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Dear Colleagues,

How sweet it is!
The war has come and gone. The U.S.A. has found itself again and the country is poised for another surge forward.

As you will read in our cover story, graduates of our College from virtually all parts of the country have participated in the dramatic events of the past months. Happily, I have just learned that under the Armed Forces "first-in-first-out" decision, some of our alumni whose units were assigned to the Persian Gulf last summer are soon to be on their way home.

Our executive editor, Ruth Oliver, tells me that working on this story was "an exhilarating experience." With the very gracious cooperation of the families of our alumni in the Armed Forces, she was able to track down and talk by telephone with some of those stationed in Saudi Arabia. Once she began locating those in the Gulf, she also found graduates of the College serving their country at bases in other far-flung parts of the globe. You will read about some of the highly interesting experiences of our alumni on active duty both overseas and in this country.

What was most heartwarming to Ruth was the networking among alumni and alumnae that brought this information to us. The pride and affection with which classmates and family members—spouses, parents, and siblings—answered questions was very moving.

Their stories and the other articles in this issue confirm our decision to publish Chironian twice a year instead of annually, as we had been. This issue is chock-full of informative articles that tell of great strides in the basic sciences, innovative developments in affiliations and curriculum, dramatic changes in the field of pediatrics, a highly successful CME program, and chapter news.

As always, we welcome your Class Notes, which will now also appear twice a year; and we invite you to contribute to our new feature, "Alumni/ae Notebook."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michael Antonelle '62, our editor, for the thought and time he devotes to Chironian. My appreciation goes to Mike and Ruth for making our publication better all the time.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the events of our Reunion Weekend, May 31-June 3.

With warmest regards,

Louis E. Fierro '60
Our Graduates in the Armed Forces  
Part I

A number of Class Notes that came to Chironian in recent months carried word of graduates' active military service—ongoing, just completed, or anticipated. As the likelihood increased of U.S. military involvement in the Middle East, it became clear that the lives of many alumni and alumnae would be directly affected, and we decided to try to make contact with them or their families.

The first contacts had a remarkable ripple effect, leading from graduate to graduate and family to family, indicating the extent of alumni/ae participation in medical units of the U.S. Armed Forces. Thanks to wonderful cooperation all around, we are able to share their experiences with you in words and pictures.

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"We woke up this morning to the news that the ground offensive had begun," said Victor Modesto '81, speaking from Saudi Arabia. "We really didn't need to be told. The roar of the planes overhead coming in wave after wave was unbelievable. We had heard the roar ever since the war started, but the sound was nothing like what we were hearing now."

Victor, a Major in the U.S. Army and a staff general surgeon who is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, is presently attached to the 8th Evacuation Hospital, which was deployed to Saudi Arabia from Fort Ord, California. In a telephone call to the Chironian on the night of February 23rd (New York time), he described how he and his unit had set up the hospital. "We got here on December 18th, broke ground, filled sand bags, blacktopped the roads, and took the area from a barren spot in the desert to a sophisticated, fully equipped hospital equal to the best community hospital. It's a better facility than any, short of a full medical center, I've ever seen.

"The hospital can accommodate from 400 to 600 patients. It has six operating rooms and four ICUs with 20 beds each. We have one urologist, two neurosurgeons, five general surgeons, one cardiac surgeon, and three gynecologists who also assist in the OR.

"Five days after the war started, during a SCUD alert with the O.R. shaking from the explosion of a Patriot, we performed surgery while wearing gas masks. That certainly was a first for our surgical team, and quite possibly for this war."

Victor has served in the Army since his graduation from NYMC and has been stationed at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Camp Humphreys in Korea, in Belgium, and most recently at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Georgia, before his assignment to the 8th Evacuation Hospital. He and his wife, Marianne, had been looking forward to returning to the College for his ten-year reunion this June. They still hope to make it. They will be most welcome.

"My classmates were incredibly supportive while I was in the Gulf. They wrote letters and sent tapes all during the months I was there. I'd like them to know how much I appreciate their thinking of me as they did," Andy Sands '85 told Chironian in a telephone conversation on March 31st, shortly after his return from Saudi Arabia.

Andy, a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery in June 1990, took (and passed) Part I of his boards, and reported to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twenty nine Palms, CA, to start fulfilling his military obligation under the Navy's Health Professions Scholarship Program. His unit, the First Medical Battalion supporting the Marines, was placed on alert when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, and on August 18th was on its way to Saudi Arabia.

"We lived in a warehouse in Jabayl -- with temperature readings of 140 -- and then set up in Jabayl the first and only U.S. Marine Corps Hospital ever established. It was the largest land-based trauma center, with the greatest number of operating rooms. From Jabayl we went to Mishab and then to Khanjar."

During the ground war Andy's battalion was the forward-most medical group in the Coalition's theatre of operations. "Iraqi short-range missiles were landing all around us," he
said. "But thank God for our B-52s; those bombers did their job. They were so close that their vibrations knocked the food off the tables where we were eating. Alerts would sound and we would make a run for the bunkers.

"When we were up at Mishab during the battle for Khafji we were told that the Iraqis had chemical weapons, and for two nights we slept in the bunkers in our full chemical protective gear -- charcoal suits and gas masks."

Now that he is back home Andy will be reporting to the Naval Hospital at Twentynine Palms until he and Betsy leave in late summer for Charleston, SC, where he will be on the orthopaedic staff of Charleston Naval Hospital. In the meantime he left the following messages with Chironian.

"Tell our friends Betsy and I will be glad to have them visit us, either here or in Charleston. We can say thanks in person for all their support. And tell Dr. Fierro I'm looking forward to being active in the Alumni Association. Our class will have an even larger turnout for our next milestone reunion than we had last year."

"I've had a very choice assignment—E.R. physician at the King Fahd National Guard Hospital in Riyadh," Stephen Kineke '79 told us on the telephone from Saudi Arabia in late February. A Major in the Army Reserve who had completed his military obligation in 1987, Steve was in family practice in the Albany, New York area when his unit was called up. They left for the Gulf on January 11.

"The King Fahd Hospital is an extremely modern facility staffed with North American and European physicians," Steve said. "We were prepared for horrible stuff—chemical casualties, for example. We had established protocols for detoxifying patients before they came into the hospital.

"The Army was expecting a thousand casualties a day for the first 30 days, and this hospital would have taken a good share of that number," he explained. "Although there were SCUD attacks two hundred miles to the east, what casualties we saw had been stabilized closer to the front and we had had few acute care patients. Thank God the need for which we were prepared never occurred.

"Instead, we're treating Bedouins with camel ticks and camel bites, people who have fallen off camels, and many motor vehicle accident victims—because everyone has a car but no one knows how to drive."

When Stephen returns from his duty in the Gulf, he will be greeted joyously by his two young sons, Zachary and Nicholas, his wife, Anne Schwanda, and their newest offspring, Timothy who was born on March 2. Soon after that he will return to his family practice.

There was joy on March 14 in the home of James Maher and Catherine Labiak, both '82, when Jim, a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, returned from the Gulf. An orthopaedic surgeon, he had been stationed in Saudi Arabia since the beginning of February, assigned to Fleet Hospital #5 at Jabayl, 100 miles south of Kuwait.

"It was a 500-bed hospital, predominantly under tents, like a MASH unit," Jim explained. "We treated our own casualties as well as Iraqi POWs, most of the injuries being from stepping on mines or from shrapnel."

Since completing his residency at NYMC in 1987, Jim had been stationed at the Naval Hospital in Newport, Rhode Island. Catherine a pediatrician, practices at a health center for low-income residents of Newport, the city where she and Jim and their three children now make their home. Jim plans to enter private practice this summer when he will have fulfilled his military obligation.

Army Captain James Cremins '87—Jimmy to his friends—spent the blessedly brief period of the ground war quite literally where the action was, near Basra in Iraq.

Jimmy left the States in October from Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts. He was deployed with the 46th Combat Support Hospital, a 200-bed facility that backed up the 24th Infantry Division as it moved north into combat from the vicinity of Dhahran.

As a chief of one of the hospital's intensive care units, he felt well-prepared by training for the kinds of casualties that were anticipated when the war began. That training included the treatment of chemical burns, which, thankfully, was not needed. He, however, did see some 1,000 casualties, most of them Iraqi POWs.

As a student at NYMC, Jimmy was president of AOA. Commissioned in the Army at graduation, he did his internship and residency at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Colorado and was boarded in internal medicine in the spring of 1990. After he comes home from the Gulf and enjoys a long-awaited leave, he will report to Cutler Army Hospital at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, to continue the fulfillment of his military obligation, and he plans to apply for a fellowship in gastroenterology when he returns to civilian life.
Armed Forces continued

Just before his departure for Saudi Arabia, Jimmy was married to Karen Bass. They had planned a traditional church wedding, but when his orders suddenly came through they decided on a civil ceremony. Now, in anticipation of his early return, thoughts have turned to preparation for the postponed wedding and a reception with all the trimmings.

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Robert Yacynych and Eric Pepperl, both '88, were in the first class to be housed in the Vosburgh Pavilion on the Valhalla campus when that building was adapted for use as a student residence. They met there and saw each other casually in the halls and occasionally at parties; but it was at Fort Hood, Texas, that their casual acquaintance grew into friendship.

