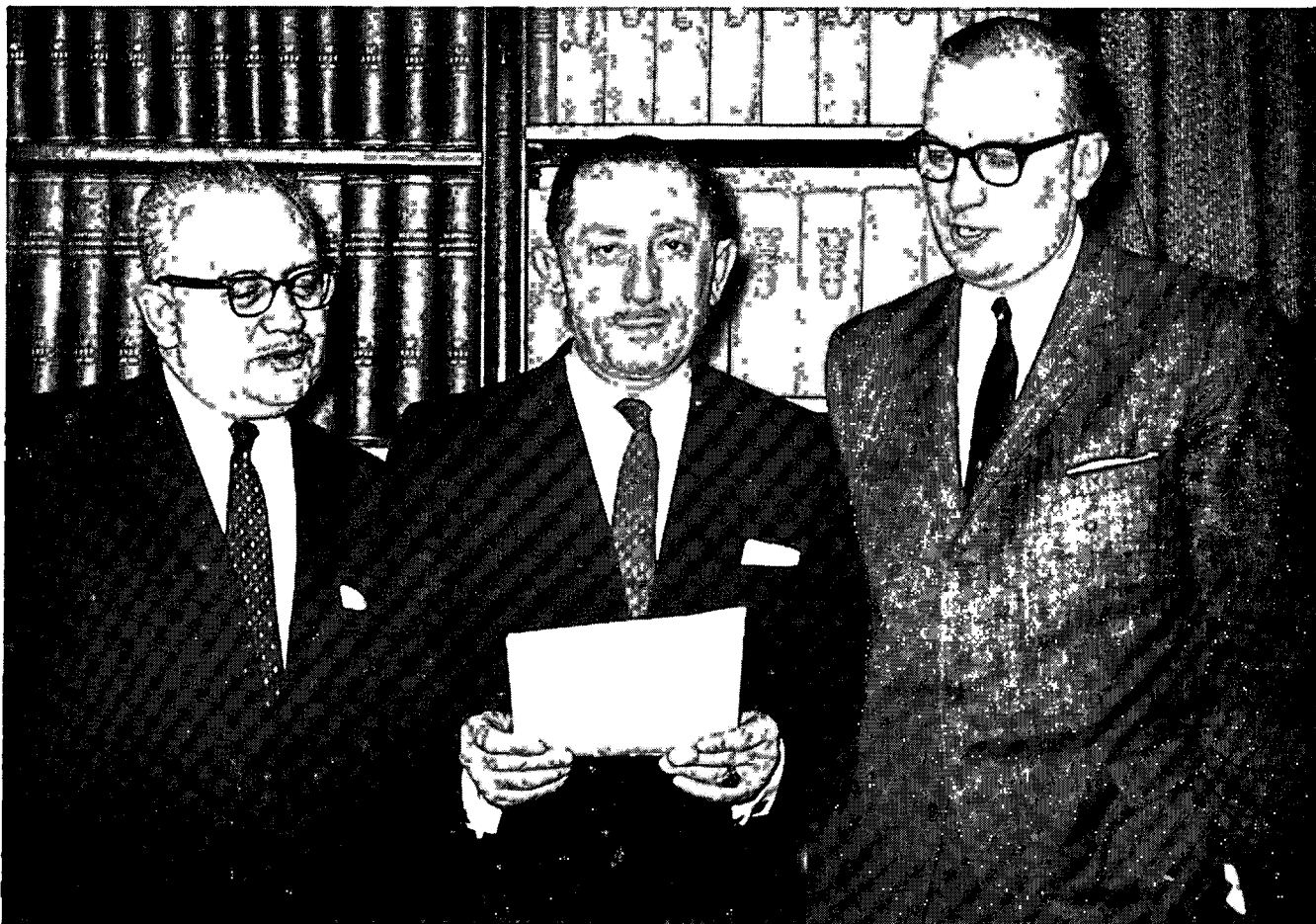
For further information, contact Dr. Frank E. Fierro, President of The 400 Club.

He said this year's alumni drive for the Annual Fund would stress personal solicitation of alumni by class chairmen and overall committee members. A series of telephone squad meetings will be held at the College in an attempt to reach every alumnus in the area "in person", he stated.

Dr. Schwartz paid high tribute to the hard work and enthusiasm of the committee members who have been working with him on the drive and to the understanding and loyalty shown by most alumni when they were approached for contributions to the Annual Fund.

"Our aim is to get 100% participation in the Fund by alumni," he declared. "This is our institution, our parent. It has played a key part in making us what we are today. What is more, its greater glory is our own. The College's achievements and progress reflect to our credit. Let us do our part to make New York Medical College the outstanding medical school in the nation."





ALUMNI PLANS FOR 1961 ANNUAL FUND are reviewed by (l. to r.) Dr. Rachmiel Levine, Chairman of the Department of Medicine; Dr. Saul A. Schwartz, Alumni Chairman and Dr. Ralph E. Snyder, President and Dean of the College, at alumni organizational meeting held on February 1st.

Serving on the Alumni Committee for the Annual Fund are:

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# Dr. Joseph T. Velardo

## Appointed Chairman Of Anatomy Department



Dr. Joseph T. Velardo, currently assistant professor of Anatomy at the Yale University School of medicine, has been appointed professor and chairman of the Department of Anatomy at New York Medical College and will assume his new post on July 1st, the end of the academic year. Dr. Velardo succeeds Dr. J. Clifford Hayner, who will become Professor Emeritus in residence at the College.

Prior to joining the faculty of the Yale University School of Medicine, Dr. Velardo was a faculty member of Harvard University and Harvard Medical School for six years. The author of more than 139 scientific publications, Dr. Velardo has also edited such scientific books as *The Endocrinology of Reproduction* and *Essentials of Human Reproduction: Clinical Aspects, Normal and Abnormal*, published by the Oxford University Press in 1958 and 1959.

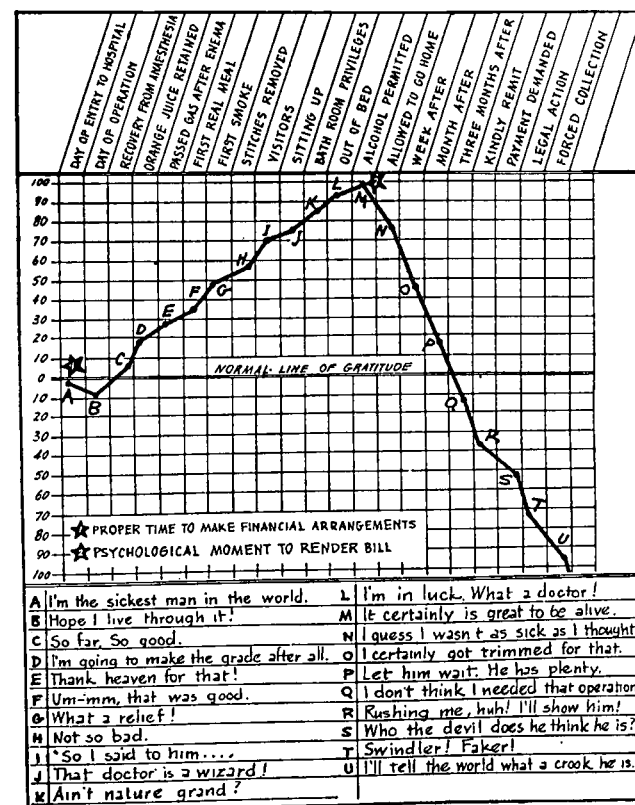
Dr. Velardo received the Lederle Medical Faculty Award 1955-1958, and also the Rubin Award of the American Society for the Study of Sterility, in 1955.

He received his A.B. degree in the biological and physical sciences from Colorado State College of Education in 1948, an S.M. degree in zoology and physiology at Miami University in 1949, and his Ph.D. in biology and physiology at Harvard University in 1952.

He is a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Gerontological Society, American Society of Zoologists, American Physiological Society, the Endocrine Society, the Society of Endocrinology (Great Britain), American Association of Anatomists, and the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine.

## Human Nature Chart

By GEORGE S. KING, M.D.



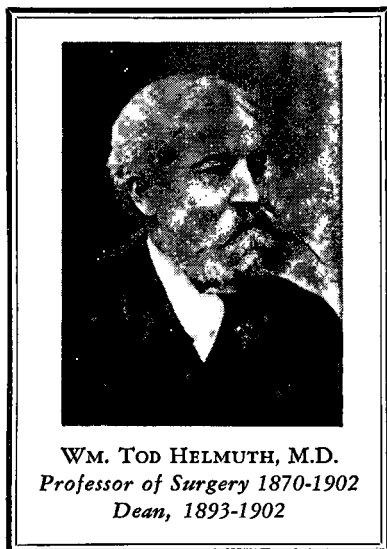
# An Error In Diagnosis\*

A TRUE STORY IN RHYME

by

WILLIAM TOD HELMUTH, M.D.

WHEN I look around about me  
On the friendly faces here.  
And see the tables groaning  
With abundance of good cheer; —  
See the veterans still in harness,  
The younger growing gray,  
With all the new born members,  
Admitted yesterday; —  
My thoughts will travel backward,  
And memory recalls  
The meeting and the banquet held  
At fam'd Niagara Falls;  
When words of wit and wisdom  
Beguiled the hours away  
Till roseate streaks of morning  
Proclaimed the coming day.  
Then I told you fellow members  
What a fearsome time I had,  
And while proving hydrophobin  
Went stark and staring mad;  
And how some other seniors,  
We nearly dearly love,  
And who enthusiastic'ly,  
Assisted me to prove,  
Could never from that moment sad  
Their faculties regain.  
And tho' they sit before you here,  
Are hopelessly insane.



WM. TOD HELMUTH, M.D.  
Professor of Surgery 1870-1902  
Dean, 1893-1902

I feel my brain is whirling now,  
And can a year have pass'd,  
When round a festive board like this,  
We met together last?  
Oh! yes, the master of the feast  
Has set another toast,  
And bade me summon to my aid  
The little wits I boast;  
He says the "City Doctor" great  
A proper theme would be—  
For one of guileless innocence.  
Behold the same in Me!  
Of the genus "City Doctor"  
Are species not a few;  
There are many arrant humbugs,  
There are other learn'd and true.  
The over-weening egotist  
Will tell you all he knows;  
Some flourish on society,  
And some—depend on clothes.

One city man's an oculist,  
A second treats the ear,  
A third devotes himself to lungs  
And curious sounds doth hear;  
A fourth with his laryngoscope  
Will see your glottis quiver,  
While many men the kidneys love,  
And many more the liver.  
Some specialists prefer the joints,  
A few the brain and nerves,  
Some spray away at old catarrhs  
With hope that never swerves;  
Some think a man in buttons,  
A coach and pair to drive,  
May serve in lieu of wisdom  
And thus expect to thrive.  
But 'mid these varied callings all  
The man who heads the list  
Is that gentle finger'd genius,  
The Gy—ne—col—o—gist!—  
He's such a charming fellow,  
So clever in his way;  
He always thrives in cities—  
I meet him every day.  
His rooms are over-crowded  
With ladies quite a host,  
And if he has a wife, they trust  
She'll soon give up the ghost.

