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Dear Colleagues,

My message to you at this time is primarily one of warm thanks for your help in honoring Frank Speer, who was among the most beloved teachers in New York Medical College history, by building a pathology laboratory in his memory. Dr. Speer’s help to students was legendary. Stories are told of how he would meet students for coffee in the early morning hours before class sessions began and help them over bumpy spots in their learning of the subject he taught so well. It is therefore no surprise that you are responding generously to the opportunity to honor this man.

In this issue of Chironian you will read of how the enlarged space for laboratory facilities will enhance the College’s research and teaching capabilities in pathology. If you have not yet sent in your contribution to this Annual Goals Fund Campaign, please do so now.

An enjoyable addition to our calendar of events during recent months was a cocktail party held in conjunction with the 1992 meeting of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons in February, which brought together both alumni in this specialty and physicians who received their post-graduate training at NYMC. Because of the enthusiastic response to this event, plans are now being made for other such parties.

I would like to share with you several statistics on our student enrollment that I found interesting. In the current first-year class, 37 percent of the students are women, representing a new high in the history of the College. Geographically, while the largest enrollment came from New York State, the second largest was from California. Most important, however, is that the students are gifted and committed, showing every indication of being a distinct credit to our Medical College when they join us as alumni and alumnae in ’95.

In closing, I call your attention to a gathering of graduates from three southwestern locations, which occurred in January, when one of our newest chapters, Arizona, hosted guests from California and Texas, as well. Read “Chapter News” and discover the infinite possibilities for planning your travels so as to meet your fellow alumni and alumnae in their many attractive habitats across this great country of ours.

With warmest regards,

Louis E. Fierro ’60
Alumni/ae Notebook

The following is the third in Chironian’s series of first-person articles by NYMC graduates reporting on noteworthy professional experiences in training, practice, or teaching, at home or abroad. If you would like to participate, please address inquiries summarizing the nature of the experience and the availability of pictures to Editor, Chironian, Alumni Center, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY 10595. We hope to hear from you and will respond promptly.

Antarctic Assignment—A Medical Challenge

by Robert McFarland, M.D. ’89

Navy Lt. Robert McFarland served as Medical Officer with the United States Antarctic Program (USAP) in 1990-91, heading a department that provided medical care to some 300 men and women engaged in operations and research at McMurdo Station on the shore of the Ross Sea. An official evaluation of Lt. McFarland’s performance in USAP described him as an “outstanding medical officer and professional health care provider who has distinguished himself as a driving force within the McMurdo community,” and noted that “his counseling and leadership capabilities were key factors in maintaining the high morale of the detachment throughout the winter deployment.”

In recommending him for accelerated promotion, Lt. McFarland’s commanding officer wrote, “Because of his relentless effort and commitment to excellence, the USAP medical program continues to lead and flourish in the providing of superb medical care.”

Robert McFarland tells his story.

As much as I’ve always enjoyed the call of adventure, I never anticipated the kind of adventure that came on my watch as Medical Officer for the U.S. Antarctic Program at McMurdo Station. I wouldn’t have missed the experience at McMurdo for the world. Not only did I perform fairly routine tasks, like setting broken bones and treating lacerations, but I orchestrated the medical aspects of an extremely hazardous midwinter evacuation flight for a gravely ill patient, the first rescue required at McMurdo in 24 years. That rescue was reported in mass media in many parts of the world and it was certainly dramatic, but there were all kinds of unusually interesting experiences during the year I served there.

McMurdo Station: Base of operations for the 300 naval and civilian personnel of the USAP.

To prepare me to cope with the varied challenges that might come my way as the Medical Officer, the Navy first sent me to Port Hueneme on the California coast for four months of training. I was there from July to November 1990, after completing a surgical internship at Portsmouth Naval Hospital.

The training at Port Hueneme was broad and extensive. It involved various aspects of underwater medicine, which included the use of a hyperbaric chamber, in order to be able to care for professional divers working out of the McMurdo base during the Antarctic summer. I was also trained in dentistry (including root canal therapy, bridgework, and prosthetics) — which proved invaluable because dentistry was a large part of my work
at McMurdo — as well as in the use of G.I. scopes, orthopedic procedures, treatment for alcohol abuse, and counseling for other conditions.

One of the most interesting projects I was involved in was the Seasonal Adaptive Disorder (SAD) study of the effect of prolonged isolation and lack of sunlight on people in a close community. The study, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, found that there may be a genetic base for mood changes related to sunlight and darkness. Earlier work had found that cholesterol and thyroid levels changed under Antarctic conditions.