"I'm a brigade surgeon on active duty with the Army's Second Armored Division," Rob told Chironian. "Eric is in the 15th Forward Support Battalion, First Casualty Division. Both divisions are based at Fort Hood, which is the largest military base in the free world. My division was packed and ready to go but we were never deployed. Eric shipped out to the Gulf on October 14th. I know, I drove him to the airport.

"In a letter, Eric told me a funny story," Rob said. "As a Christmas present, I had given him, battery-operated book light so that he could read in his tent. He wrote to say that the batteries had been put to a very different use, powering his shortwave radio. When a SCUD alert sounded and they had donned their anti-chemical gear, they could tune in to Armed Forces Radio for the particulars of the attack."

A Captain in the Reserve, Rob was married last year to Marianne Reynolds. He is officer-in-charge of a troop medical clinic for the brigade, working under the guidance of Darnall Army Community Hospital. With the help of four physician's assistants and ten medics, he oversees primary and preventive care.

"When I last heard from Eric he was in Iraq with a forward action support team, probing the Iraqi line, before the ground war started," Rob reported. "I hope my next word from him is 'Hey, get ready for a barbecue, I'm on my way home.' or better yet, 'I am home.' "

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"We're a very happy group of guys here," reports Kirk Kazarian '61, now a Captain on active duty at the Naval Research Medical Institute in Bethesda, Maryland.

"We had prepared for severe casualties from the Gulf and are ecstatic that the preparations weren't needed. It would have been horrendous."

Kirk Kazarian was honored by the College last year for his long record of distinguished work. He chaired the Stamford (CT) Hospital's Department of Surgery and directed its surgical residency program for 13 years. Previously, he had been chief of surgery at Metropolitan Hospital for five years. Long wanting to do research in battle-related surgical problems, in 1990 he decided to make a career change, and asked to have his Navy commission reactivated.

Assigned to the Surgical Research Division in the Casualty Care Research Department at Bethesda, Kirk was engaged in several long-range projects when the Gulf war brought special immediacy to his unit's work. Now that the war is over he looks forward to returning to his research and to setting up a new program that will be open to all surgical residents in the Navy.

Kirk Kazarian speaks highly of the caliber of the young medical officers he has encountered at Bethesda and, before that, as NYMC's liaison medical officer for the Navy. "They're a great group," he says, "motivated, caring and professional."

Those words apply as well to Kirk Kazarian himself and to the other graduates who are serving in all branches of the Armed Forces—at home and abroad. Their colleagues in the Alumni Association salute them.

Space limitation and our press deadlines preclude our covering here all the stories we received. A second article will appear in the Fall issue. If you, or someone you know, should be included, please write to Chironian, c/o Alumni Center, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY 10595.

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Directory Update

A new, updated edition of the Alumni/ae Directory is scheduled for publication early in 1992. Harris Publishing Company will shortly send you a form to fill out, giving your name, class year, specialty, office and home address, phone numbers, and primary academic and/or hospital affiliations.

Please complete the form and return it in the envelope provided. Your prompt cooperation will be appreciated.
Investment Advice from a Pediatrician: Go Where the Action Is

Edward Wasserman, who retires on June 30th as professor and chairman of the NYMC Department of Pediatrics, has been associated with the medical school for more than forty years—one-third of the life of the college.

"When I came to the Department of Pediatrics, in 1950, there were two of us on the full-time faculty—Larry Slobody '36 and myself, in addition to the pediatricians on the voluntary staff. Today we have 125 on the full-time pediatric faculty," he said. "I know it's a cliche to say it's been a richly rewarding career, but it certainly has and I can't think of anything I would have preferred to do.

"Pediatrics is where the action is. If you do something for a child you have seventy years of investment ahead. Just think of the ratio between money and time for the investment to pay off. Consider, too, where our health problems start—and where they could be stopped. It's in childhood we develop the habits that define our life styles in later years; and we die from degenerative diseases that have their origin in bad life styles. Our eating, exercise, and smoking habits have been formed by the time we become adults. The best investment any group—governmental, private, corporate—can make is in our children."

Before joining the college faculty, Ed Wasserman did an internship and residency at the "Old Met," and served a stint in the Army, a year of which was in Japan. He can look back on many significant highlights in his career. Among the milestones, he points to his contribution to the classic Survey of Clinical Pediatrics, now in its seventh edition, and two other texts. Lawrence Slobody wrote the first three editions for the Survey; Dr. Wasserman is co-author with Dr. Slobody of the next three editions; and he wrote the seventh edition with Donald Gronisch '60.

He also looks back with justifiable pride on the growth of the Department of Pediatrics, particularly since the move to Westchester; and he comments on the different roles he has played in his career. "I've enjoyed taking care of patients, which I do still do, although to a very limited degree, and I have continued to teach medical students and residents, a commitment I have always found most worthwhile.

"But I do believe the role of administrator multiplies the effectiveness of one's work. Over the years a practitioner may see several thousand patients, a teacher can have a powerful influence. In administering this vital department, however, and affecting the direction and course of its programs, I feel I've been able to make a greater impact on child health than I could have made in any other role."

Gains and Losses

Dr. Wasserman talked of how the health scene has changed during his time as a pediatrician, in part for the better but in part, regrettablly, for the worse.

"One of the most remarkable events in modern times—the eradication of smallpox—is an occurrence we tend to take for granted," Dr. Wasserman said. "This came about because virtually all the countries of the world got together and functioned in concert, determined to eliminate a terrible disease from the face of the earth. It's a prime example of what people can accomplish if they are sufficiently motivated," he added.

"Less happy," he pointed out, "is the realization today that TB, which was declining steadily until the 1980s, is now rising sharply nationwide, a circumstance linked to the AIDS epidemic, drug use, homelessness, and other conditions found in crowded inner cities. The two groups most vulnerable to this disease are children and elderly."

"Among the pediatric problems that show no signs of abating," Dr. Wasserman said, "is teenage pregnancy. In our clinics we see a newborn brought in by its mother, age 16, and grandmother, age 32—and so the cycle continues with all the attendant medical and social concerns. Moreover, the adolescent faces a high-risk pregnancy. She doesn't show up for prenatal care until well along in the pregnancy; her nutrition is very poor, she may well be on drugs, and she may have contracted AIDS, which won't necessarily be detected until late in the pregnancy."

"Happily, however, we are seeing thin slivers of light. Teenagers need help badly in coping with the stresses of adolescence, particularly in an inner city environment of poverty and drugs, and studies have shown that they will come to school-based clinics rather than hospitals. In 1987, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Dr. Stephen Tames, chief of our section of adolescent medicine, established an adolescent health care clinic at Morris High School in the South Bronx, and we are seeing positive results. For example, when the study began we found that not one student with asthma graduated from high school; they just dropped out. In the time we have been caring for these kids, we've found 20 percent of those with asthma graduating—the same as the percentage for all students in that school—a ray of hope."

Great Returns

"We see another ray of hope in the growing awareness of the nature of some serious problems. In the case of lead poisoning, for example, we know that levels of lead in the body once thought to be acceptable cause brain damage, and we keep learning of new ways in which children absorb lead, such as from the soil where they may play. The hope lies in the stepped-up efforts of agencies such as the EPA and the CDC to educate the public about this problem, which carries a huge social and economic price."

"I've seen a mix of the good and the bad—smallpox eradicated, TB recurring, the calamitous appearance of AIDS, teenagers in real trouble—but also able to be helped if we put our minds to it; greater efforts to reduce lead poisoning. The list of the good and the bad is long, but as I said earlier, whatever we do for children will bring us great returns. Again, I feel very fortunate in the career I chose."

The success Ed Wasserman has enjoyed has been confirmed in many ways, including the honors that have come to him from his colleagues of the Alumni Association and from the College. In 1974 the Alumni Association recognized him with the presentation of its highest award, the Alumni Medal of Honor; and in 1988 the Medical College awarded him its Distinguished Service Medal. Both honors are very meaningful to him. Now, as he reaches retirement, he plans to enjoy a summer of relaxation, after which he'll look ahead. He knows he will continue work with the American Academy of Pediatrics, in which he has been active, involved especially in its continuing medical education program.

Ed Wasserman's sons are both NYMC alumni. Dean '75 is a vascular surgeon in New Jersey; Eric '79 is an ophthalmologist in Connecticut. His daughter Cathy will graduate from Wesleyan University in June; JoAnn is a student at Hampshire College. His second wife, Nancy Floyd Wasserman, was killed in an automobile accident in the fall of 1986. She had been on the staff of the Dean's office for a number of years and was well known to many of the NYMC family."
In this period of drastic cutbacks in the funding of biomedical research, two departments of the College—Physiology and Pharmacology—have received program project grants from the National Institutes of Health totaling nearly $11 million for two major research programs.

A program project grant (PPG) is a highly prestigious type of funding that supports a research effort in which talents and resources representing various fields of inquiry are pooled for work on a cross-disciplinary, unified theme. The principal investigators on the program projects are John C. McGiff, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Pharmacology, and Gabor Kaley, Ph.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Physiology.

Commenting on the importance of the grants, Karl Adler, M.D., dean of the College, said, “Beyond the impressive dollar amounts, these programs further enhance the stature of the College as a recognized center of excellence in basic science research. The $8 million grant to Physiology is the largest single grant the College has ever received. The PPG to Pharmacology, a renewal, along with MERIT awards to Dr. McGiff and Dr. Nasjletti, serve to reconfirm the judgment of the Liaison Committee for Medical Education that Pharmacology at NYMC is ‘a world class department.’