God bless the City Doctor fair,  
In all he has to do,  
And God have mercy on the souls  
Of all his patients too.  
Now, though these cultur'd gentlemen  
Are often good and true men,  
They are not quite infallible,  
Because, Alas! they're human.  
They often make such grave mistakes,  
The Country Doctor wonders  
How men with such advantages  
Can make such awful blunders.  
But yet they *do*, so let me tell—  
For now I think it prudent,  
As all are dead—what happen'd once  
When I was quite a student.

But for this story let me choose  
A little easier line,  
And pray allow my ambling muse  
To steadier steps incline;  
Then let old Pegasus exchange  
His easy, shuffling gait  
For one much more in unison  
With facts I now relate.

\*Note: Response to the toast "The City Doctor," given at the Banquet of the American Institute of Homeopathy, at Deer Park, Md., June, 1884.



## THE STORY OF A CITY DOCTOR

Hail! Philadelphia, the quaker thou be,  
 The birth day of medical honors to thee,  
 In this country belongs; 'twas thou caught the flame,  
 That crossing the ocean from Englishmen came  
 And kindled the fires of wisdom and knowledge,  
 Inspired the student, erected a college—  
 First held a commencement with suitable state,  
 In the year of our Lord, seventeen sixty-eight.  
 A decade or two 'ere this work was begun—  
 I think I may say, seventeen fifty-one—  
 The colonists, who were remarkably fond  
 Of Benjamin Franklin and old Doctor Bond  
 (The one a Philantropist well-known to fame,  
 The other—Physician of excellent name),  
 Adopted the counsel of Doctor and Sage,  
 And in building a hospital soon did engage.  
 It stands to this day in the City of Penn,  
 And one hundred years had roll'd over it, when  
 My story commences. Once more pray excuse  
 The various flights of an uncontroll'd muse  
 Who being unused to be held in the traces,  
 Cares little for dactyls and spondees and spaces;  
 And so let her gallop along as she may,  
 And tell how the hospital looks at this day.  
 The old building stands, quite quaint in design,  
 Between Eight and Ninth streets with frontage on Pine;  
 I see it this moment, when I was a youth,  
 With eagerness searching for medical truth,  
 Pass'd under its archways with other young men,  
 And without e'en a look at the statue of Penn,  
 Which stands in the grass plot as stiff as can be,  
 Took my place in the theatre when I could see  
 O'er the heads of the fellows who sat under me.

And here let me say,  
 E'en at that recent day,

That science though competent then to beguile  
 The minds of most students, had not "put on style."

A very few men  
 Taught her principles then;

Instead of a hundred departments of knowledge,  
 About six professors were found in each college.  
 They taught of disease and how they might kill us,  
 But nobody dreamed of the potent bacillus.  
 We learned to prescribe and to bleed and to blister,  
 But knew not of carbolic acid and Lister.  
 Malaria potent, producing all ills,

We called the "dumb ague," or more simply "chills";  
 We measured by ounces and scruples and drachms,  
 And had not grown Frenchy with metres and grams.

Yet strangely to tell,  
 The patients got well;

For nature, altho' the rude practice shocked her,  
 Cured sick folk in spite of the dose and the doctor.

One hospital morning, bright, frosty and clear,  
 My comrades and I had been drinking some beer,  
 Which dimm'd the perceptions which should have been  
 clear.

Be that as it may,  
 As we wended our way

Up the hospital steps, the fellows before us  
 Were singing a song with a rollicking chorus.  
 At this very moment I hear it ring out,  
 'Tis the old "du da day," half a song and half shout,

'Mid the noise and the din  
 A patient came in,  
 So remarkably thin

That the ends of his clavicles stuck through his skin;

Like the point of a pin,  
 Was his sharpness of chin;

His eye on the left to his nose did incline,  
 Not much, but perceptibly; very like mine.  
 Then o'er assembly a silence there came—  
 The Professor had entered. I need not him name.  
 He was prim and precise from his head to his toes,  
 He wore a blue coat, with knee breeches and hose,  
 A true city doctor in every degree,  
 A specialist too, as you'll presently see.  
 He looked at the patient a moment quite bland,  
 Then taking a stethoscope gently in hand  
 His eye o'er the students expressibly ran,  
 And with grave intonation the lecture began:

"The name of this patient in full is James More,  
 "A mason by trade, and his age twenty-four  
 "I find by referring to this anamnesis,  
 "His symptoms are those of Tubercular Phthisis  
 "Consumption is plain from his cough and his sputum;  
 "He looks as if dried by secale cornutum.  
 "His previous hist'ry, however, I'll give,  
 "(Hear that cough—I'm afraid the poor fellow can't live.)  
 "Quite early in life from a blow on his skull,  
 "His mental perceptions began to grow dull,

"And shortly thereafter he happen'd to fall,  
 "While laying some stone, from the top of a wall.  
 "Then often for hours in silence he'd sit,  
 "With a slight *petit-mal*, til he fell in a fit.  
 "The doctors—the country ones—claimed it to be  
 "A perfect example of E—pi—lep—sy.  
 "Then came other symptoms and dreadful ones too—  
 "Megrain or horrible tic douloureux,  
 "With pain which to suicide oft would incline us;  
 "For when every branch of the Pes Anserinus  
 "With agony quivers and when the 'fifth pair'  
 "Is the seat of most exquisite pain, I declare  
 "It is better to die, than in agony live;  
 "For rural physicians no respite can give.  
 "But here let me ask him a question or two.  
 "When your face ached so badly, James, what did you do?"  
 James raised up his eyes and he hemm'd and he haw'd,  
 And said: "Plaze yer honor, I had 'em all drawn  
 "And bolted the vittels I oughter had chaw'd.  
 "I got the dyspepsie and grow'd mighty thin,  
 "So went to a dentist and had him put in  
 "A couple of teeth and a plate made of tin.  
 "And did you improve then?" the doctor inquired,  
 "Faix, no sir," he answered, "I almost expired.  
 "The next afternoon I fell down in a fit,  
 "And when I came to, me tongue it was bit.  
 "Me father and me searched everywhere round—  
 "*Me teeth and the tin plate could never be found."*

"Enough," said the doctor; "unbutton your vest."  
 James did so, exposing *the frame* of a chest  
 So sharp and so thin, we could see from our places,  
 The heart beating fast in the fifth and sixth spaces  
 The curves of his ribs were like those of a cimeter.—  
 The doctor observing them, took his pleximeter  
 (Spoke well of percussion, show'd how it was done  
 By old Avenbrunner—seventeen sixty-one),

Then on those ribs of the man laid it full,  
 Tapped thrice with his fingers, look'd grave and said "Dull.  
 "This sound in the third stage of Phthisis you'll find,  
 "By careful percussion before and behind,  
 "Accompanied often by thoracic pains  
 "In the lung parenchyma's contracted remains.—  
 "Here is a spot gives a resonant sound;  
 "'Tis certain a vomica there may be found—  
 "This with his thinness and expectoration  
 "Will diagnose Phthisis, will solve the equation.  
 "But still there are symptoms revealed by the ear—  
 "I place on this stethoscope now and I hear  
 "The cavernous breathing, remarkably clear;—  
 "While over the apex I think there will be  
 "A sound known to experts as 'bronchophony.'  
 "Below is a spot superficially local  
 "Which gives to my ear a true 'fremitus vocal.'  
 "Here is the 'buzzing amphoric' and there  
 "The 'tinkling metallic' is found with due care.

"In the right lower lobe is a cavern of pus,  
 "A symptom of still more importance to us  
 "To aid in prognosis.—THIS PATIENT WILL DIE.  
 "No power on earth can prevent it and I ——"

The Professor stopp'd short, for a horrible cry  
 Burst forth from the patient, who sprang in the air  
 With a gurgling noise in his throat and a stare  
 Of his eyes that protruded, wild, glassy and red,  
 And with lips all a-foam, he fell down like lead.  
 His muscles of face were all horribly working,  
 His limbs in convulsions were twisting and jerking,  
 His face first grew livid, then death-like and pale,  
 From his throat came a sound twixt a bark and a wail;  
 He struggled and retched in a fearsome degree,  
 In spasms so awful,—'twas dreadful to see.  
 Again and again came the terrible cough;—  
 We thought each convulsion would carry him off,  
 Till at last with an effort ne'er witnessed before,  
 He spat something out of his mouth on the floor.  
 The nurse pick'd it up with a curious grin—  
 "*'Twas a couple of teeth on a plate made of tin.*  
 These teeth he had swallow'd and lodged in the pharynx  
 Making pressure direct on the wall of the larynx,  
 And all of his symptoms, thus duly related,  
 You'll find under Stannum by Allen collated.  
 The Doctor look'd up, but he look'd rather queer  
 (The students at this time beginning to cheer),  
 He put up his stethoscope into his pocket,  
 And out of the lecture room shot like a rocket.

The patient recover'd although for his ills  
 His chest had been blistered, and thousands of pills  
 He had swallow'd, with gallons of syrup of squills.  
 And many years after, when I, an M.D.  
 Went up to the hospital, who should I see  
 (The theatre looking the same as of yore)  
 But that very, identical creature—James More.  
 This story is true—I have witnesses here  
 All friends of my youth; all fond of their beer,  
 With heads all quite level and faculties clear,  
 Who will vouch for this incident told you by me—  
 If you don't credit it, ask them and see.

We all make mistakes, 't is true, more's the pity,  
 The man in the country, the man in the city,  
 And often where highest attainments abound,  
 The errors most grievous are sure to be found.  
 The older I grow and the longer I live,  
 I think the less certain opinions I give.  
 And I try when I know one has made a mistake,  
 To cover it up for sweet charity's sake.  
 I know not what moment that something I do  
 May call for a judgment, my brothers, from you;  
 Then let me, at that time, your leniency win—  
 Remember the teeth on the plate made of tin.

# Groundhog Day:

## —a clinical study in togetherness—

At about 6:15 P.M. they started trickling in. By 7:15 o'clock the registration desk was swamped. Emergency rations were called for by 8:00 to replenish previously existing supplies of a miscellaneous assortment of high energy refreshments.

This was, of course, the 10th Annual Groundhog Day Smoker—a huge success—held in the College foyer and auditorium for which over three hundred guests turned out.

During the course of the evening Drs. Snyder, Salzman, Borrelli, and Blankfein briefly addressed alumni. Dr. Matthew Warpick, '25, and his barber-shop quartet, *The Gay Blades*, provided some wonderful entertainment in harmony with the spirit of the evening.

Several hundred pounds of turkey, ham and roast beef later there wasn't a dissatisfied Groundhog in the bunch. And so it went on Tuesday evening, February 28th, at the Alumni Association's 10th Annual Groundhog Day Smoker.