Most residents of McMurdo participate in the "Antarctic triathlon" — eating, sleeping, and reading. Fortunately, there is also a sauna, a weight room, and a gym for basketball and volleyball. Polar bear swims are arranged by a group of intrepid people who dynamite a hole in the ice. They keep their shoes on, but take everything else off, jump in and quickly jump out of the water, which is a bone chilling 28°F.

Fire is the biggest worry at McMurdo because Antarctica is one of the windiest and driest places in the world. Winter winds usually blow at speeds of 60 to 80 knots, and the temperature can reach 130° below zero. This can make fire fighting impossible, as we found one night when the base chapel caught fire. Water and hoses froze and fire fighters had to rely on chemical extinguishers. There was considerable fear that the fire would spread because of the strong winds. As it turned out, apart from minor cases of frostbite, no one was hurt, but the chapel was destroyed.

It was midwinter in Antarctica when the emergency rescue flight that attracted so much attention from the media took place. The patient, a civilian engineer from New Zealand, was working at that country's Scott Base, for which we were medically responsible. He was suffering from inflammatory bowel disease and should never have been hired for work in the Antarctic. I took all the steps indicated for treatment of IBD, which included oral steroids, steroid enemas, and periodic sigmoidoscopy. When I saw that he was not responding to treatment and showed signs of deterioration, I arranged telephone consultations with surgeons on the East Coast of the U.S. over a special satellite — at $20 a minute. We talked at 4:00 am on two successive mornings. The next plane was not due until August, some two months away, and the patient had lost 22 pounds in three weeks. Finally, we made the decision to evacuate him to a hospital in New Zealand and called for an emergency plane. The flight from California to McMurdo took three days and we all held our breath as the plane groped its way through pitch darkness to a dangerous landing on the ice.

The plane remained on the ground 90 minutes while the crew and the doctor who came with them raced to refuel it, keeping the engines running to avoid vapor lock. Then, with the patient aboard, they took off — and what a relief it was to learn eight hours later that they had arrived safely in Christchurch, New Zealand. When the word came after some days that the patient was recovering after surgery, that was certainly good news.

Looking back at my time in Antarctica, I can say that the experience was invaluable, not only professionally but personally. McMurdo is a very special place and I don't expect to find better people anywhere. For obvious reasons it's a close community, and there was a very loving group of men and women. There are no racial problems and everyone cooperates to get the job done. It's also a quiet environment, uncluttered by all the details of everyday life — like paying bills or fighting rush hour traffic — and makes for a very simple life style. There's time to be alone, time to read, and time to think. I've never been more at peace with myself.

Robert McFarland graduated from The Gunnery in Washington, CT, and took his bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan (where he also played basketball) before entering New York Medical College. He is presently a first-year radiology resident at San Diego Naval Hospital.
The term "noted expert" is tossed about ubiquitously, and may often be an exaggeration. Not so at Dorado, Puerto Rico, during the week of February 2-9, 1992, when the NYMC winter seminar brought together top level authorities on ophthalmology, pediatrics, surgery, gastroenterology, and other specialties for the ninth annual discussion of new concepts in medicine and related topics.

Joseph Dursi '59, special events chair and course director, and Louis Fierro '60, Alumni Association president, welcomed the group on Monday morning, and the sessions got off to a superb start. Louis Angioletti '66, attending surgeon at New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, talked on photocoagulation of age related macula degeneration and compared different types of laser technology. Charles Bechert II '59, director of the Sight Foundation in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and immediate past president of the American College of Eye Surgeons, showed a videotape illustrating the procedure for cataract phaco emulsification and lens insertion. Stephen Obstbaum '67 spoke on small incision cataract surgery and new designs of intraocular lenses.

On Tuesday, Karl Adler, M.D., NYMC dean and vice president for medical affairs, spoke of changes the College is initiating to meet new challenges of the '90s. Dr. Adler pointed out that currently only one-tenth of the students graduating from medical schools in the metropolitan area are opting to practice primary care. To counter this troubling statistic and hopefully to change the trend, medical schools are taking a number of initiatives. In this connection, NYMC has recruited 90 area physicians—internists, pediatricians, and family practitioners—to serve as role models. Students will learn physical diagnosis from these physicians, side by side with them in affiliated hospitals and in private offices. The Dean also spoke of another development, in which students in the third year will be exposed to ambulatory care in medicine, pediatrics, and surgery.