“Dr. McGiff and Dr. Kaley have each assembled an impressive team of investigators,” the Dean added. “They are all experts in their individual fields who will pursue related aspects of a central question having enormous potential impact on clinical medicine.”

**Endothelial Cells and Vascular Function**

The question in the program project headed by Dr. Kaley is: how do endothelial cells affect vascular function both in health and in disease states?

In his hospitable, book-lined office Dr. Kaley talked to Chironian about the origin and focus of the program and some of the techniques being used in the collaborative, integrated approach. “Within the last two decades this has become a very exciting area of research for both basic scientists and clinicians,” he pointed out. “Why?

“Because in regulating traffic between blood and tissue, the endothelial cells control what comes out of tissue into blood and all the nourishment the blood provides for the tissue. This area of investigation,” he continued, “opened in the early 1970s when Dr. Robert Furchgott of SUNY Health Sciences Center and his group discovered that removing endothelial cells from blood vessels dramatically changed the behavior of the vessels.

“By controlling the blood-tissue interface, the endothelial cells are implicated in the development of atherosclerosis, hypertension, and diabetes—diseases characterized by changes in blood flow and blood pressure,” Dr. Kaley said.

The major focus of the study by Dr. Kaley’s group is the relationship between the endothelial cells and the underlying vascular smooth muscle cells, whose contractions and relaxations control blood flow and blood pressure.

The investigators will use endothelial cells taken from various tissues—heart, lung, skeletal muscle, both human and animal—and grow them *in vitro* for study of their chemical properties. They will also study endothelial cell function *in vivo* in many different situations using a variety of laboratory animals.

“The grant was given impetus,” Dr. Kaley said, “by the fact that we have a ‘happy home’ here for the individuals whose diverse talents are involved in the work, as well by the conversion of what had previously been an outdoor atrium into additional laboratory space essential to the program project.”

The cell culture facility for the program is headed by Michael Stemerman, M.D., professor of medicine and physiology. Leaders of the five interrelated projects are, in addition to Dr. Kaley, Patrick Y-K Wong, Ph.D., professor of physiology; Michael S. Wolin, associate professor of physiology; Gail H. Gurtner, M.D., professor of medicine and physiology; and Thomas H. Hintze, Ph.D., associate
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Win Major Funding

professor of physiology. Assisting Dr. Kaley in the administration of the program project is Kathleen Vagi, administrator of the Department of Physiology.

Hormonal Regulation of Blood Pressure

In the Department of Pharmacology the renewed PPG of $2.8 million supports research on the hormonal regulation of blood pressure. As Dr. McGiff described for Chironian the work of his research group, his enthusiasm was clearly evident.

"Ours is a voyage of discovery," he said. "We are sailing in uncharted waters, exploring the unknown. We are considering problems for which there are no apparent solutions. That's the challenge, and I think it's fair to say that what we are doing now will probably have a therapeutic application in ten years."

Four related research projects are directed toward understanding the contribution of cytochrome P450-dependent arachidonic acid metabolites, or P450-AA, to vascular and renal mechanisms relevant to the regulation of blood pressure and to the pathophysiology of hypertension. The grant supports a facility for gas chromatography/mass spectrometry, on which the four projects depend heavily.

"The P450-AA metabolites are endowed with biological properties—the ability to influence vasomotion and transport sodium—that make them leading candidates for blood pressure regulation," Dr. McGiff said. "Indeed, in the most studied model of human hypertension, the spontaneously hypertensive rat (SHR), we have been able to produce normal blood pressure by reducing the activity of the renal cytochrome P450 system."

Dr. McGiff and his team are uniquely qualified to address P450-AA metabolism in the context of blood pressure regulation. The department's long term commitment to research in this area began in 1981, and the work has benefited from an exceptional aggregation of talented people with multifaceted expertise.

Members of the program project team, in addition to Dr. McGiff, are: Nader G. Abraham, Ph.D., professor of medicine and pharmacology; Mairead A. Carroll, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmacology; Bruno A. Escalante, M.D., assistant professor of pharmacology Alberto Nasjletti, M.D., professor of pharmacology, John Quilley, Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacology, Michal L. Schwartzman, Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacology. Michael Balazy, assistant professor of pharmacology, and Eileen Jenks, administrator.

MERIT Awards

Following the renewal of the PPG to Pharmacology, Dr. McGiff received the prestigious MERIT (Method to Extend Research in Time) award from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for his long-term work on the interactions of prostaglandin, kinins, and angiotensin as they relate to renal and vascular function and regulation of blood pressure.

"Other research in this area is being done elsewhere, but some of the most important work is taking place here," Dr. McGiff said.

The award also recognized John McGiff's important service to NIH on many study sections and review panels that evaluate grant applications and as an advisor over the last 20 years. He has also been actively involved in the international programs of the Institutes, traveling to the Soviet Union, Poland, and Italy.

The presentation of a MERIT to Dr. McGiff marks the second time in a year that this rare award has been granted to a member of the Pharmacology Department. Dr. Nasjletti was awarded his MERIT in 1990.

"This department is very fortunate in the people it has attracted," Dr. McGiff said. "Both our research scientists and our teaching faculty are outstanding. Dr. Giancarlo Guideri and Dr. Mario Inchiosa, who direct our teaching program, do a superb job—and that's extremely important because pharmacology is the bridge between the preclinical and clinical years. It must be a strong bridge, and it is."
NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY CHAPTERS...

Meet in High Winds

Winds gusting to 70 miles per hour whipped lower Manhattan on Sunday morning, November 11, 1990, as members of the Alumni Association's New York and New Jersey chapters and their guests converged on the lobby of the World Trade Center. Visitors waiting in lines for the anticipated 58-second ride to the famed Windows On The World atop the Center noted frenetic activity among building personnel and soon learned that the accelerating wind velocity was putting hazardous stress on the long cables of the express elevators.

Catching sight of one another on the ever-lengthening lines, chapter members waved and called encouragement as ushers directed traffic to the three-stage local elevators that would eventually take them to their destination. An hour later, the last of our still-cheerful group made their entrance to a warm reception.

After cocktails and conversation, both enhanced by spectacular views of New York harbor, the group moved to the brunch tables. Louis Fierro '60, Alumni Association president, extended greetings and introduced College President John J. Connolly and Dean Karl Adler who reported on recent developments at the College and plans for the future.

ARIZONA CHAPTER...

Welcome to a New Chapter

The evening of Saturday, January 18th, 1991, will be recorded in the annals of the Alumni Association as the occasion of the first official meeting of the Association's Arizona chapter.

Held in Phoenix at The Pointe at Tapatio Cliffs, the dinner was attended by a group who, while still small in numbers, was vast in enthusiasm. Chaired by Jeffrey Singer '76, the gathering represented the additional classes of '44, '60, '63, '65, '70, and '71; and they left no doubt that the chapter will grow as word of its formation spreads.
President Connolly gave an illustrated talk on new developments at the College, bringing the group up to date on the progress being made in many areas, some in the face of tight budget constraints, and proudly pointing to the growth of centers of excellence in both the basic research and clinical departments. Dr. Fierro brought warm greetings and good wishes from the Board of Governors to the fledgling chapter—the first in the American southwest.

Alumni Association President Louis Fierro '60 with Meg Singer and Jeffrey Singer '76, who chairs the new chapter.

MADING CALIFORNIA CHAPTER...

The Bunckes—Super Hosts

On the evening following the Arizona chapter’s get-together Constance and Harry Buncke, both ‘51, again hosted a lively party for the Northern California Chapter at their gracious home in Hillsborough. During the cocktail hour and later at dinner, the California group had the opportunity to talk with the officers of the College and Alumni Association who had come from the East for the Arizona and California meetings. They brought the graduates news of their medical school and fellow alumnae/i, including those who had attended the dinner in Phoenix the previous night.

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Graduates represented ten classes, spanning the years ‘51 to ‘90. They engaged in a convivial exchange of reminiscences and news while enjoying the delightful hospitality for which the Bunckes are known.

The invitation to attend this event had brought two members of the Class of ‘90, Tracy Trujillo and Tamara Hoover, who are spending their first post-graduate year in California, and were happily surprised to meet each other at the chapter party. Tracy is in pediatrics at Children’s Hospital in Oakland. Tamara is doing general surgery at Oakland Naval Hospital.
When the situation in the Middle East is quieter I plan to return to India to participate once again in the mammography teaching program I first joined in the late fall of 1989.

I had responded to an ad in a radiology journal to teach early detection of breast cancer. The project was conceived by Lakshmi Nadgir, M.D., an Indian-born obstetrician-gynecologist now practicing in Bryn Mawr, PA, who seven years ago began returning home annually to give seminars on new advances within her specialty. She had become concerned about the incredible lack of interest in her country in the early detection of breast cancer.

The goal of the project was to plant a seed of awareness that would, over time, improve the health of the women of India. After two months of recruiting, Dr. Nadgir had assembled a group of 25 radiology professionals, 10 of them radiologists and 15 radiologic technologists. We would divide into nine teams, each team spending two weeks at a center in a different area of India.

On our flight to Bombay we were accompanied by 10 state-of-the-art mammography machines, purchased by Dr. Nadgir's Chinmaya Institute of Continuing Medical Education, as well as film and cassettes donated by E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company.