### \*GROUNDHOG DAY ALUMNI ROSTER

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Leonard Wershub '27	Martin M. Fisher '35	Severio Bentivegna '50	Frank Callipari '58	Wilmot S. Draper '60
Joel Ziprin '27	Jack Goldman '35	Anthony G. Serra '50	Lewis Dalburg, Jr. '58	John Elkis '60
Alan R. Cantwell '28	Arthur A. Michele '35	Ralph E. Snyder '50	Spencer R. Downs '58	Robert Fabricant '60
Frank Fishman '28	Sander Smith '35	Loretta Azzaretti '51	Bob Riggio '58	Robert Fitzgerald '60
Morris J. Bloom '30	Aaron Kagan '36	Rita Girolamo '51	John Leed '58	Roy Gerritsen '60
Rose Bloom '30	Lawrence Slobody '36	Anafred Halperin '51	Charles McCullough '58	Richard Giery '60
Isidore Sarner '30	Samuel S. Cohen '37	Marion Koomey '51	James Orphanos '58	Donald Gromisch '60
Gustave Adler '31	Walter Mersheimer '37	Cy Schlusel '51	Eleanor Roth '58	Frank Guilfoyle '60
Malvin Coren '31	Lawrence Sconzo '38	Robert Richardson '52	John Sadowski '58	Roger Hinkson '60
Henry L. Drezner '31	Frank R. Romano '39	Dorothy Sirullo '52	Edward Tracey '58	Carl Marchetti '60
Julius Ferayorni '31	Bernard Rothbard '39	Melvin Bronstein '53	Ed Underwood '58	George May '60
Benjamin Lampard '31	Joseph Andronaco '42	Joe Davis '53	Martin Weich '58	Lila Nachtigall '60
Edward Bader '32	Jacob Oberman '42	Herve M. Byron '54	Edward Wirtle '58	Allan Rothenberg '60
Frank J. Borrelli '33	Joseph Guiffida '42	Arthur Campbell '54	Orlin Wry '58	

*\*The above is a partial listing consisting of Alumni present who registered.*

## ALUMNI PROFILE

**D**R. ALEX SAHAGIAN-EDWARDS, a graduate of New York Medical College, class of '48, was born in New York City, attended the George Washington High School, and later Columbia College where he received his B.A. degree.



Subsequent to his graduation from New York Medical College in 1948, Dr. Sahagian-Edwards interned at Fordham Hospital where he then became assistant resident in internal medicine, 1949-1950. He later went on to do post-graduate work in internal medicine at the University of Geneva, American Hospital in Paris, and Allgemeines Krankenhaus, Vienna, 1950-1951.

After a residency in internal medicine at the Francis Delafield Hospital from 1951-1953, Dr. Sahagian-Edwards served as a Captain with the United States Air Force and was Hospital Commander, Presque Isle Air Force Base, Maine, from 1953-1955. An attending physician and Director of Medical Clinics at the Francis Delafield Hospital from 1955 to 1960, Dr. Sahagian-Edwards was an instructor in medicine at the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons from 1956 to 1960.

Presently Assistant Medical Director of Ayerst Laboratories, New York City, Dr. Sahagian-Edwards is a member of Alpha Kappa Kappa Medical Fraternity (Beta Rho Chapter), Diplomate of National Boards, Research Associate for the American Medical Association's Sub-committee on Breast and Genital Cancer, and member of the American Society of Clinical Investigators.

## CHAPTER NEWS...

Alumni from the Queens and Long Island (N.Y.) area met on April 11th at the Queens County Medical Society building in Forest Hills for their Spring meeting. Dr. Peter Miceli '38, chapter president, presided at the meeting and introduced Drs. Salzman and Snyder to those present. The announcement was made by Dr. Salzman that Alumni Day would be held at the College on Monday, June 5th, followed by the Alumni Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel that evening. Dr. Snyder pointed out some of the new developments going on at the College and the important part which the Annual Fund is playing in the continued progress of the institution. Refreshments were served at the informal Alumni get-together.

### *Attention*

Northern New Jersey Alumni  
CHAPTER DINNER  
MAY 24, 1961

### NEWS BULLETIN

As of May 3rd, the 1961 Annual Fund has passed the \$70,000 mark, with Alumni contributions accounting for better than a third of the total.

*ALUMNI are extended a most cordial invitation to attend a reception  
as guests of the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1961**

(During The AMA CONVENTION)

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**ST. MORITZ-on-the-PARK**

**CENTRAL PARK SOUTH**

**New York City**

# Project Hope In Indonesia

by

ALEX SAHAGIAN-EDWARDS, M.D. '48

## SURABAJA, *Indonesia*

I JOINED THE HOPE a week after it had arrived in Djakarta. We were docked at Tandjung Priok, approximately fifteen miles from the center of the city, which made the logistical problem worthy of another Rommel. Djakarta is a metropolis of 3,000,000, half of whom are pedestrians and the other half betjak drivers (dilapidated tricycles). Driving through this teeming populace in ambulances, trucks and jeeps was like racing a bus through Times Square on New Year's Eve.

The medical facilities, we were informed, were the best in Indonesia. Consequently, the original plan was to stay in Djakarta for a very brief period and then push on to more isolated regions of the archipelago. But the PANITIA (the Indonesian Medical Committee) had different ideas. The most difficult cases for diagnosis and treatment had been selected in anticipation of our arrival. Despite the announcement of our intentions to be a teaching project, we were received as if the Mayo Clinic had been sent to replace the University Hospital.

## SHIP IS OVERRUN

Their obvious disappointment in our stay was reinforced by the relatively small number of patients that were admitted on board ship. We began to feel like an orchid bulb that bloomed goldenrod. To complicate matters, the enthusiasm and curiosity of the populace all but sank the ship. Hundreds of visitors overran the ship. Distribution of passes had been made on a wholesale scale. Nurses and doctors had to resort to broken field running to get from ward to ward.

It was rapidly taking on the aspect of a Marx Brothers comedy until we prevailed on the local authorities to cease and desist. It was only a few days before we left Djakarta that some semblance of sanity and order was restored. But we considered it our baptism of fire and didn't encounter this in any of the

other ports we visited.

Despite everything, we learned a great deal from the initial visit. We met Indonesian doctors, nurses, and medical students for the first time. We gained insight to their approach to medicine and saw the wards, clinics, and medical facilities that are the best available in Indonesia. In retrospect, as an introduction, the Djakarata visit was invaluable. We had an inkling what to expect in other places and acted accordingly. We organized specific programs and seminars for Surabaya, where there is another medical school which has the largest doctor population in Java.

## HIGH DISEASE RATE

The disease rate in Indonesia is staggering. Malaria, typhoid, yaws, parasitism and dysentery are endemic. Less than 5 per cent of the population is over the age of sixty, which gives a clue to the average age of death. There are more than 20,000 inhabitants per physician.

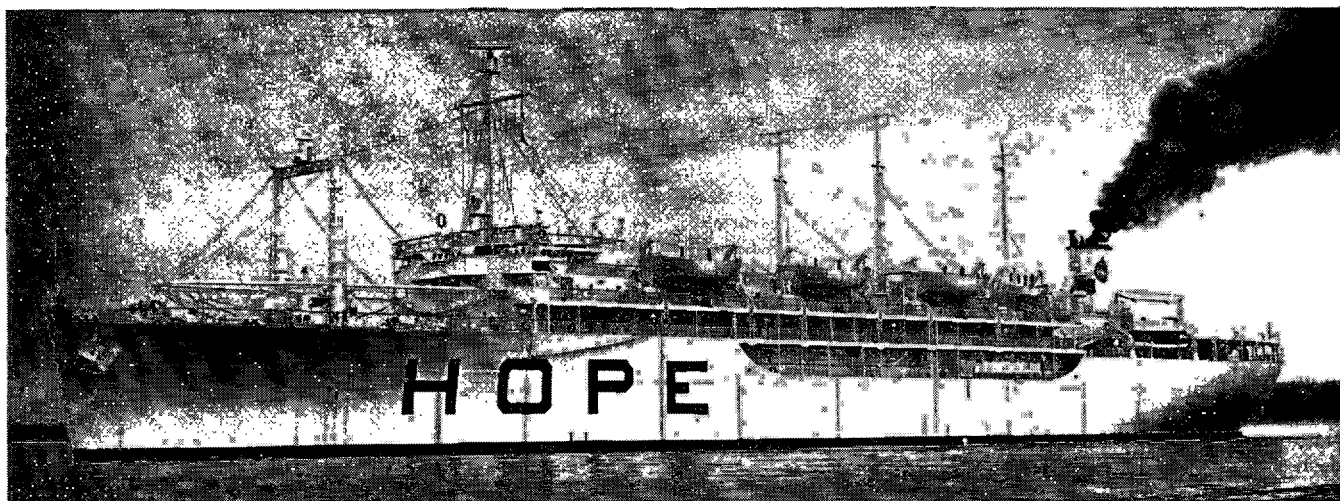
We have on board this fabulous floating hospital a team of twenty crackjack American nurses from all over the United States. They are the backbone of this project as far as I'm concerned. In addition to their nursing duties they are training a group of twenty-two Indonesian nurses from Bandung who are traveling with us for the remainder of the tour. They have to cope with the language problem every minute of their working day. They all deserve honorary membership in the Academy of Dramatic Arts. I've never seen such pantomime and gesturing since Marcel Marceau. And it gets results.

## EXCITING, FRUSTRATING

These have been some of the most exciting and rewarding weeks in my medical career. There have been moments of despair and frustration, particularly with the language barrier, but even more so with the type of patient we find here. There is no conception of time. A patient cannot tell you how long he has been having symptoms. Ask patients how long they've had abdominal swelling and they'll answer

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THE SS HOPE steamed into the Indonesian port of Lombok April 12th and will remain there until April 26 on its mission of mercy. U.S. doctors aboard the HOPE have taught native physicians new techniques.

"Two". Days? Months? Years? You figure it out, doctor.

Some people can't tell you how old they are. Not because of ignorance, but because there is no frame of reference. Birthdays are not celebrated.

Records aren't kept in Bali, they have a different calendar — 210 days to a year. According to them, I would be close to fifty years old.

There are approximately seventeen doctors. I say approximately because there is a constant turnover. Most American physicians cannot leave their practice or academic appointments for more than a few months at a time. At the present time we have two board-qualified surgeons, two pediatricians, an OB-GYN man, urologist, ophthalmologist, dermatologist, anaesthesiologist, internist, ENT specialist, and several general practitioners. This has been, in addition to a new concept of medical teaching, an exercise in togetherness. So far, we can state that the latter is an unqualified success. The former will have to be evaluated in light of what we accomplish in the next five months.

#### MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

In Surabaya we ran less of a circus. We were very well organized and restricted visiting to once or twice a week. We also made rounds in their hospitals to select patients for treatment aboard the ship. This avoided the problem of getting only "prestige" patients.

The existence of a medical university in Surabaya fulfilled one of the goals of the *Hope* teaching. We organized evening seminars on all subjects—from

surgery of the bowel to recent chemotherapy of thyroid disease. In return, the medical students and professors came on board and told us a thing or two about such medical items as yaws, malaria, leprosy and parasitic infestations. Even though not augmented by motion pictures, slides and other Madison Avenue devices, the know-how came through.

Throughout the month, we had their senior medical students going through a regular residency program: joining in surgery, making rounds, working up patients, and interpreting X-rays. This sort of person-to-person training went right down the line; laboratory technicians, nurses and attendants.