Our first view of Bombay during a 10-minute ride from airport to hotel took us through a large slum area. This was a revelation. The sight of people defecating in open fields, beggars everywhere, and the contrast of wealth and extreme poverty were repeated throughout other cities we visited.

Conditions at the 1500-bed King Edward Memorial Hospital, to which one of our teams was assigned, were deplorable. The X-ray department was antiquated, all film processing was done by hand, and basic fluoroscopy was performed without
Dr. Lakshmi Nadgir, who headed the medical mission, with Dr. Hirsh.

Along with two X-ray technologists, Sally Davis and Patricia Stewart, I was assigned to the 1800-bed New Civil Hospital, the largest hospital in Asia, located in Ahmedabad, a city of 3 million people some 300 miles north of Bombay, where Mahatma Gandhi’s peace movement originated.

A Fortunate Change

Upon our arrival we learned that the hospital was closed because the nursing staff had gone on strike, and we were re-assigned to the Shah Cancer Hospital on the same campus. The change proved fortunate: this hospital’s radiology department was better staffed and better equipped to deal with a new teaching modality. Further, since our X-ray machines had been held up in customs in Bombay, we were grateful to learn that the hospital already had an older mammographic machine. We were therefore able to begin teaching the Indian staff using equipment with which they were familiar.

X-ray technicians in India are trained on the job and take no formal courses. Moreover, we learned that very few women enter this field, posing a problem in that the custom requiring mammograms to be performed only by women is particularly strong in India.

In response to mass media advertising of free breast cancer screening, women came to all our sites, learned breast self-examination, and received mammograms. At the Shah Hospital, in addition to teaching patients, Sally and Patricia also taught mammographic techniques to X-ray technicians to improve their procedures for hand processing film.

My work involved both teaching and film interpretation. The teaching was primarily with radiologists and radiology residents, whom I taught film interpretation and the technique of breast needle localization. I conducted both small-group sessions and large conferences, and gave slide-illustrated lectures for surgeons and gynecologists.

The records of our film interpretation were sent to Bombay for correlation and transfer to a computer. Our conclusion was that 5 percent were suspicious for malignancy. Findings resulting in surgical biopsy were later sent to Philadelphia for compilation of data on the incidence of breast cancer in India. Such data has been sparse, perhaps at least in part because of the secondary position of women in India.

We had hoped to perform between 400 and 500 examinations at our hospital. Because the new mammographic machine was not released from customs until the start of our second week, we were able to do only 150. However, we felt we made up for the smaller number by increasing people’s awareness of the need for the early detection of breast cancer.

I believe that what we accomplished can make a difference by prolonging the lives of many women in India. For me, there was tremendous personal and emotional satisfaction in taking part in this volunteer effort, and I look forward to continuing in the program.

(This report was adapted from an article by Dr. Hirsh in Ohio Medicine, the Journal of the Ohio State Medical Association, Vol. 86, No.6.)
Leading the Way: A Progress Report from Dean Adler

In a talk to the participants and guests at the Alumni Association's Eighth Annual Winter Seminar in Puerto Rico, NYMC Dean Karl P. Adler spoke of changes recently introduced at the College that have spelled progress in a number of important areas. Because the topics covered will interest far more graduates of the College than were able to attend the seminar, Chironian invited the Dean to address alumnae and alumni through these pages.

Chironian: You spoke of the changing nature of the relationships between the Medical College and the affiliated hospitals. What prompted the changes?

Dr. Adler: There has been increasing pressure at both national and state levels for medical schools to be accountable for overseeing medical education beyond the four undergraduate years—specifically, to become more involved in the training of residents, to monitor residency programs more rigorously and evaluate their effectiveness. Along with this trend has come our own resolve to bring higher, more uniform standards to the residency programs in the affiliated hospitals where we teach our students and train residents, hospitals that are geographically dispersed and provide different types of services.

To meet this dual need we have developed a medical education consortium involving our College and nine of its thirty affiliated hospitals. The consortium will further respond to the need to increase the numbers of physicians being trained for primary care medicine.

Chironian: How did this consortium come about? Which hospitals are participating?

Dr. Adler: Our consortium plan, developed over a two-year period in cooperation with the hospitals involved, was approved in December by the consortium subcommittee of the New York State Council on Graduate Medical Education. The nine affiliated hospitals in the consortium are organized geographically and according to type. The northern component comprises four affiliates: Westchester County Medical Center, which serves as the hub; Lincoln Hospital and Mental Health Center as the municipal hospital, and Our Lady of Mercy (formerly Misericordia) and Stamford, as the community hospitals.

The Southern component has St. Vincent's Hospital of New York as the hub, Metropolitan as the municipal hospital, Cabrini Medical Center and St. Vincent's of Richmond as the community hospitals, and New York Eye and Ear Infirmary as the specialty hospital.

Chironian: How does the consortium affect the training of residents at the affiliated hospitals?

Dr. Adler: Through its enhanced relationship with the consortium hospitals, the Medical College will have greater authority for the direction and supervision of postgraduate training by sponsoring the residency programs in all specialties and subspecialties. Under the new plan the Office of the Dean will have overall responsibility for residency training, and an associate dean at each consortium hospital will oversee the training of both the residents and our medical students. Given the number of residents—there are 1600 in training with our medical school—this change in administrative structure should impact substantially on the quality of such training.

The plan also calls for attending physicians working in consortium hospital departments with residency training programs to be granted clinical faculty appointments at the College.

Chironian: Will the consortium benefit the clinical teaching of medical students?

Dr. Adler: It definitely will, since we will be able to introduce more standardized curricula for our students' third- and fourth-year clerkships, which will be concentrated in the nine hospitals.

Chironian: There was great interest at the seminar in a new method you described for testing students. Would you tell us about it?

Dr. Adler: We now have in place a program, supported by the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation and the National Board, that provides a new system for evaluating students in the clinical years. In addition to ourselves, the program involves Albert Einstein medical school and Mt. Sinai, where the testing procedure is currently centered. Instead of a true-false test as in the past, students are being tested with the involvement of live "patients"—some of whom are actors. The students have no way of telling which of the "patients" are actors. Each student will go through a
certain number of stations at which there will be patients to be checked for one or another condition, an EKG or X-ray to be interpreted, perhaps a urine specimen to be analyzed, or a test in one of several other forms.

This being metropolitan New York, there is always a reservoir of unemployed actors who are willing to work outside the theater. One who comes to mind gave a performance worthy of an award when she played the part of a feisty "bag lady" with a variety of symptoms. It is important to note that with the cooperation of the patients, both real and acting, the humanistic qualities of the students, their manner and their capacity for empathy, will be evaluated as well as the accuracy and scope of their knowledge. The same approach is being used by the Department of Medicine in evaluating third-year clerks on the Valhalla campus.

Chironian: You spoke of responding to the need to increase the number of primary care physicians. What is being done to that end?

Dr. Adler: The College has created an innovative primary care curriculum. This program constitutes a dramatic change in that it combines undergraduate and graduate medical education in a six-year curriculum designed specifically for the training of students who wish to practice as primary care physicians.

Students in the Class of 1992 were the first to be offered the new primary care curriculum and several members of that class are now taking the third year of the program. At the same time, with support of the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, we are now designing a fourth-year curriculum, which will be implemented in the 1992 academic year. Representing the most striking departure from the traditional curriculum, it will enable the students in this program both to satisfy the requirements of the fourth year of medical school and to start training as hospital residents in primary care.

For this program, third-year clerkships have been restructured to expand significantly the students' experience in general medicine and pediatrics. A six-month block in internal medicine and pediatrics emphasizes primary care, as well as outpatient training in the surgical subspecialties, in order to provide the skills the primary care physician will need for practice in an office-based setting.

This is a pioneering program being designed and implemented as it goes forward each year. The College plans to evaluate the entire program during the 1994-95 academic year and will publish the results. We feel that with the help of the Macy Foundation grant, we will maintain the position of national leadership we have gained in this area, one that is so important to the future of health care delivery and, consequently, of medical education.

Chironian: You also discussed research at the seminar in Puerto Rico. What are some of the recent research developments at the College?

Dr. Adler: One of our top goals in research is to establish centers of excellence—departments, divisions, or institutes that will be recognized nationally as outstanding, and this is coming about increasingly. Pharmacology has received recognition as a "world class" department; Physiology has attracted top people in such areas as cardiovascular science and oncology.

Our most recent addition is a noted cancer researcher, Zbigniew Darzynkiewicz, who has just come to us from Sloan-Kettering. He will head our Cancer Research Institute, which is situated just off the Valhalla campus. Dr. Darzynkiewicz has a MERIT award from NIH for work on the effects of new anti-cancer drugs on the cell cycle, using flow cytometry to analyze the mechanism of drug action on cells at different cycles of the cell. He also has a grant from NASA, an agency he has served as a consultant for the past six years, involving flow cytometry. His goal with these projects is to learn how different drugs can be used in concert with one another to treat different types of cancer at various states, so that treatment can be tailored to fit the needs of the individual patients.

Some research developments are a function of our geography. For example, our Westchester location is in a dense area of Lyme disease, which has continued to spread to many parts of the country, and we will be committing considerable research effort to the problem. Further, at our affiliated hospitals in New York City we are treating one of the country's largest populations of patients with AIDS, and we now hope that through expanded research we can make a significant contribution toward the elimination of this terrible disease.

These are just some of the developments at the College that are bringing us increasing recognition. We all know that New York Medical College has been turning out fine physicians through the years, and I salute the alumni and alumnae. It is my hope that they will have ever greater reason to be proud of their Medical College.
Participants in the Alumni Association's Eighth Annual Winter Seminar, held this year at the Hyatt Regency Cerromar Hotel in Dorado, Puerto Rico, described the week-long program as "the best ever."

With the CME course program of 24 Category I credits as the centerpiece, the participants were treated to a skillfully designed mixture of study and socializing. The week's events were custom tailored by Joseph Dursi '59, course director and Alumni Association chairman of special events, who takes great pleasure in offering programs of outstanding quality.

In between the courses on each day's schedule were opportunities to take trips to the beach, play tennis or golf, enter tournaments, or just relax.

After greetings by Joe Dursi and Alumni Association President Louis Fierro on Monday, February 4th, the group heard talks on topics ranging from neonatal AIDS to "Right to Die" decisions and medical economics, and prefaced by Dean Karl P. Adler's survey of innovative changes in undergraduate and graduate medical education.

Topics covered by specialists included osteoporosis, management of hypertension, cataract and corneal surgery, mammography, breast neoplasia, abdominal CT scans, anesthesia for laparoscopic surgery, jogging injuries, and toe deformities.

Among the highlights of the week's social calendar was the barbecue, which met with cheers and calls for an encore next year. The barbecue was an occasion not only for epicurean feasting, but also for the presentation of gifts to the speakers and of highly appropriate prizes to those who had won tournaments. Thanks to Joe Dursi's wisdom and finesse there were no losers—everyone who attended the Eighth Annual Seminar went away a sure winner.
Class Notes

The symbol **REUNION** signifies a five-year "milestone" class for which a reunion will be held on Sunday, June 2. At press time invitations were in the mail.

* Starred names denote graduates serving in the Armed Forces at home and abroad. A two-part article, "Our Graduates in the Armed Forces," beginning on page 4, reports on the experiences of a number of NYMC alumni/ae in military service. The article will be continued in the Fall 1991 issue.

1931
ELIZABETH WILEN writes that she and her husband, BENJAMIN ROSENTHAL ’30, are enjoying good health and keeping busy in medically related activities in Tampa, FL.

1933
HAROLD EIDINOFF, who lives in Miami Beach, FL, has retired from practice and research.

1934
MORTON BLOCK has retired from family practice. He lives in Pompano Beach, FL.

1936
JOSEPH BUDETTI was appointed by former Governor Martinez of Florida to the Long Term Care Ombudsman Council for Broward County District #10.

1937
FELIX LAPPALARIN retired in 1985 and now lives in Palm Coast, FL. He writes, "Our seven children and fourteen grandchildren visit us—a few at a time. Would love to hear from classmates."

EDWARD ROHMER would like alumni/ae to have his summer-winter addresses. From June to October, he lives on Cape Cod at 11 Pryn Drive, Pocasset, MA 02559; in winter he is at 2921 So. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach, FL, 33444, between Delray Beach and Boca Raton. His note says: "All colleagues are welcome."

1938
FREDERICK GARFIELD of Pompano Beach, FL, has retired from the practice of internal medicine.

ROBERT McKay has retired to Santa Rosa in northern California, where he is "enjoying sunshine, golf, and grandchildren."

1939
FRANCIS GAGLIARDI writes that he has been listed in the first edition of International Who's Who in Sexology.

FRANK ROMANO, who practiced general surgery on Staten Island, has retired.

1940
ARDOW AMEDURI, SR., ROGER SHERMAN, and IRVING WECKSELL each wrote to Chironian about their 50th anniversary reunion. "I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the Alumni Association for a tremendously joyous time given to the Class of 1940 on the occasion of our 50-year anniversary in June 1990," Dr. Ameduri wrote. The message from Dr. Sherman was, "All those in the Class of 1940 who missed the 50th reunion missed a lot." He urged classmates "to make the 60th, even if you're doddering." And from Dr. Wecksell came the note, "The 50th anniversary of my graduation was on of the happiest days of the year for me. It was a joy to see so many classmates. My only regret was that more could not attend." (Editor's Note) The 1940 group was pictured in the Fall 1990 issue of Chironian.)

1941
SALVATORE DETRANO of Jamesburg, NJ, writes that he has retired from the practice of colo-rectal surgery.

WILLIAM HEVES is now semi-retired, but working as a psychiatric consultant to the drug and alcohol recovery center of a local hospital. "The work is challenging and satisfies the need for change from golf and more mundane activities," he wrote, adding that he still enjoys his home in Marco Island, FL, part of the year.

MATTHEW MICKIEWICZ of Rolling Hills, CA, is "enjoying every moment of retirement." He says he has not missed the office and attendant responsibilities, "Have time now to do all the interesting things we wish. Look forward to the 50-year reunion of our class with keen anticipation."

1942
WILLIAM MAGEE writes that six grandchildren have been added to the roster of 33 since he last reported.

1943
VINCENT CATANZARO of Saddle Brook, NJ, sent word that he has been retired since 1975.

JEANNE SMITH presented a three-day program on psychoanalysis and psychotherapy in Kuala Lumpur during the week of August 1st, 1990. The program, presented at the invitation of the Malaysian Psychiatric Association was video-taped for distribution to other psychiatric centers in Malaysia. During the following week Dr. Smith delivered a similar program in Jakarta, Indonesia, her fourth in that city. She has been invited to return to both Malaysia and Indonesia next year.

BEATRICE DI MARCO of Annapolis, MD, wrote that she has retired from the practice of anesthesiology.

HOWARD WINKLER retired from active practice in 1987 and is "currently working as locum tenens for Comp Health, a job and company." Both are highly recommended, he adds.

1944
BERNARD WATTIKER has retired from the practice of general and thoracic surgery. He lives in Fair Haven, NJ.

1945
MICHAEL BERMAN retired in July 1990 after 40 years in the practice of urology. During the last 10 years he was associated with the residency program of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and the East Orange Veterans Administration Medical Center.

1946
ALFRED MANELOK is an ophthalmologist in solo practice in New York City. He is an attending surgeon and chief of the uveitis clinic at Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital, attending ophthalmologist at New York Hospital, section chief in ophthalmology at Doctor's Hospital, and a clinical associate professor of ophthalmology at Cornell Medical College.

1947
JOSEPH PADULLA was elected president of the Metropolitan New
York Catholic Physicians Guild for 1990-91.

1948
EDWARD BOWEN of Malibu, CA, has retired from the practice of dermatology.

ARNOLD TURTZ wrote that he "retired from the practice of ophthalmology in July 1990 to spend more time enjoying the family (especially grandchildren), fishing, and many other interests," adding, "For me it was a good decision — I really love this more relaxed life." He continues to live in Mamaroneck, NY.

1949
JOHN LOEFFLER, who taught at Hershey Medical School in Pennsylvania, has retired.

LAURA GREY MORGAN, who lives in Old Greenwich, CT, wrote that she would love to hear from any ‘49ers.

1950
DAVID CHAFEY has retired from private practice. He is teaching six months of the year at the San Juan Medical Center in Puerto Rico. He writes that his son, James Chafey ’80, is practicing radiology in Beverly, MA.

DAVID GIARDINA, who lives in Westport, CT, has retired from the practice of radiology.

ALICE MACAULAY is blessed with a remarkable spirit. She writes: "Still work as a medical consultant. Have passed my 83rd birthday, am nearly blind, wear two hearing aids, and have advanced COPD and emphysema, but otherwise I'm just great."

DAVID PLOTKIN lives and practices in Massapequa, NY. He is the father of two and grandfather of four. Having delivered, by his own count, 15,000 babies, he now looks forward to slowing down. He sends best regards to all his classmates.

WILLIAM ZEHRUNG has retired from anesthesiology and is working part-time in general practice for the Wassaic Development Center in Wassaic, NJ.

1951
NORMAN CHU has retired from the practice of anesthesiology. He lives in Honolulu, HI.

CONSTANTIN COPE practices interventional radiology at the hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. His book, Atlas of International Radiology, was published by Lippincott in 1990. He and his wife, Mary, have five children and seven grandchildren.

RAYMOND GIBBS, who lives in West Roxbury, MA, reported that he was "alive and well after six-vessel bypass cardiac surgery," and was working as a surgical consultant in Boston.

THEODORE SMITH of Grantham, NJ, wrote that retirement was going well and that he had golfed with classmate Tom Longworth. He also keeps in touch with classmates JACK CARRIER and ED GERRER. He added that he was looking forward to the 40-year reunion of the class.

1952
EDWARD TALMAGE writes that he continues his pain management anesthesiology practice and has been elected to membership in the American Academy of Pain Medicine. He is also treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the Texas Pain Society.

1953
JOHN MILLS has been elected a trustee of the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

1954
ROGER DUVOISIN, founding chair of the Department of Neurology at the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, was named William Dow Lovett Professor of Neurology in July 1990. The gift endowing the professorship also established a laboratory of molecular neurogenetics in Dr. Duvoisin's department.

IRVING KATZ has retired from the practice of ophthalmology. He lives in Phoenix, AZ.

1955
SAMUEL KNAPPEMBERGER retired from the practice of urology last June but has continued as chairman of the board of directors of St. Bernardine Medical center in St. Bernardine, CA. He spends most of the winter in Indian Wells, CA.