Here is one of the real contributions of the ship: we have given them knowledge even though they don't have the facilities now. Now we know what they need and maybe we can get it to them. And they have new information in balance with their own needs.

Perhaps this will last longer than a cathode ray oscilloscope.



INDONESIAN COUNTERPARTS: Miss Ruth L. Currie, nurse from Boston, Massachusetts, is shown above discussing a report with three Indonesian male nurses.

## BALI, Indonesia

**T**HE HOPE TEAM established a beachhead in the out-patient department of the Rumah Sahkit Umum Wangay (Central Hospital) at Den Pasar, the capital of Bali. Dr. Noerah, the physician-resident-superintendent, gave us carte blanche to run his clinic. As soon as word spread that the *Hope* physicians were running the show, the daily census of approximately 200 went up 100 per cent. At this point traveling to and from the ship became unfeasible, so we established residence on the hospital grounds.

### GREETED BY NATIVES

The morning we arrived in Bali was right out of a Fitzpatrick travelogue. Native outrigger canoes came to greet us as we dropped anchor in Padang Bay, the port for southern Bali, an island with 2,000,000 persons and fifteen doctors. The bay, which is nothing more than a palm-lined cove with volcanic mountains as a backdrop, lies sixty kilometers from Den Pasar, the announced site of our activities.

At first, the medical teams took to shore by launch at 7 o'clock every morning and then commandeered every available vehicle into town. Nurses, doctors, technicians and equipment bouncing along the countryside supplied more entertainment to the native than a Barnum and Bailey show. They are the smilingest people I've ever encountered. But when we established ourselves on the grounds, we carried water in containers from the ship and lived on rice for breakfast, lunch and supper for days. When we finally pulled stakes after three weeks, we had reorganized the outpatient department, instructed admitting nurses on evaluating patients, and checked out the laboratory technicians on simple blood tests and urinalyses. We had started the job.

On the other side of town, a *Hope* surgical team worked with Indonesian surgeons in the operating rooms of the Rumah Sahkit Umum Pusat, a more "modern" hospital. But we were told that one of our major contributions to operating room technique was the introduction of a fly swatter.

The surgeons had different problems—just as distressing. The Balinese have a fear of donating blood. Consequently, the surgeons were limited by the lack of blood for patients. Volunteers from our own personnel were turned down because we did not want to set a dangerous precedent for future *Hope* staffs. Beside, the Balinese are renowned for their ability to withstand outside influences and we could have drained the veins of every one aboard the ship

without a suggestion of setting an example.

### LAND OF TEMPLES

The lack of physicians here represents only one part of the story. Religion, lack of food, costume, and lack of supplies all tend to tear down the health of the population.

Take religion. Bali is the Land of Temples, with religious activities taking up three-fourths of the natives' time. The people are Hindu-Bali, and for a gentle religion it has some pretty hair-raising customs, from the health point of view. For example, cremation is the rule. From a sanitary point of view this sounds great. We discovered in horror, however, that bodies are kept around for months until the priest says the time is propitious for burning. In the meantime, the family lays out the corpse in a shack near the living quarters with a constant attendant. The attendant must collect the body fluids daily and these are buried close to the house. In one case, we saw a body brought to the edge of a beach and washed where we were swimming. I think I broke the Olympic record in the Australian crawl.



**TEACHING AND TRAINING:** Vital to the SS *HOPE* are the dedicated men and women who leave their practices and without compensation serve from two-to-four month periods aboard the teaching-training vessel. Dr. Sabagian-Edwards (shown above) is one of the many such rotators who have worked with the Indonesian doctors assisting them in learning new methods and techniques.

## PERILS OF TRANCE

At a temple we saw boys six to nine years old hysterically trying to stab themselves with a kris. Obviously in a trance, they moved convulsively. Nobody made an attempt to stop them. We almost lost our pediatrician.

After many minutes, some of the older boys began to restrain the kris wielders. At least they tried. We were startled to discover that the "restrainers" worked at Den Pasar with us as hospital attendants. In costume and part of the ceremony, they were not there for medical reasons.

Every one goes barefoot, including the operating room attendants. Waiters at the Bali Hotel wear immaculate white uniforms, but no shoes. So hookworm, which gets into the body through the feet, is rampant. I saw one boy at the hospital swollen and bled down to 3.0 grams of hemoglobin with advanced hookworm infestation.

At the same hospital, running water is obtainable a few days a week. The diet kitchen is an outdoor shack and our dietician had a hard time identifying the food substances because of the flies. It was things like this that sent our sanitation officer screaming into the horizon. When last seen he was heading back to the National Institutes of Health, a broken man. So, in summary, I would say the Balinese get A in religion and a big fat F in hygiene.

With rice, their staple food, becoming more scarce, and since they are forced to sell whatever beef they raise, the state of their nutrition is unspeakable. They fall victim to any bacteria or organism in the vicinity. Malaria, leprosy, and parasites of all kinds abound. We were surprised at the rate of tetanus, which for most of us is a text-book disease. Yet, the first patient our pediatrician saw was an infant in a terrible condition. Since mothers always stay with their children, one of the searing images of this trip is a roomful of mothers nursing their rigid tetanic infants.

Surprisingly enough *Hope* was received with complete approval by the priests and "dukuns," the witch doctors who supplement the efforts of the fifteen physicians. The "dukuns," we were told, are excellent midwives and very good bone setters. I think they are somewhat limited in the management of tuberculosis and diabetes. This is not a facetious statement. There is no insulin on the island.

## SUMBAWA, Indonesia

**W**E WERE SANDBAGGED IN SUMBAWA! This little island in the Java Sea was our next port of call

after Bali. It has a population of 500,000 served by two, count them—two, physicians.

We dropped anchor off the capital, Sombawa Pesar, on Dec. 28 and within twenty-four hours had admitted fifty patients to the ship's hospital. After another twenty-four hours we were organizing an outpatient clinic on the beach which also served as a screening and admitting operation.

The events leading up to this operation rival Exodus in scope—and that's being modest. As soon as we set foot on the island we were met by a German doctor who is here under contract to the Indonesian government and is responsible for all the medical problems of 180,000 people. He is very thin.

## PALACE CONVERTED

Taken to the sultan's palace, we saw it had been converted to an emergency infirmary in anticipation of our arrival. These patients had been selected in the hinterlands and brought to the capital city for immediate attention.

The sight that greeted our eyes was enough to make strong women faint and weak men join civil defense. The palace rooms had been emptied of furniture and on the floor on bamboo mats were 150 patients in various stages of far-advanced disease. Most of them were accompanied by their families and as far as the eye could see there was a mass of half-naked, bandaged bodies. It looked like the Atlanta scene in "Gone With the Wind." There was no place to examine these people so we set up the corners of the rooms as examining areas.

## GOITERS SIZE OF MELONS

There were patients with goiters the size of large melons hanging under their chins. Some had generalized skin eruptions that were bleeding and infected. Others had huge hernias. One woman had such tremendous abdominal swelling from an ovarian tumor that she couldn't lie down but had to be transported by chair. She was subsequently relieved of a forty-eight pound mass by surgery. It was a little less than half her body weight.

At the pier some of these patients were placed on the ship's launches. We were warned that the monsoon season was due to start any day and the *Hope's* captain, Jack Windas, announced that Sumbawa Bay was notoriously treacherous. There would be no recourse but to pull up anchor and go out to sea if the weather got bad.

We began to envision a ship full of frightened sick patients as they found themselves sailing away from

their island. Nevertheless, we loaded them on and started surgical operations immediately.

In the meantime, it was decided that we could best handle the non-surgical patients on shore, but as close as we could get to the ship. This meant the harbor area, so we "liberated" a wooden shed used by the customs officials and set up a clinic. There was no electricity, no running water and no toilet facilities. We solved these problems by using gasoline lamps, bringing our own supply of water from the ship, and erecting a metal latrine. The latter was accomplished by one of our Indonesian nurses who collared a group of dock workers and pressed them into service. They not only set up a lovely W.C. 150 yards from the shed, but magically produced the equipment to build it. The mysterious East!

As in Bali, when the word spread that the *Hope* had set up a polyclinic, the number of patients increased in geometric progression. From twenty patients a morning the total increased to more than sixty. We then invoked the assistance of Dr. Poch, the German resident physician, to screen patients before being sent to us. Oddly enough, with all of the real disease around us, we began to see psychosomatic disorders and hypochondriasis. It was a little difficult to maintain clinical equilibrium when one saw a case of tropical yaws followed by a military policeman who "just wanted a check-up."

### NO INSULIN ON ISLAND

One of many heartbreaking discoveries was that insulin is not available here. A diabetic is doomed unless he is lucky enough to have the kind of diabetes that responds to diet and oral hypoglycemic agents. We tried to work-up as many of these patients as possible and control their disease but most required insulin. The only thing we could do was to recommend they move to the only area of Indonesia where insulin is available, i.e., Jakarta.

The department of radiology organized a chest survey and more than 200 school teachers were brought on board for chest X-rays. The whole island should be screened for tuberculosis contacts since this disease is almost endemic here. Since this was not feasible, we decided that adults working with children should be the priority group.

Fortunately, streptomycin and isoniazid are obtainable, but the word sanitarium is not in the Sumbawa dictionary. Speaking of dictionary . . . we were faced with a new problem. Up to now, our Indonesian nurses has acted as interpreters, but the na-

tives in Sumbawa speak a different language from Bahasa Indonesia and the language barrier loomed taller than ever. A three-way translation was required for many patients. English to Bahasa to Sumbawa and back again. It took five minutes just to find out the patient's chief complaint.

Our reception here was even more dramatic than in Bali. These people never see Americans. Yet English is taught in the high schools. There were welcome signs on the pier and on the road leading into town. The religion here is Islam and the atmosphere is entirely different from Bali.

There is very little exposure of the body, indeed, most of the women wear heavy head veils. Those of us wearing Bermuda shorts were regarded with considerable bemusement. (Much like people walking down Madison Ave. in their underwear.)

We are known mainly by the impact of the movies. There is no question that the United States is regarded with awe and admiration. Even Elvis Presley is known here. Children of ten know the results of our recent elections and one little boy volunteered the information that President Kennedy is forty-four years old. Attention United States Information Service.

We leave soon for the Celebes. There is fighting there between the Sukarno government and the revolutionary guerillas. There is a rumor that doctors are popular prey for kidnappers. (\$10,000 a piece . . . alive.) Of course, these reports are usually exaggerated and it's only a coincidence that I'm leaving for the states the day after we arrive in Makassar. Project *Hope* continues for another three months in Indonesia.

The schedule reads Ambon, Timor, Bima, Lombok and back to Java. In May the ship goes to Singapore for servicing, and the last three months of the maiden voyage will be spent in South Viet Nam.

There is no question in my mind that the mission has been an unqualified success. Never before has an entire American hospital with highly trained personnel visited these areas and gained direct insight to the medical problems. No agency or organization has worked in closer contact with doctors and patients.

We have experienced a few "Ugly Americans," but the sorry state of medicine and health in Indonesia is not due to them. If the United States wants to play an effective role in providing medical help to this country, I urge a long session of conferences with the medical officers of the *Hope* when it sails back to San Francisco in the fall of 1961.