JOHN PALLOTTA is the current president of the Martin L. Stone Obstetrical and Gynecological Society.

1956
GEORGE HARE reports that he heads the division of geriatrics at Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center, a core affiliate of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey.

EDGAR LASTING writes "1991 — Wow! It's 35 years since graduation. Congratulations and hello to the Class of '56.

JAMES LEACH reports that "four of five hatchlings have fledged. One is on the brink. Six grandchildren so far. Look forward to part timing in '91. Also looking to see a lot of you ‘old guys’ at the 35-year reunion. Can you believe —35 years out of medical school."

PHILIP LEVY, professor of clinical ophthalmology at the UC Davis School of Medicine, wrote that he has received the William Ellery Briggs Award, given in recognition of 25 years of outstanding teaching and service to the ophthalmology department. He added that his son Leonard, a rabbi, is taking a Ph.D. in Jewish Law at Columbia University, and his daughter, Amy, is a human resource manager in San Diego. He would be delighted to see any visiting classmates.

J. DOUGLAS NISBET was pleased to note that his son, J. Douglas Nisbet, Jr., completed his naval service and has joined him in his ob/gyn practice in Warwick, RI. (See 1983).

TONI NOVICK practices ob/gyn in Westchester County. An article she wrote on the precarious early years of the Committee on Women of the Westchester County Medical Society was published in the New York State Journal of Medicine in June 1990.

1957
MORTON BIRNBAUM is in the private practice of internal medicine and forensic medicine in Brooklyn, NY.

JOHN DEANGELIS has been appointed chief of surgery at Huntington Hospital on Long Island. He is a recent past president of the Long Island Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and presently serves as a governor of the College.

STANLEY GROSSMAN wrote: "I was proud to be a guest of my father-in-law, MATTHEW WARRECK '25, at the 1990 Alumni Association dinner dance, where he was awarded a citation for distinguished contributions to medicine. My son Marc is pre-med at Syracuse. He is looking forward to being a third generation physician, and would like to attend New York Medical College."

GERALD JENSEN marked his 30th year in pediatrics last July. He wrote that he voluntarily repeated his boards in pediatrics in 1986 and was recertified. Moreover, in June 1990 he was awarded an M.P.H. degree from the University of Connecticut. The family has 35th REUNION
further cause for celebration in that all five of the Jensen children have now graduated from college.

1958
RALPH BRANDON of Short Hills, NJ, continues in the private practice of psychiatry and is affiliated with St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

ARNOLD HODAS and his wife, Barbara, celebrated the “double joys” of the graduation of their daughter, Laurel Hodas, from NYMC, Class of ’90 and her marriage to Andrei Cernea, a physician.

1960
HARVEY COOPER is in the private practice of internal medicine, specializing in hematology-oncology.

JOHN DUFFY has been named to the board of directors of the newly established C. Everett Koop Institute of Health and Sciences, a non-profit organization founded by the former Surgeon General of the United States and dedicated to charitable, scientific, and educational purposes. In 1990 the Alumni Association honored Dr. Duffy for his distinguished contributions to medicine and public health.

WILLIAM MINOGUE, associate professor of medicine and health care sciences at the George Washington University Medical Center, has been appointed director of clinical services for the GWU hospital. Dr. Minogue, who is known for his work in graduate education and quality assurance, is currently a member of the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations and chair of the commission’s Task Force on Quality Improvement.

JAMES RUBIN has been elected vice-president of the medical board of Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, where he continues as chief of the allergy division.

FREDERICK SIEFERT, an internist, is on the attending staff of Greenwich Hospital in Connecticut.

1961
* KIRK KAZARIAN. (See article beginning on page 4.)

NEIL KURTZMAN, a nephrologist, has been elected vice president of the National Kidney Foundation, Inc. He is Arnett Professor of Medicine, professor of physiology, chief of nephrology, and chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Texas Tech University Medical Center in Lubbock, TX. Dr. Kurtzman’s research, currently supported by NIH, focuses on acid based metabolism, particularly in the area of renal tubular acidosis.

JOHN SEWARD is serving a two-year term as an alternate trustee of the Indiana State Medical Association.

1962
HOWARD JEWELL wrote that he has retired from active practice and is enjoying life more than ever. “Free at last,” he says.

MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG reported that one daughter, Ellen, practices law in Atlanta, GA; his son, Richard, is in medical school; his daughter Ellen is in pre-med. He has been named one of the top 100 art collectors in the United States. He practices ob/gyn.

1963
HOWARD COOPERMAN, who practices colo-rectal surgery in Los Angeles, sends news that he now has a grandchild, Ryan Isaac Stone, born to his eldest daughter, Deborah Sue, a teacher, and her husband. He has two other daughters, Laurie Ellen, an artist, who is married, and Jocelyn Beth, also a teacher, who is engaged.

STEVEN FRIER was elected president of the medical staff of Englewood Hospital in New Jersey as of January 1991. He is chief of nephrology. He wrote that his wife, Natalie, recently completed stone sculpture for Iwatitown, Japan. His son, Daniel has graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, and his daughter, Jennifer, is a junior at Ithaca College.

GARY GALLO is in solo practice of orthopaedic surgery in Greenwich, CT.

* CHARLES E. UMHEY, JR., a Colonel in the Army Reserve, commanded the 365th Evacuation Hospital in Oman during the war in the Gulf. (See Fall ’91 issue.)

1964
LEWIS ROHT has been named associated medical director of professional services at Du Pont Pharmaceuticals in Wilmington, DE. His responsibility includes product safety and professional services.

1965
RICHARD KOPLIN is medical director of the Eye Trauma Center of New York Eye and Ear Hospital. He writes that he is co-inventor of a corneal modeling system-3D imaging device for corneal surgery.

CHARLES WEINBERG practices ob/gyn in Orange County, CA. His son, David, is in his first year of law school at Loyola in Los Angeles. His daughter, Lisa, has received her M.B.A. from SMU.

1966
TONY COHEN is in family practice in Paterson, NJ. He was named club champion in 1990 at the Crestmont Country Club.

1967
BRUCE BROFMAN is in private ob/gyn practice in Armonk, NY.

MARC LOWEN and Elaine have been living in Baltimore since medical school. They have three daughters, two in graduate school and one a senior in high school. Marc practices ob/gyn.

JAMES UMHEY is a urologist in practice with his brother, CHARLES ’63. They have offices in both Port Jervis and Goshen, NY, and are on staff of three community hospitals. He and his wife, Clare, have a son, James, Jr.

1968
KENNETH MURDOCK has been named director of the Middletown Cancer Center in Middletown, OH, and co-director of the high dose radiation program at Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati.

MARVIN STONE has been elected a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and chairs the law and psychiatry committee of the Houston (TX) Psychiatry Society.

1969
MARK ROSENBLUM, now professor of neurological surgery at UC San Francisco School of Medicine, chairs the joint section on tumors of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgery. He is editor of The Role of Surgery in Brain Tumor Management, Volume I, Issue 1 of Neurological Surgery Clinics of North America, published by W.B. Saunders in 1990.

RICHARD SCOTT is now chief of ob/gyn at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Hartford, CT, and a director of the residency training program. He has a consulting practice in urogynecology.

1970
DOLORES ARNOLD is now living in Boca Raton, FL, with her husband and their four-year-old son, Blake. She practiced ophthalmology and plastic surgery in New Jersey until she and her husband adopted Blake. Having rounded up several
classmates to celebrate their 20-year reunion last spring, she is now looking forward to seeing a larger group for the "Big 25" in 1995. She reports that those attending the 20th had a fine time. They included, in addition to Dolores: RONALD ARENSON, PHILIP CEA, HELEN MINETTI HIGGINS, HOLLY JACKSON, and FRANCIS GAGLIARDI.

CHARLES BARRETT writes that his private practice continues to be maximally busy. He is now limiting new patients but is actively promoting a busy operative practice in laparoscopy.

MICHAEL BERMAN wrote that he has been promoted to associate clinical professor of ob/gyn at Yale University School of Medicine. Besides being very active in the department, he is also on the medical board of Yale-New Haven Hospital. He added that he and his wife, Nancy, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last year. Their daughter Stephanie is a sophomore at Suffield Academy and Annie is in fourth grade at Foote School in New Haven.

KENNETH PATAKI and Reva have moved to Bethesda, MD, where he has taken a position in the pathology department at Suburban Hospital.

1971

LUCILLE TAVERNA GIARDINA is the proud mother of two sons, J. Daniel, 8, and Adam, 5. She practices diagnostic radiology in Rockville Centre and Oceanside, Long Island, NY, and has recently opened a new diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine facility in Oceanside.

RON KOLBER is "practicing happily and busily with 10 other radiologists in central New Jersey." He and Carole have two sons, Daniel and Adam. Ron sends regards to all his classmates. (Editor's note: Yes, the Giardina and Kolber sons both have the names Daniel and Adam.)

KATHLEEN NELSON was recently elected president of the Ambulatory Pediatric Association, a national organization of more than 1200 members.

BRUCE SHELTON has been in practice in Phoenix, AZ, since 1974. He is board certified in family practice and is a member of the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy. He and Audrey have three children: Terri, 20, Laurie, 16, and Jaclyn, 14.

1973

JOSEPH CLEARY is collaborating with the Department of Physics at the City College, CUNY, in the study of laser technology for the diagnosis of breast cancer.