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## *Alumni Banquet*

JUNE 5, 1961

PLAZA HOTEL

FIFTH AVENUE AND CENTRAL PARK SOUTH

NEW YORK CITY

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

6:30 P.M.

BANQUET

7:30 P.M.

### ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS

At the March 22nd meeting of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association, Dr. Lawrence Slobody, chairman of the Elections Committee, presented the following slate of officers for nomination as recommended by the committee.

Carl C. Salzman, M.D. '24.....	President
E. Edward Napp, M.D. '33.....	First Vice-President
Saul A. Schwartz, M.D. '30.....	Second Vice-President
Bernard J. Wattiker, M.D. '44.....	Secretary
Maurice M. Black, M.D. '43.....	Treasurer
Martin E. Silverstein, M.D. '48.....	Archivist

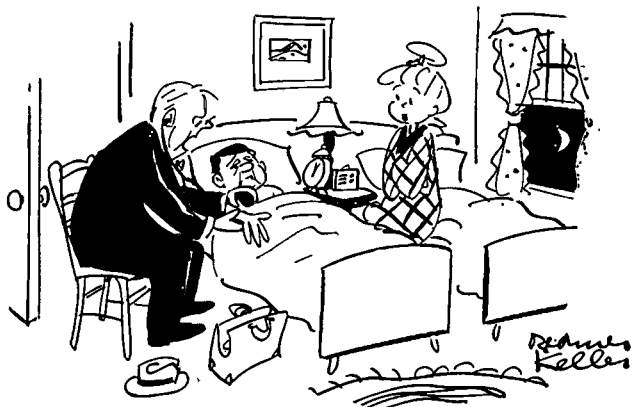
The committee recommended further that Dr. Charles H. Thom, Jr., class of 1941, be appointed to serve on the Board in the place of Dr. Saul A. Schwartz. Congratulations were expressed to the incumbent president, Dr. Carl C. Salzman, and the committee's report accepted as read.

## NEW RESIDENT TRAINING PROGRAM IN PSYCHIATRY

Dr. Alfred Freedman, Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at New York Medical College, has announced the institution of a full three year residency in Adult Psychiatry and a two year training program in Child Psychiatry; both are to commence on July 1, 1961. Dr. Harold Kaplan, class of 1949, has been appointed Director of the Adult Psychiatry residency training and Dr. Stella Chess has been appointed Director of the Child Psychiatry residency training program. Clinical facilities will include the expanding psychiatric facilities at Flower, Metropolitan and Bird S. Coler hospitals through which the residents will rotate.

While there are other psychiatric residency training programs in New York, the training program at New York Medical College is attempting innovations concordant with new developments in psychiatric care. Residents will spend the equivalent of one day per week in formal didactic classroom work. All residents will take basic courses in the graduate psychoanalytic program tuition free and concurrent with residency training; selected residents may go on to obtain certificates in psychoanalysis on the same basis. All residents will receive training in the treatment of narcotic addicts on narcotic treatment wards at Metropolitan Hospital.

This broad range of services will be unique in training programs in this country. Evidencing the interest shown in the program, a significant number of prospective applicants have already been interviewed for July 1st commencement.



# Alumni Association of New York Medical College

FLOWER AND FIFTH AVENUE HOSPITALS, INC.

## CONSTITUTION

### HISTORICAL STATEMENT

**T**HIS ORGANIZATION founded in the State of New York in 1883, and continuously active since then, was incorporated in that State in 1946. It shall be known as the Alumni Association of New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, Incorporated.

### PREAMBLE

We, Alumni of New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, being desirous of serving our Alma Mater and wishing to participate and share in the development of the Institution from which we graduated unite in the foundation of this Association of Alumni.

### ARTICLE I — NAME

The official name of the Association shall be the Alumni Association of New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, Incorporated.

### ARTICLE II — SEAL

The subjoined shall be the official seal of the Association.

### ARTICLE III — PUBLICATION

There shall be an official publication so designated by the Board of Governors.

### ARTICLE IV — OBJECTES

It shall be the purpose of this Association to bring about, insofar as is practicable, the unification of the Alumni of New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals in order that by their aid and support the educational and scientific programs of the Medical College may be progressively enhanced, improved and expanded.

### ARTICLE V — MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three types of membership—regular, associate and honorary—and the qualifications and requirements for each class of membership shall be defined and set forth in the By-Laws.

### ARTICLE VI — MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Association shall be held during Commencement Week of New York Medical College. The Board of Governors has the authority to make all arrangements and to set the time and place for such meeting as well as all other regular and special meetings. Fifteen voting members shall constitute a quorum.

### ARTICLE VII — OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall be a President, a first Vice-President, a second Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Necrologist, and there shall be six Directors. No Officer or Director may continue in office for more than three successive years, but may be elected to another office.

### ARTICLE VIII — ALUMNUS TRUSTEE

An Alumnus of New York Medical College elected to the Board of Trustees of that College shall be known as an Alumnus Trustee and shall become automatically a member of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association.

### ARTICLE IX — FACULTY ALUMNI SENIORS

The President of the Medical College, the Dean of the Medical College and all Directors of Departments of New York Medical College shall automatically become members of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association provided each has received a degree from the Medical College. Each shall be privileged to vote at Board meetings and shall be known as, Faculty Alumnus Senior.

### ARTICLE X — BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors shall be composed of all the Officers and Directors of the Association, each Alumnus Trustee, each Faculty Alumnus Senior and the Chairman of the Publication Committee of the official publication. All shall be voting members. The Board of Governors shall be vested with the following powers:

1. The transaction of all business of the Association during the interim between meetings—regular, special, annual—of the body politic of the Association and its actions shall be binding upon the Association.
2. The negotiation and execution of all contracts.
3. The suggestion of the name or names of qualified members of the Alumni Association to the Board of Trustees of New York Medical College, whenever there appears a vacancy on that Board for an Alumnus Trustee. Such suggestions or recommendations shall be made to the President of the Medical College who, in turn, shall inform the proper Officer of the Board of Trustees.
4. Nomination of Officers and Directors and the designation of the time, manner and place of the annual and all other elections.
5. The formulation and publication of such practices and policies as are necessary for the proper conservation and administration of the Doctors' Sick Fund.



6. The determination of proper dues for each type of membership. The Board shall have full authority to set dues and assessments, to collect them, and to stipulate the measures to be taken when such dues or assessments are unpaid. To be in good standing current and past dues must be paid not later than three days prior to the annual meeting.
7. Through the proper Officer, the Board of Governors is authorized to control all funds and monies collected, to establish bank accounts of any nature and to invest surplus funds, as well as make proper disbursements.
8. The keeping of records and minutes of all Board—regular, special, or annual—meetings and to report at least once to the body politic of the Organization at its Annual Meeting.
9. Establish practices and policies regarding formation of Auxiliary Chapters and their continuation or discontinuation.
10. The selection of the Alumnus to be designated to receive the honor of being named as "Alumnus of the Year".
11. All other administrative legislative, fiscal or executive functions, powers or duties as may present themselves or be required during the interim between meetings of the Association.

#### ARTICLE XI — AUXILIARIES

An Auxiliary or Auxiliaries of this Association may be formed by properly qualified Alumni, provided such an Auxiliary or such Auxiliaries conform with requirements set forth by the Board of Governors. Such an Auxiliary Organization may be discontinued for failure to conform with such requirements after a hearing before the Board of Governors, and the use of the name of this Association of the Medical College shall in such a case be thereafter forbidden.

#### ARTICLE XII — AUTHORIZATION OF BY-LAWS

This document provides for the development of By-Laws which become effective when adopted and may be amended in a manner provided herein.

#### ARTICLE XIII — AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

This Constitution and the annexed By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Alumni Association by a vote of three-quarters of those present, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by majority vote of the Board of Governors and written notice of such proposal shall have been given in the call for the meeting at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, in the call for any meeting, to give notice of such proposed amendments.

#### BY-LAWS

##### ARTICLE I — MEMBERS

There shall be three types of membership. A *regular member* must be a graduate of New York Medical College,

Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals and may be elected by the Board of Governors upon written application. He shall pay dues and have the privilege of participating in all of the activities of the Association including the right to vote and to hold office. He may be dropped from regular membership by the Board of Governors "for cause" including non-payment of dues. The Board of Governors may elect to *honorary membership* any person who has rendered great service to the Medical College or to the community or nation. Such membership shall be purely honorary and carry with it no responsibilities nor shall a member have the right to vote or the privilege of holding office.

Any licensed physician, not a graduate of New York Medical College or any member of an affiliated profession associated with an interested in promoting the welfare of New York Medical College and a member of its faculty may be eligible for election by the Board of Governors as an *Associate Member*. Such a member must accept all responsibilities of a regular member including the payment of dues and shall receive all privileges of regular membership except eligibility to hold office. The membership of such an Associate shall cease to exist with the termination of his appointment to the Faculty of New York Medical College.

#### ARTICLE II — DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President to call meetings of the Association and the Board of Governors and to preside at both. Meetings shall be called when deemed necessary by the President or when he is requested to do so by *ten* regular members of the body politic or by *five* members of the Board of Governors. He shall preside at all meetings and fulfill all duties ordinarily expected of a presiding officer including the appointment of all committees and Committee Chairmen unless otherwise specified.

SECTION 2. The Vice Presidents according their rank in election, shall, in the temporary absence of the President, preside and perform his duties.

SECTION 3. The Secretary, Treasurer and Necrologist shall accept and perform such duties as their respective offices obviously require.

SECTION 4. In the event of a vacancy occurring by resignation or any other manner in any office, the Board of Governors shall, unless otherwise prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws, determine the method by which that vacancy shall be filled.

#### ARTICLE III — COMMITTEES

There shall be the following Standing Committees of the Board of Governors and each Committee shall include a Chairman and at least one additional member: Publication Committee and Finance Committee.

#### ARTICLE IV — ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading of the minutes of previous meeting.
2. Election of New Members.
3. Reports of officers and committees.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. New Business.
6. Adjournment.

## ARTICLE V — ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Nominations for office in the Association may be made by the Board of Governors or by the written petition of any regular member of the Association. In the latter case, the petition must be signed by not less than *ten* regular members of the Association, including the petitioner, all of which must be in good standing. The names of all candidates for all offices must be in the hands of the Secretary at least one month before the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2. Voting. The privilege of voting shall be restricted to regular and associate members in good standing and all ballots must be written and mailed or otherwise delivered to the proper persons in accordance with the rules governing elections as set forth by the Board of Governors. Polls and all balloting must be completed by Noon, two days prior to the Annual Meeting.

"Good Standing" shall be defined as not in arrears and with no changes of any kind.

## ARTICLE VI

This Association shall be governed by parliamentary usages as set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order", in all instances in which they are applicable and are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

## AMENDMENT

All past presidents, with the exception of the immediate past presidents, shall be members of the Board of Governors, Ex-Officio, without vote.

(5-27-57)

## AMENDMENT (ARTICLE VII)

The name of Necrologist shall be henceforth called Archivist.

(1-14-59)

# ALUMNI DEATHS

CHARLES A. BREITSTADT '14 died on February 17, 1961, after a long illness. Dr. Breitstadt was school physician for the Newark (N.J.) Board of Education. He practiced medicine in Newark for 30 years and was a physician and surgeon for the Medical Service Administration of New Jersey.

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IRVING FLYER '15; a pediatrician and one of the founders of the Infants Home of Brooklyn; died in Miami, Florida, where he was vacationing, on February 25, 1961, at the age of 72.

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MAX GORDON KEELER '16, Tacoma, Washington; Brigadier General, U. S. Army, retired; veteran of World Wars I and II; commissioned in the regular Army in 1920 and retired November 30, 1951; died in the Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, on October 28, 1960, aged 67, of a heart attack.

SEXTON C. ROANE '16; consulting surgeon at Metropolitan Hospital, and physician of the New York Athletic Club for the last 31 years; died at his home in New York City on March 7, 1961, at 70 years of age.

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MICHAEL RAINONE '28, Brooklyn, New York; for many years medical consultant to the city law departments; served on the staffs of Bushwick and St. Mary's hospitals; died on October 28, 1960, of coronary occlusion at the age of 61.

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WILLIAM A. SCHAEFER '35, Astoria, New York; practiced general medicine and was associated with Astoria General and St. John's hospitals; died on January 27, 1961, of a heart attack in his home at the age of 51.

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HENRY MOSIG '40, Brightwaters, Long Island (N.Y.); practiced general medicine in Bay Shore; member of the surgical, orthopedic, and obstetrical staffs of Southside, Good Samaritan, and Brunswick hospitals; attending surgeon for patients and employees of Central Islip State Hospital and Pilgrim State Hospital, and secretary of the surgical staff of Southside Hospital; died of an acute myocardial infarct on September 2, 1960.

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JAMES GESUALDI '43, Howard Beach, New York; certified by the National Board of Medical Examiners; veteran of World War II; affiliated with Queens General and Memorial Hospitals in Jamaica and Doctors Hospital in New York City; died on September 28, 1960, of coronary occlusion at the age of 43.

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MURRAY LAWRENCE ADLER '47, Canoga Park, California; interned at Fordham Hospital, (N.Y.) where he served a residency; further residencies at St. Francis Hospital and the New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital; certified by the National Board of Medical Examiners; formerly attached to the U. S. Army; died on October 26, 1960, aged 44,, of coronary occlusion.

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JOHN F. MOORE, JR., '54, New Rochelle, New York; interned at the Methodist Hospital; served a residency in internal medicine at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals and later Sr. resident at New Rochelle Hospital and member of the courtesy staff; practiced for 6 months in New Rochelle where he died on February 19, 1961, of a brain tumor at the age of 34.

# CLASS NOTES . . .

'01 *Joseph H. Fobes*  
1 East 105th Street  
New York 29, New York

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

'15 *Cassius Lopez DeVictoria*  
245 East 17th Street  
New York 3, New York

'16 Charles C. Yerbury has announced the opening of his office for the practice of general medicine at 468 Main Street, Osterville, Massachusetts.

'24 *Carl C. Salzman*  
74-01 34th Avenue  
Jackson Heights, New York

Anthony G. Sabin has received the 20 Year Federal Service Certificate Award from Maj. Gen. William Westmoreland, Superintendent, West Point.

'25 *Matthew Warpick*  
600 West 138th Street  
New York 31, New York

'29 *Halley H. Friederwitzer*  
2080 Grand Avenue  
Bronx, New York

Bernard B. Nadell has assumed the post of supervising administrator at City Hospital in Elmhurst, New York. Dr. Nadell, a fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators, was first deputy superintendent at Bellevue from 1934 to 1942, and from 1942 to 1946 he served as a major in the Army medical corps after which he returned to Bellevue and then served as medical superintendent in Lincoln Hospital, the Bronx, from 1948 to 1952. Dr. Nadell now commutes from his home on the grounds of Morrisania City Hospital in the Bronx, where he is still, for the eighth consecutive year, borough coordinator of Civil Defense in charge of 32 hospitals. He and his wife Marie, a graduate nurse, have three children. One son, Avrom, a pharmacy college graduate, is presently serving his military stint with the Air Force in Florida; their daughter, Naomi, was graduated with honors from Hunter College and is now working toward a master's degree on a fellowship at Yeshiva University; and Joseph, 18, is a pre-medical sophomore at Tulane University.

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

Louis Hoffner, a member of the Medical Staff of the Peninsula General Hospital (Far Rockaway, New York) for the past thirty years, has been elected president of the hospital's Medical Board for this year.

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

Harry Barowsky writes:

"The 30th Anniversary Reunion of our class' graduation is drawing near and I'm pleased to note that plans are underway to celebrate this event and gather as a class once again

at the Alumni Banquet, June 5th, at the Plaza Hotel. Send in your reservation now, and let's make this a Gala celebration."—H.B.

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

'33 *William Kropf*  
2073 Davidson Avenue  
Bronx 53, New York

William Kropf writes:

"Alan Kane's son, Eric, will follow in his fathers professional footsteps, with equal success we hope, when he starts his freshman year at New York Medical College in September. Charlotte Yudell is justly proud of her two daughters who are doing excellently in their medical studies at our Alma Mater. Irving Weinberg's son, Charles, will also enter the freshman class in September, 1961. Irving is now doing well following a recent coronary thrombosis attack; several other classmates have joined the cardiac club in the past 2 years. Fellows, cut down the cholesterol!"

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

Abraham Rosenthal was granted Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons in General Surgery at the 1960 meeting in San Francisco.

Louis Joel Feit was elected president of the American Otorhinologic Society at their annual meeting and scientific program held at the New York Polyclinic Hospital and Medical School.

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

Sander V. Smith assumed the post of Supervising Medical Superintendent at the Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn. The post is being vacated by Dr. Harvey Gollance '34, who has been promoted to General Medical Superintendent in the Department of Hospitals.

In 1938, Dr. Smith was director of the outpatient department at Metropolitan Hospital; subsequently, he became director of Harlem Hospital's outpatient department after which he served as deputy medical superintendent at Queens General, Morrisania, City, Fordham, Coney Island, and Bellevue hospitals, before going to Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx where he served from 1952-1960.

Dr. Smith and his wife, Helen, a Brooklyn native, live on Welfare Island. They have two children—a son, Stuart, 13, and a daughter, Linda, 14. In addition to his hospital duties, Dr. Smith finds time for Masonic activities—he is a past master of Metropolis Lodge 1959.

'36 *Anthony J. Maffia*  
1123 Park Avenue  
New York 28, New York

"See you at our 25th"—TONY

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

'38 *Lyman J. Spire*  
901 Harrison Street  
Syracuse 10, New York

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Nathan Masor contributed a chapter entitled "Psychopathology of the Social Deviate," to *Sociology of Crime*, a symposium published by the Philosophical Library in March.

Bernard Rothbard recently became a Fellow in Industrial Medicine. His article "Function and Aims of the United Wire, Metal and Machine Medical Center" was published in the April 1961 issue of the *Journal of Occupational Medicine*.

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Clifford J. Tichenor was recently elected vice-president of the active staff and board members of Orange Memorial Hospital. Dr. Tichenor is an assistant attending in pediatrics at the hospital center of Orange, attending pediatrician at Orthopedic Hospital in Orange, and courtesy at St. Barnabas and St. Mary's. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a Lt. Col. Flight Surgeon, ETO, and completed postgraduate work in pediatrics in Washington, D. C., and Cincinnati, Ohio. He resides with his wife and four children at 488 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood, New Jersey.

Walter Berlin has joined the staff of the Colorado Clinic, in Denver, as their urologist. He writes that he is delighted "not only with the geographical and climactic advantages of the area, but also with the many professional advantages inherent to group practice". His two boys, Neal and Eric, have become most ardent skiers. Dr. Berlin himself is contemplating taking up the sport if he can achieve "a few deep knee bends without 'cracking' or assistance." He recommends the area "to the serious consideration of general surgeons," and writes further that "100,000 hunters descend on the area each season and do a great job of shooting one another up—and orthopods, who find the numerous ski areas much to their liking!"

Ardow Ameduri has announced the removal of his office to the Ameduri Medical Building, 1208 State Street, in Utica, New York.

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Henry P. Leis, Jr., writes:

"It has been some time since the class of 1941 has gotten together. Perhaps this year—the 20th Anniversary of our graduation—there is sufficient stimulus to assemble together as a class once again for an appropriate celebration of the occasion. Space is being reserved for the class of 1941 at the Alumni Banquet on June 5th at the Plaza Hotel, and I hope we will be fortunate enough to have the kind of turnout for this gathering worthy of a 20th Anniversary Reunion."—H.P.L.

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Alfred H. Rossomando is presently a regent for the United States Section of the International College of Surgeons in the State of Idaho. Dr. Rossomando is a urologist practicing in Nampa, Idaho. He is a urological consultant to the Union Pacific Railroad Employees Hospital Association and is attending urologist at Mercy Hospital and the Samaritan Community Hospital in Nampa. Dr. Rossomando is a diplomate of the American Board of Urology, and Fel-

low of both the American and International College of Surgeons.

'43

Howard B. Rasi  
139 Clinton Street  
Brooklyn, New York

'45

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

Marvin Shapiro was certified in Child Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and was graduated from the Philadelphia Institute of Psychoanalysis in 1960.

Edward H. Mandel recently had published "A False-Positive Treponema Pallidum Complement Fixation (TPCF) Test"—Report of a Patient with Herpes Zoster, *JAMA*, March 25, 1961, and "Dermatologic Problems in Compensation Medicine Treatment and Prognosis"—*Compensation Medicine*, March-May, 1961.

David J. Fant, director of the Department of Anesthesiology of the Valley Hospital (Ridgewood, New Jersey), has been unanimously elected president of the Medical Board of the hospital for 1961. A Diplomat of the American Board of Anesthesiology and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Fant is director of the Ridgewood Anesthesia group. Before joining the staff at Valley Hospital, Dr. Fant was an instructor in anesthesiology at NYMC and an associate in anesthesiology at FFAH. A member of Alpha Kappa Kappa, he is a past president of the New Jersey State Society of Anesthesiologists and served as a member of the House of Delegates for the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

'46

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

Marjorie (Mickey) Rittwagen was recently appointed to the faculty of Cornell University Medical College where she is an attending psychiatrist at the Payne Whitney Clinic. She continues as a member of the staff of the New York Children's Court, is in private practice, and has started work on her second book—a medical novel.

'47

Herbert M. Eskwitt  
59 State Street  
Teaneck, New Jersey

Robert W. Ballard assumed the duties of Director of Clinical Medicine for the Pitman-Moore Company in Indianapolis. Dr. Ballard served as Assistant Director of Clinical Research at Warner-Lambert Research Institute in New Jersey prior to joining Pitman-Moore Co.

'48

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

Bruce J. Ebbels of Watertown, New York, spoke at a meeting of the Jefferson County Medical Society in February on "Closed Chest Cardiac Resuscitation".