TIMOTHY MCAVOY has been elected president of the Waukesha County (WI) Medical Society and a member of the board of directors of the Wisconsin State Medical Society. He and his wife welcomed their third child, Kieran Elizabeth, in September 1990.

DAVID SILVERSTONE wrote that he was the recipient of an award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

1975

HARVEY AARON was appointed by the governor of Minnesota to the board of directors of Minnesota Veterans Homes.

CHARLES COLBY specializes in diagnostic and interventional radiology. He is a member of a group of six radiologists engaged in hospital and office based private practice. He is also an assistant clinical professor of radiology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine at Chapel Hill.

CATHERINE DUNN is medical director of a community mental health center in Seattle. She writes that she has increased her work schedule now that both her daughters, Anne, 7, and Chrissy, 5, are in school full time.

WILLIAM GILSON reported that his practice of child psychiatry/psychiatry has both moved and expanded. He is in Manhattan, where, he reported, he "can now provide HIV counselling for HIV+s, significant others, families, and survivors." His major interest continues to be long-term deep insight psychotherapy, he added.

★ R. NICOLL (NICK) PRATT is on active duty in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve. (See Fall '91 issue.)

1976

EDWARD MOSS is editor of Urology and You, a urology newsletter for senior citizens. A clinical instructor of urology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, he is affiliated with several medical centers and is in private practice in Forest Hills, NY.

EDWARD SCHNEIDER has been appointed assistant clinical professor of family medicine at SUNY Syracuse.

GRAHAM WHITFIELD, who has a Ph.D. in addition to his M.D., is now board certified by the American Academy of Neurological and Orthopedic Surgeons. He practices in West Palm Beach, FL.

MICHAEL WILLEN, who practices oncology in Trenton, NJ, is now a fellow of the American College of Physicians.

1977

LAUREN CASSELL specializes in general surgery with a subspecialty in breast surgery. She is in private practice at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York and has two children.

LOYD HASKELL passed the 1989 critical care medicine boards, and has also been elected to fellowship in the American College of Physicians. He has a new post at Bristol Myers-Squibb, where he is director of clinical research in anti-infectives, in Princeton, NJ.

STUART HOCHRON, who practices pulmonary medicine, has received a grant from NIH to study autonomic tone and airway reactivity.

ALAN KALISCHER is in group cardiology practice in Westfield, NJ, where he and his wife live "with two kids and a cat."

MICHAEL PRYSTOWSKY has been in private practice of ob/gyn in Charleston, SC, for six years. He is married, with three children.

1978

IAN HOFFMAN has left full-time academics and has gone into private practice of pulmonary medicine in the Baltimore area.

JOHN REPKE has been promoted to associate professor of ob/gyn at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He continues to direct quality and risk management activities for the ob/gyn department.

1979

SUSAN FREEMAN and MARVIN WEINGARTEN welcomed the birth of their second daughter, Lani Beth, in 1990. Susan is in the radiology department of Westchester County Medical Center; Marvin is with Orange Radiology Associates in Monroe, NY.

ALAN GROSS is a specialist in internal medicine and pulmonary disease in Poughkeepsie, NY.

★ STEPHEN KINEKE. (See article beginning on page 4.)

JOEL LIPPMAN is director of medical services at Ortho-
Pharmaceutical Corporation in Raritan, NJ.

ROGER MADRIS announced a birth of a son, Brandon Dean, on July 7, 1990.

SHIRLEY OLSEN, a pediatrician, is married to GREGORY DICK ’80. They have two boys, Jonathan and Garrett.

BRIAN SCANLON is the co-editor of a book titled Under the Safety Net, concerning health care for homeless persons, published by W.W. Norton in November 1990. The other editors are members of the Department of Community Medicine at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Manhattan.

MARK SINNERICH has been appointed assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Miami School of Medicine. He was boarded in orthopaedic surgery in 1986 and certified in the Ilizarov method in 1990.

1980

ANTHONY ARICOLA writes that he was remarried in 1988. He and his wife, Mary, extend best wishes to his classmates and invite them to call if they plan to be in the vicinity of Orlando, FL.

LISA BORG is chief of addiction services in the Department of Psychiatry at East Orange VA Medical Center in New Jersey and is on the faculty of UMDNJ. She is in private practice of psychiatry in Manhattan and White Plains, NY.

PHILIP BUTLER completed his urologic residency at UC San Diego in 1986 and entered private practice at Scripps Memorial Hospital. He was board certified in urology in 1988 and was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Surgeons in October 1990. Philip was married in 1985 and he and Teresa have two boys, Matthew, 3, and Michael, born in September 1990.

* GREGORY DICK was promoted to the rank of Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. (See Fall ’91 issue.)

SARINA D’STEFANO-LYNCH practices ob/gyn at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Westchester. She has three children: Sean, 6, Genevieve 5, and Katrina, going on 2.

1981

ARNOLD BRENDER served as chairman of the Department of Family practice at Humana Hospital, Huntington Beach, CA, for 1990.

KENNETH KUSHNER has been elected a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

* VICTOR MODESTO. (See article beginning on page 4.)

WILLIAM REHA married Lynda Zeiders in 1989 and moved into a new home in February 1990. He is doing well in private practice in northern Virginia.

JONATHAN RIE and ANNE MARIE REYNOLDS welcomed the birth of their second daughter, Katherine Anne, in March 1990. Jonathan is in private practice specializing in nephrology and internal medicine, and is on the attending staff of White Plains Hospital in Westchester. Anne Marie is an attending physician at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, working in the general medical and endocrinology clinics. The family lives in White Plains.

JOHN SCHMEYER is in solo private practice of ophthalmology and is on the staff at Hanover General Hospital in Pennsylvania.

1982

MICHAEL BARGONI is in a hospital based practice of internal medicine, in Hyannis, MA.

* JAMES MAHER and CATHERINE LABIAK. (See article beginning on page 4.)

ALAN MORELLI is in private practice of pediatrics and adolescent medicine in Stamford, CT. He and his wife, Marietta, welcomed their first child in February 1991. He wrote too, that he completed his four-year obligation with the National Health Services Corps in June 1989.

MYRNA KELLER NUSSBAUM wrote in the fall of 1990, “Still a practicing radiologist, even though pregnant with number four. Didn’t know when my husband, Monte, said he was interested in family practice that this is what he had in mind.”

VINCENT PANNELLA wrote that he was to marry Donalynn O’Donell in October 1990.

SCOT REMICK is assistant professor of medicine and director of clinical research at the AIDS Treatment Center, division of medical oncology, Albany Medical College at Albany, NY.

BRIAN SOLOW reported that he presented a paper on recurrent streptococcal infections before the national scientific assembly of the AAFP in Dallas in October 1990. He adds that JOSEPH LOBL and his family and TED SUGHRARA visited him for a mini-reunion in southern California.

1983

ILONA FIGURA took a three-year residency in internal medicine at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx followed by a cardiology fellowship at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Hartford, CT. Board certified in internal medicine, she is now in solo private practice. She is married with two children.

DEBORAH FRIED reported the birth of a baby boy in February 1990, and wrote of modern dance performances with “In Good Company,” in New Haven, CT, where she lives and has her office.

* SUE MANDELL, a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve, is at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, VA. (See Fall ’91 issue.)

JEFFERY MAZLIN is in private practice of ob/gyn at Lenox Hill and Doctors' hospitals in New York. He also performs circumcision in accordance with Reform Jewish tradition.

ALFRED McKEE reported on the cluster of NYMC alumni and alumnae in Springfield, MA, writing: “At Baystate Medical Center we now have four NY Med people on full-time staff—myself, MARGARET BELLIVEAU, LEIGH FORD, and JAMIE COOK, all ’82. In the community we have RICHARD TREDEAU ’82, ALLAN MCCLELLAND ’79 is at our associated institution, Franklin Medical Center.” He added that he practices oncology-hematology.

* JOHN DOUGLAS NISBET completed his naval service on December 1, 1990, with rank of Lt. Commander. He was head of the gynecology division of the Naval Hospital at San Diego. On his return to civilian life he joined his father, J. Douglas Nisbet ’56, in the practice of ob/gyn in Warwick, RI.

DANIEL O’DEA has been elected to fellowship in the American College of Cardiology and is currently director of coronary and critical care at Everglades Memorial Hospital in Pahokee, FL.

RICHARD ZELKOWITZ was honored with the attending physician teaching award at the commencement ceremony for Norwalk Hospital residents held in August 1990, having been selected for the award by the graduating residents. The residency is affiliated with Yale School of Medicine. Richard, who is board certified in hematology, oncology, and internal medicine, is a member of the Norwalk Medical Group.

1984

DUANE AUSTIN practices ophthalmology in Hartford, CT.
David Charnock, who is a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy, is currently serving at the Naval Hospital on Guam. His wife, Julie and his two sons, Robert and David, are with him. (See Fall '91 issue.)

Dennis McGill is in the last year of his residency in emergency medicine at Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

William Varr III is chief of ophthalmology at the U.S. Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, AL. (See Fall '91 issue.)

Debra Waldron and her husband, Matthew Berg, have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter, Emily.

1985

Elaine Anselides practices ob/gyn in association with her mother, Dr. Louise Dantuono, at NYU Medical Center in New York.

Joan DeCelle-Germana has been elected to fellowship in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Randi Feldman is an assistant professor in the NYMC Department of Pediatrics.