'49

Laura G. Morgan  
21 Bridge Street  
Stamford, Connecticut

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David Plotkin  
495 Merrick Road  
Massapequa, New York

Noel Conrade has been named the first official fire surgeon of the Westport Fire Department, Westport, Connecticut. Dr. Conrade, who opened an area practice last year, previously practiced in Norwalk and was on the staff of the Hartford Hospital.

Alphonse T. Mysiewicz was recently named company physician to the McKiernan-Terry Corporation's Dover plant. Dr. Mysiewicz has been in charge of orthopedic services at McKiernan-Terry for some time.

'51

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

George Massell, class secretary and reunion chairman, writes:

"We're all looking forward to our 10th Anniversary Reunion. If you haven't already sent in your reservation, or if there are any questions, I may be contacted at the above address. See you then."—G.M.

Frank E. Barnes, Jr., presently a director of the American Association for Automotive Medicine, was a moderator for a panel on Automotive Trauma at the Clinical Congress of Abdominal Surgeons held in Miami Beach in January. Dr. Barnes was able to bring together top men in this field who presented the results of their studies. Dr. Barnes writes: "We have hopes that more medical men will become interested in this field and influence their patients and friends towards safer driving and accident prevention."

'52

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

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*Robert S. Donnenfeld  
1 Joyce Road  
Hartsdale, New York*

Joseph E. Davis is presently coordinator for the Department of Urology at New York Medical College and Metropolitan Hospital. Dr. Davis is in charge of the outpatient department. His work includes a program of teaching for residents and senior students, as well as stimulation of research efforts by the resident staff. The following papers will appear this year in the *Journal of Urology*: "Measurements of Urethral Resistance (This paper won first prize in the essay contest of the New York Urologic Society in 1960), "Rectal Injuries during perineal approach to the prostate," and "Carcinoma of the renal pelvis".

Robert S. Donnenfeld, class secretary, writes:

"Bernard S. Silverstein announces the opening of his office for Internal Medicine and Cardiology in the South Miami Hospital Building, 7400 S.W. 62nd Avenue South Miami, Florida. Bernie spent four years at the University of Michigan and now has a wife and a 15 month old son. He would welcome a visit from anyone traveling to the land of sunshine."

Kenneth Haling is presently medical director of the Pahala Community Hospital (Hawaii). Previously, Dr. Haling served with the U. S. army in Texas for some time and later in the Korean theatre. His wife, Lois, joined him and was kept busy as an administrative assistant with the United Nations. She also worked with various orphanages while in Korea. They toured Korea and Japan, where they met many outstanding people from all nations.

The Halings share an interest in camping, hiking, and skin diving.

John W. Mills is engaged in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Mills met Ed Pear and Mike Devenis last October at a sectional meeting of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Edwin Pear recently addressed the Junior Ladies Auxiliary of the Barnert Memorial Hospital and spoke on the topic "Common Problems of Young Married Women".

William F. Spence has just moved from the San Francisco Bay area to Denver, Colorado, where he is attached to the University of Colorado Medical School. He was sent there by the Navy for postgraduate work in pulmonary diseases and tuberculosis. Dr. Spence writes: "Enjoy both the area and the University very much. Pleasantly surprised to meet up with Dale Hylton, who is in general practice here in Denver, and Don Brown, who is also at the University of Colorado."

Dr. & Mrs. William D. Ryan announce the arrival of a daughter, Thadine, born on February 5, 1961.

'54

*Jean Krag Ritvo  
1234 East Mulberry Street  
San Antonio, Texas*

Herbert L. Cole, presently practicing in Wayne, New Jersey, addressed a sisterhood meeting held at Temple Beth Tikvah; his topic was "Safety is No Accident".

Jean Krag class secretary, was married to Dr. Edward Ritvo, who is currently stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, on January 29th. She writes: "Before moving to Texas, my neighbor in Boston was Dave Karlin, who was at Massachusetts Eye and Ear for a year. He and Mrs. Karlin have one child, a girl. John Small is also in Boston finishing up his residency in urology at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. He soon plans to return to Connecticut to open his practice."

Henry F. Farrell, a captain in the army, is presently serving at the U. S. Army Hospital, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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*William A. Stevens  
410 Court Street  
Syracuse 8, New York*

Donald L. Hall was appointed chief of the Department of Medicine at Daviess County Hospital in Washington, Indiana. This is the second year he has held this position. Dr. Hall writes that he and his wife, Norma, have two daughters—Sherry, age 4, and Terri Lynn, age 8 months.

Leon Root received a clinical fellowship in pediatric neurology from the United Cerebral Palsy Association's Research and Educational Foundation. Dr. Root will study at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. A native of Jersey City, Dr. Root served in the Navy from 1956 to 1958.

Charles H. Emich, presently in the Navy, is serving at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia.

John F. McDermott, Jr. has recently been appointed an instructor in psychiatry at the University of Michigan Medical School and consultant psychiatrist to the Battle Creek Child Guidance Clinic. Dr. McDermott is specializing in child psychiatry.

'56

Stephen N. Rous  
30J 16th Street, N.E.  
Rochester, Minnesota

Steve Rous, class secretary, write:

"We are delighted to note that plans for our class' Fifth Reunion are crystalizing so clearly and sharply under the able guidance of Jerry Shapiro. If you have not yet sent in the questionnaire that Jerry sent you, please do so in order that we can incorporate the material in this column, and let's all bend every effort to make this class reunion a whopper.

"On a recent vacation jaunt to Hawaii, we chatted with Bill Quigley who reports that he will be Chief Surgical Resident at Tripler Army Hospital come July 1st. Bill then plans to put in four more years in service and then come out into private practice. The Quigleys had their third daughter and fourth child, Malia, born February 2nd.

"In San Francisco, we got in touch with Dave Werdegarr who is Chief Medical Resident at the University of California Hospital and who says he will be finishing 'four magnificent years' as of July 1st. He will probably be going on to Walter Reed Army Hospital and expects to ultimately settle in the San Francisco area. A telephone call to the same hospital revealed that both Lew Sullivan and Ev Eaton finished their Obs-Gyn residencies there last July and are now stationed in Germany with the Army.

"Although we didn't get to talk with Ronnie Pion in Los Angeles, our class prexy did come through with a lengthy letter in which he enclosed a picture of the very, very beautiful and blonde Mrs. Ronnie Pion, a bride of June 19, 1960. Ron will be Chief Resident in Obs-Gyn at UCLA Hospital as of July 1st, and is very pleased with his program. He supplies the information that Bill and Louise Hart are in residency at the V.A. Hospital in Los Angeles; also, that Gene and Mini Harris finish their orthopedic training this July and Gene plans to go into private practice in L.A.

"Marty Rose came out here to the 'medical Mecca' a few weeks back for a look-see and tells us that he finished his general surgical residency this July in St. Mary's Rochester, New York. He will next spend two years in the chest surgery program at the Brooklyn, (N.Y.) Veterans' Administration Hospital. Marty and Inge have two children now: Nancy, age 2½, and Kenneth Michael, born August 4, 1960. Marty supplies the information that Gerry Holz-wasser is a resident in radiology at Rochester's (N.Y.) Strong Memorial Hospital.

"Also visiting in Rochester (Minnesota) recently was Harry Allen, now a Lt. Cdr in the U.S. Public Health Service and planning to make a career of same. Harry is now stationed in the regional office in Kansas City, Missouri, and is a consultant in Chronic Diseases. He has two girls, Stephanie and Alexis aged 5 and 3, respectively. The Allens have just bought a new home at 10224 Dearborn Road, Overland Park, Kansas. Harry told me that Charley Seegars is now finishing his radiology residency at the Bronx Veterans' Administration Hospital and will stay on in the V.A. system. The Seegers now have three children. Also, Joe Torruella is in his second year of a general surgery residency at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in San Francisco.

"A magnificent epistle came from Jim Leach a couple of months back under the stimulus of your secretary's 'heart-rending' appeal for News of the class! Jim and Ev now have four children: Karen, Steffie, Kevin and 'Jay' aged 4, 3, 1½ and 6 months, respectively. Jim is finishing his first year of radiology residency at the Bronx V. A. Hospital and loves it. Jim supplies the following news for which we thank him cordially: Milt Lee is also at the Bronx V. A. in psychiatry, lives in Mt. Vernon and has one baby; Doug Nisbet is still in his surgery residency somewhere in the Navy; Jim Hagerty is an Obs-Gyn resident at Detroit's Women's Hospital; Ed Maher is active in general practice in Warwick, Rhode Island, and has two boys with a third on the way; Bill Varr, in the Navy as an anesthesiologist, expects to be getting out soon.

"Jim and Ev Leach plan to be at the class' fifth reunion dinner June 5th. How about everyone else?

"Out here in Rochester, Kenny Becker has had a paper published in the February *Annals of Internal Medicine* on paralytic ileus due to ganglionic blocking drugs. Don and Judy Peck say hello to everyone as does yours truly.

"Remember the fifth reunion dinner on June 5th at the Plaza Hotel!"

'57

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

Owen E. Heninger will finish his residency in psychiatry in July. Dr. Heninger writes that he plans "to stay on as a staff psychiatrist at Metropolitan State Hospital, Norwalk, California." "Audrey, my wife, and Jody and Gregory, our two children, enjoy our home in La Mirada about ten minutes away from the hospital."

Jack Vetter is presently a surgical resident at Bellevue Hospital (2nd division). Dr. Vetter was married on June 4, 1960 to Kay Palmer, a nursing instructor at Bellevue, and is living in Stuyvesant Town.

Robert P. Gruninger, who is currently completing his tour of duty at the Naval Dispensary in San Francisco after a year with the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa, writes:

"During the overseas tour I visited both the Kenyons and the Kings, and in San Francisco had an enjoyable visit with the Tafts and Dan Baer. I shall be in the Bay area until August when I plan to return to Minneapolis for completion of my medical residency. All visitors welcomed who come to the Bay area. I may be reached at the Dispensary."

'58

Charles D. McCullough  
St. Vincent's Hospital  
New York, New York

Charles D. McCullough, class secretary writes:

"The class of 1958 was fairly well represented at the annual "Groundhog Day" at the College. Ed Wright was there along with the Meadowbrook Hospital contingent. Ed is in Obs-Gyn. Spence Downs was also present. Spence is studying internal medicine also at Meadowbrook. Jack Sadowsky is finishing a year as surgical resident at Manhattan V.A. Hospital and will begin E.N.T. residency at Bellevue in July. Jack and Doris are expecting their second



addition very soon. **Lou Dalberg** drove in from Philadelphia for Groundhog Day. Lou is doing ophthalmology at Jefferson. How about getting in to the big city a little more often, Lou?

"**Marty Weiss** is still at Bellevue doing very well in psychiatry residency. He still finds time to keep up his musical talents; recently he had another of his songs published. **Bob Riggio** is working very hard in the pharmaceutical world. 'Scoop' **Wry** tells us he is planning to continue on in internal medicine with the possibility of returning to FFAH.

"I received a letter from **Joe Culverwell** who is a naval flight surgeon now stationed in the Phillipines. Joe was married in California. Joe and Sharon flew to N.Y.C. before Joe was transferred; they were able to make fast rounds before returning to California. Joe is looking forward to resuming residency training in orthopedics when his military tour is finished.