Maureen Glynn married Chris Cook in August 1990. Wendy Wolfson was her matron of honor. Maureen is in ob/gyn practice with two other physicians in Beverly, MA, and writes, "I love it."

Elaine Grammer-Pacico and Thomas Pacico are both in the Army and when last heard from were in Germany with their two children.

Emilio Lastarria wrote that he and Debra are expecting another child in June.

Janet Lin recently completed an infectious diseases fellowship at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York. She is currently a full-time member of the infectious disease division at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, NJ.

Andrew Sands. (See article beginning on page 4.)

Elizabeth Sousa told us in late January that she and her husband, also a physician, are both Captains in the Army Reserve and were on stand-by at the time.

1986

Frank Pedlow completed a two-year residency in general surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital and is now taking his orthopaedic surgery training at Hotel-Dieu, University of Montreal, in Canada.

Suze Schuder wrote that she graduated from the NYMC psychiatry program and will be in private practice in Hartsdale, NY, with two alumni, Ron Kazt and Robert Weboff, both '78. She is an attending at St. Vincent's Hospital in Harrison, NY.

1987

James Cremins. (See article beginning on page 4.)

Margaret Gennaro married Edward Buckley in August 1990.

Dora Cardenas '87 was an attendant. Margaret has joined a pediatric group in Bayside, NY. Her husband is director of alumni relations at Fordham University.

Anne Lesher has completed a residency in emergency medicine at the Medical Center of Delaware in Wilmington and has started a fellowship there in emergency medicine, hazardous materials exposure. The fellowship, financed by a grant from Chemical Manufacturers Association, provides for her to develop a course for physicians and EMS personnel in the care and decontamination of victims exposed to hazardous materials.

Debra Kotoski married Howard Ressler in May 1990. She expects to complete a residency in psychiatry at NYU Medical Center next year. Her husband is a partner in a New York law firm.

Joseph Rafferty, a Captain in the Army, is stationed in Korea. (See Fall '91 issue.)

1988

Noah Hefler married Jennifer Heller in June 1990. He is a third-year resident in internal medicine at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York. His wife is a senior human-resource representative at Standard & Poor's in New York.

Andrea Maitlin married Eric Katz in May 1990. She is a third-year resident in pediatrics at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Her husband is in his final year at Pace University School of Law in White Plains, were he is an editor of the Pace Law Review. The couple live in Manhattan.

Gary Munn is a resident in psychiatry at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia. He reported that he and his wife welcomed their second child, a daughter, Bonnie, in 1989.

J. Eric Pepperman. (See article beginning on page 4.)

Mark Sutherland wrote in September 1990 that he was working in Iwakuri, Japan, for three years.

Scott Weiss wrote in September 1990 that his daughter, Allison Jaclyn, was celebrating her first birthday. He was completing his residency in internal medicine in Norwalk Hospital in Connecticut.

Robert Yacynych. (See article beginning on page 4.)

1989

Roman Bilynsky, a Captain in the U.S. Army, was at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, TX, as of January 1991. He reported that he had been picked up for three-year pediatric residency in pediatrics and hoped to remain there.

Donna Gallagher is in the second year of a radiology residency at UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center.

Jonathan Kunis wrote that he was working hard, building a solo internal medicine practice in Palm Bay, FL, with Sheri often at his side helping to keep things running smoothly. Sheri also runs her own business in custom silk flower arrangements. Jonathan adds that their five-year-old daughter, Ilana, already has aspirations of following his footsteps—being a doctor and golfer.

Corinne Tobin and David Ritterband '90 were married in September 1990. Corinne is a resident in radiology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and David is an intern at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center in New York.

1990

Tamara Hoover, a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserve, is completing her first post-graduate year at Oakland Naval Hospital. (See Chapter News, page 11, and Fall '91 issue.)

Addendum

The names of two alumni, each of whom contributed $1,000 to the Annual Fund Campaign for 1989-1990, were omitted from the Honor Role roster provided to Chironian for publication in the Fall 1990 issue. We are pleased to record their names here. They are Vincent DeAngelis '58 and Albert Willner '43.
In Memoriam

Abner Weisman '32, obstetrician and gynecologist who was an internationally known specialist in fertility, died on Thursday, December 20, 1990 at St. Luke's Medical Center in New York. He was 81. Dr. Weisman was clinical professor emeritus at New York Medical College. According to members of his family, he had been diagnosed with colon cancer and also had cardiac disease.

Founder of the International Fertility Association, he helped introduce in the United States a test for pregnancy using hormones extracted from frogs. In his gynecologic practice, he gained fame as a physician to such celebrities as Marilyn Monroe.

During his long and vastly productive career, Abner Weisman became known not only in the scientific community, but in the art world as well, assembling an extraordinary collection of pre-Columbian "medical sculptures." In the early 1970s these objects, now housed in the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, MD, were placed on exhibit at New York Medical College, where they were received enthusiastically by members of both the medical and art worlds. The figures from coastal Peru and Mexico were believed by many to explain the medical histories of ancient people.

During World War II, Dr. Weisman served as a Public Health Service physician working with Sioux Indians in North and South Dakota and developing what became a life-long interest in the problems and the art of these native Americans.

Dr. Weisman was the author of several books including Spermatozoa and Fertility, and You Too Can Have a Baby. His wife, Martha Behrman Weisman, died in 1975. From 1977 until he died, he lived with his companion, Kitty Kittner. He is survived also by two sons, Dr. Henry W. Weisman and Raymond J.B. Weisman of New York, two daughters, Bonita Weisman of Glastonbury, CT, and Celia Weisman-Chance of Salt Lake City, and one grandchild.

Samuel M. Tarnower '33, who pioneered in neuropsychiatry in the Pittsfield, MA, region where he lived and worked for 52 years, died on Wednesday, June 14, 1990. He was 82.

Board certified in both neurology and psychiatry, Dr. Tarnower was Pittsfield's first specialist in those two areas, practicing from his arrival in 1936 until 1988. He organized and then directed the first department of electroencephalography at the House of Mercy Hospital, the forerunner of the Berkshire Medical Center, bringing the first unit to the hospital in 1946 and establishing the first EEG laboratory there.

Born in New York City, he took his Bachelor's degree at Syracuse University, and his postgraduate training at Montefiore Hospital. He served on the faculty of Albany Medical College from 1939 to 1953, teaching neurology and psychiatry, and at the Medical College of the University of Massachusetts from 1978 to 1988. His writing was published in a number of professional journals.

His wife, Selma Tarnower, two daughters, Jain Tarnower, an artist in Boston, and Elizabeth Selkowitz of Pittsfield, and two grandsons survive.

A tribute to Dr. Tarnower in the Bulletin of the Berkshire Medical Center, written by Dr. Carlos E. Sitzki, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, says: "His profession was part of his self. Sam's long-standing practice lent him a trans-generational lens. We miss him already."

In a note to the Alumni Association, Mrs. Tarnower wrote: "Sam was very proud to be an alumnus of New York Medical College. It was the foundation for his medical life, which was most rewarding and gratifying."

Julian Wolff '28, who became known as the prime mover of a group of Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts called the Baker Street Irregulars and who was for many years the editor of their publication, died in February 1990. He was 85 years old and lived in Manhattan.

As a physician, Dr. Wolff specialized in the treatment of victims of workplace injuries. He retired from practice in 1955, at the age of 50, partly to devote additional time to the Irregulars.

A native of New York and a Columbia College graduate, he served in the Philippines during World War II. His wife, Eleanor Wolff, and a brother and sister survive.

John A. McGurty '42 died on August 23, 1990. He was 73. The word of his death came to the Alumni Association from his son, John A. McGurty, Jr. '79, who wrote of his father's record of both military and civilian service, saying, "he was a role model for my entry into this proud and honorable profession."

The senior Dr. McGurty served in World War II with the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, after completing his internship at Fordham Hospital. He first saw action with the Seabees in New Guinea. Later, while serving on the U.S.S. Abner Reed, he narrowly escaped death when a kamikaze attack by the Japanese sank that ship in the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

As a family practitioner, Dr. McGurty saw patients in his Peekskill, NY, office until the time of his death. The Westchester County Board of Legislators honored him posthumously with its highest civilian award in recognition of his lifelong work as a police and fire department surgeon who responded to thousands of medical emergencies day and night. In addition to his son, who is a family practitioner in Peekskill, Dr. McGurty is survived by his daughter, Mary Ellen, and three granddaughters. His wife Josephine, died in 1988.

C. Donald Kunzte '46, an obstetrician and former dean of admissions at New York Medical College, died on Tuesday, January 1, 1991, at his home in Cohoes, NY. He was 68. The cause of his death was prostate cancer, his family reported.

Dr. Kunzte, who was a native New Yorker, was a Columbia College graduate. After service as a Captain in the Army shortly after World War II, he entered a career in obstetrics and gynecology in which he was to head the department at St. Mary's Hospital in Hoboken, N.J. He also practiced at Flower and Fifth Avenue as well as at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ. He is survived by two sons, Alan, of Mount Vernon, WA, and Christopher, of Lancaster, NH; a daughter, Megan, of Rensselaer, NY; a sister, Carol McGrath of Greenlawn, LI; and a grandson.

Emma Bellows '18
Walter McCoy '20
Samuel Trattler '23
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**Eighth Annual Trustees Celebration**

Wednesday evening, November 6, 1991
The Waldorf Astoria
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