"**Barbara and Frank Klion** visited with me at St. Vincent's Hospital in April. Frank is with the Navy in Chicago. They both look forward to returning East in about 1 year. Frank plans to finish medical residency at Mount Sinai.

**Benedict Caterinicchio** has been named chief resident of the pediatric house staff of New York Hospital.

**Arnold J. Hodas** is with the U. S. Navy serving at the Naval Air Station, South Weymouth, Massachusetts.

**James Justice** writes:

"I enjoyed my two year stay in Alaska so much that I have signed up with the U.S.P.H.S. for another year. My new bride, formerly **Ann Haight** from Oceanside, Long Island, and myself will be moving north of the arctic circle to Kotzebue this spring. This field station services a village of 1500 Eskimos in the heart of the polar bear country. Sports minded classmates are invited to stop over between expeditions."

**William C. Mulford** writes:

"Am presently serving as medical officer aboard the U.S.N.S. *General Leroy Eltings*. We are one of the two troop transports carrying U.N. troops to the Congo. At the present time we have just sailed from Malaya with 500 troops and are going to Bombay for 600 Indian troops, then heading back to the Congo. Prior to this lift, I was aboard the U.S.N.S. *General Darby* with ports of call at Southampton, England, and Bremerhaven, Germany. We hope to be back in the United States in July. Expecting another addition to the family in August. My wife, **Claire**, and son, **Bill**, are at present living in Brooklyn. Will be out of the Navy in July '62 and plan to return to Rochester, New York, to finish my residency in obstetrics and gynecology."

'59

*Gus Mork  
St. Francis Hospital  
Hartford, Connecticut*

**Gus Mork**, class secretary, write:

"It's hard to believe that two years will have passed since we graduated—time waits for no one. Since that eventful day our classmates have spread over the entire globe. I would be conservative and say that at least 50 %

of the class of '59 are in the service. Flower is certainly well represented in the armed forces; each month another member of the class joins up. It is hoped by the writer that all members of the class presently in the service are having good duty; and, of course, I hope those not in the service are having good residencies.

"I visited the Metropolitan Hospital a few days ago—hunting news of course. The Met hasn't changed a bit. A bit confusing and noisy as ever. The new nurses' home in the old parking lot will be completed by this fall. I ran into **Fran Choper**—the girl with a great sense of humor. Fran told me to inform the Alumni Office that she is no longer in Vermont. She has been saving lives at the Met since July 1st. Fran's home address is 729 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, New York. Incidentally, Fran will be going to Montefiore Hospital come July 1st for a year of Pathology . . . **Jo Lockwood** is still at Montefiore in medicine . . . **Duffy** is still at the Met and still engaged: When you tying the knot Duf? . . . **Dick Orphanos**, taking medicine at the Met, recently returned from a tour of duty at the Coler Hospital. He'll remain there in medicine as will **Roland Molinet** . . . **Greg Mahairas**, in obstetrics, I have been told is on the EDC list again; I didn't see Greg, but he should know . . . **Russ Dennis** is at the Manhattan State Hospital. He lives in Manhattan and is enjoying his residency at the above institution. I've been told that his wife is working on a Ph.D. . . . **Myra Hatterer** is doing her learning at the New Psychiatric Hospital (P&S) . . . **Larry Sheff** is learning phychiatry at the Kings County Hospital. I saw Larry at the Groundhog Day festivities and he looks fit as a fiddle . . . **Steve Gogen**, who is married now, will be joining the U.S. Army—orders not received as yet. (Let me know when you go on active duty, Steve.)

"**Marty Siegel** will stay at the Met; he's going into orthopedics . . . **Stu Case** will be joining the GU staff at the Met . . . **Larry Pilchman** will be at Bellevue in Obs-Gyn . . . **Thor Wolber** (not official), I have been told, will be heading to the West Coast come July 1st. He's presently at Flower in anesthesiology. **Tom McElrath**, presently at the Met in obstetrics, will be moving downtown to Lenox Hill Hospital come July 1st . . . **Nate Hale** will be transferring to Lenox Hill also. Nate is in GU at the Met presently. I didn't see Nate while at the Met; he and his spouse were in Florida for a vacation . . . **Russ Poucher** came East and then suddenly turned South along with **Larry Pilchman**—they visited P.R. Russ is on the West Coast.

"**Don Brown** will be entering the Navy July 1st. He'll be aboard a carrier at Quinset Point, R. I. Don informs me that he'll tie the knot this June. He will be assigned to the U.S.S. *Essex*. **John Marino** and **Joe Dursi** spent 23 days in the South American countries. I've been told they liked Rio the best. So did I, boys. I don't know which they enjoyed the most—the women or the weather. Rumors are that **Jack Stapleton** will be returning to these shores from Paris. I understand that he is interested in Obs-Gyn. **Roland Molinet** informs me that 'it happened in Venice'—yep, expecting again. Roland and wife toured Europe recently. **Dick Mahler**, distinguished looking as usual, will

remain at the Met. I understand that **Tom Morell** also visited the Latin American countries recently. Tom's at Bellevue in psychiatry. **Bob Miller**, in Obs-Gyn at Flushing Hospital, was married in August. **Toni Rella** tied the knot recently and is at St. Vincent's Hospital in surgery. **Stu Case** had a recent addition to his family, born 2-27-61, and has named her **Judy**. Congratulations, **Stu**. **Sandy Sall** named him **Brandon Reed**. **Dave Connors**, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, got hitched recently. **John Ayers**, for the information of his classmates, has four young ones—not ten. Last addition to his family was September 28, 1960. He named her **Donna**.

"**Justin Howland** informs me that he received news concerning his next destination. Justin will be heading for the 2nd largest state in July—Fort Sam Houston, Texas—and then to Fitzsimmons in Denver come September 1, 1961. Justin will be taking an orthopedic residency. His latest addition to the family was named **Scott Bennett**, born 8-19-61. Number of Howland children to date is 3 boys. Send your new address Justin. **Joe McNaney**, here at St. Francis Hospital with me, walked around the floor with a cast on his leg—recently injured on a skiing trip to Maine. No breaks, torn ligaments. **Andrew and Barbara Dadagian** are extremely happy with life on the Dartmouth campus. **Andy** plans to complete four years of a general surgery residency at the Dartmouth Medical School Affiliated Hospitals (Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital) and then two more years of residency in plastic surgery. On March 24, at 4:19 A.M. they had their first child—a 9 pound, 3 ounce, 21 inch strapping boy; 'mother and child are doing well but the old man is exhausted!' he writes.

"In the near future, I will send each of you a questionnaire which I hope you will fill out and send to me as soon as you receive it. It is important that you fill out this form (will take only a few minutes of your time) so that we can keep in contact with you. A stamped envelope will be enclosed with my name and address on it. Please send me the filled in form as soon as you receive it. A number of members of the Class of '59 tell me that they have not received the *Chironian*. The only way that this can be corrected is to have your address. A number of us will be making a move come July 1st; please let me know your new location as soon as possible. Also, I am always looking for news about the class, and a postcard with the information will suffice. I have tried to make the column in the *Chironian* informal and it has been your help that has made it possible for me to write the column. Send me news.

"I wish that I could find the time to write to each of you personally, but this is almost impossible. I hope the news in the *Chironian* will be in lieu of a personal letter from me."—GM

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**Frederick Siefert**  
30 Brookside Drive  
Greenwich, Connecticut

**Fred Siefert**, class secretary, writes:

"I hope the U. S. Post Office with the new administration barely in command, efficiently delivered my January letter to all of you! I was certainly happy to receive those notes in reply and hear of your plans. For the benefit of all those plans are:

"**Chuck Burton** is currently doing research as a fellow in neurologic surgery at Johns Hopkins; he described working on the development of equipment to cause subcortical lesions. In July he begins a belated surgical internship at Grace New Haven. **Harvey Hammer** and **John Creamer** are also in Baltimore and plan to remain after June: Harvey starts a psychiatric residency at Hopkins and John is headed for an ophthalmology residency at the University of Maryland Hospital. John sent additional word that he and Fran were married right after graduation, honeymooned at Cape Cod, and are expecting their first child in May. They live at 1032 Haverhill Road and would enjoy a visit from friends passing through Baltimore.

"From the New York contingent, the following: **Gil Ortiz** returns to FFAH and the Met for Obs-Gyn; **Greg Moore**, now at St. Vincent's, moves uptown for a neurology residency at the Bronx V. A. Hospital; and **Herb Kasnetz**, at present doing a mixed medical internship at L. I. College Hospital, joins a 4 year ENT program at Bellevue, the first year of which is a general surgery residency at the Manhattan V. A. Hospital.

"**Ted Figlock**, at Bridgeport's St. Vincent's, reports that he's returning to New York for Obs-Gyn at Polyclinic. He and Mary Ellen will be returning with Baby Figlock, expected early April. (Hope you found that apartment, Ted). From Philadelphia General, **Harry Locke** wrote that he plans a fellowship in endocrinology and metabolic diseases with Dr. Krispell at the University of Virginia. (I was interested to see that Dr. K had returned to Va.) **Ed Gordon**, married shortly after graduation, wrote that he and Martie are well and will leave Johnstown, Pa., for a psychiatric residency at Manhattan State Hospital. Ed joined the USPHS CORD Plan and after residency will be assigned to active duty with the 'Bureau of Medical Services, Bureau of Prisons'. **Henry Grant** likes the Navy, and he also likes his baby boy, Christopher Edward, born February! Henry is now at Chelesa (Mass.) Naval Hospital and will do an ENT residency in the service.

"**Roy Gerritsen** is finishing the year at Fitkin with **James Castleman**, **Donald Gromisch**, **Francis Guilfoyle**, **Harvey Cooper**, **Carl Marchetti** and **Robert Fabricant**. Roy writes: 'We are fine and send our regards to all'. Roy, who had another addition to his family on March 5th—a girl, **Ellen Margaret**—will enter a surgical residency in July at Abington Memorial Hospital in Abington, Pennsylvania. **Castleman**, **Marchetti**, **Fabricant** and **Gerritsen** received an award and honorable mention in the Mediquiz Contest sponsored by *Resident Physician* for scoring 93% or better.

"Just two lone voices were heard from west of the Alleghenies: **John Duffy** and **Bill Hardy** are working at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. John reported that Bill will stay on for a medical residency; and Bill relayed the good news that John has won the \$500 grand prize from *The New Physician* for his article contributed to the 'In My Opinion' section. John was married in November, and in July will join the Air Force for a two-year stint. Congratulations, Duffy!

"That's all from Greenwich. Look forward to your mail."—FES.

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JUNE 5, 1961

## ANESTHESIA EXHIBIT ON ATARAX

College Foyer

DR. FRANK E. FIERRO

10:30

## "THOUGHTS ON DIABETES"

DR. RACHMIEL LEVINE

College Auditorium

12:00

## ALUMNI LUNCHEON

College Foyer

1:30

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

ALUMNI LECTURE ROOM

(419 A)

6:30

## PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Terrace Room

HOTEL PLAZA

7:30

## \*ALUMNI BANQUET

Grand Ballroom

HOTEL PLAZA

*\*Have you made your reservation?*