Dean Adler told the seminar participants the fourth year of the medical curriculum will become the equivalent of the first post-graduate year for a group of students who will receive their New York State license upon graduation from medical school. Three members of the Class of '93 who will participate in the program will begin their fourth year of the medical curriculum this July. Details of the program have been worked out with HCFA, which will reimburse the hospitals for their services.
At another session, Dennis Allendorf '70 presented a program important to all physicians. Dr. Allendorf, associate clinical professor of pediatrics at Columbia P & S, moderated the course on child abuse now mandated in order to fulfill the requirements of New York State for 1993 re-licensure. The course is also required for other health workers and for teachers.

During a morning devoted primarily to a discussion of laparoscopic techniques, Vincent DeAngelis '58 and Anthony Capizzi '83 talked of a quite remarkable series of 365 laparoscopic cholecystectomies they did in just over 18 months, with an extremely low mortality and morbidity rate. They showed a videotape in which the whole procedure was completed in just 20 minutes.

Joseph Iraci '77 discussed another area of laparoscopic surgery as well as his experience in laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Michael Antonelle '62 discussed management of common duct stones before and after surgery.

Interest in CME programs is usually limited to registrants, but this year one incidental demonstration at a scientific session became a major exception. In a discussion of the child's hand, Dennis Allendorf asked conference participants to hold up and observe “the dorsum manus.” In most women, he explained, the index finger is longer than the ring finger, whereas the opposite is true for most men. Within 24 hours after his talk, the game of checking sex identity by the fingers had spread throughout the Dorado community. On busses, on fairways, and on beaches, people were seen with fingers upheld to determine whether they conformed to the norm.

Each year participants come away from the winter seminar with words of praise for Joe Dursi's skill in planning and implementing the event. This year they left saying, “Joe, how can you top this?” The bets are that Joe will find a way: next year is the tenth anniversary of the New York Medical College Winter Seminar and CME program, and Joe is sure to make it unforgettable.
NYMC UPDATE

President Connolly Resigns

John J. Connolly, Ed.D., who has been president and chief executive officer of New York Medical College for the past ten years, has resigned, effective with the close of the academic year, and will enter the field of health care on the business level.

The College has formed a search committee charged with identifying and recommending a candidate to succeed Dr. Connolly. Dr. Connolly has been a familiar figure at Alumni Association events and has come to know many graduates. He spoke to Chironian of his plans.

"Basically, I am forming three companies," he said. "With John Castle I am forming a corporation that will invest in existing companies and form new ones. I am also forming a company that will work in a relationship with corporations, and help them reduce and control health care costs. It will also work with employees to enable them to make the most efficient use of their health care system.

"A third enterprise will invest in existing cardiac rehabilitation centers, redesign their structures and form new centers. The new Safe Harbor legislation, which limits a physician's investment in a health care facility to 40 percent of the total, means that physicians will need solid partners. We will offer that partnership."

During Dr. Connolly's tenure, research at the College sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and other agencies grew from $1.5 million to over $5 million annually; and endowment grew from $1.5 million to $33 million.

Also, the College gained recognition as a Medical University from the Board of Regents of the State of New York and strengthened its clinical teaching facilities for medical students through the development of a network of hospital affiliations.

In other areas, Dr. Connolly directed the rebuilding of the College's physical plant, and spear-headed the creation of eight institutes and centers, to bring together faculty from different departments who have special expertise in a given area.

John Connolly spoke of his relationship with the Alumni Association, saying: "I am proud to be an honorary alumnus. I look forward to continuing the friendships Ingrid and I have formed. Ingrid will continue her work in real estate and as always will be my helpful partner in my activities. Our children are really grown now. Sean is in advertising in New York; Cheryl is a sophomore at Dennison College."

Joseph Dursi '59, special events chairman of the Association, spoke of Dr. Connolly's contributions: "John Connolly attended our chapter meetings, CME winter seminars, and all the events of reunion weekend, often accompanied by Ingrid, and the support their presence symbolized was important." Alumni Association President Louis Fierro '60 added: "We wish the best to John, Ingrid, and their family in this next stage of their lives."

Stolzenberg Appointed Assistant Chancellor

In a step designed to bring the Medical College's relationships with its affiliated hospitals to the highest level of mutual benefit and effectiveness, the Medical College has named Edward A. Stolzenberg, a leading expert in the field of hospital administration, to the post of assistant chancellor for hospital affairs.

The new appointee's experience in his field, in Westchester and New York City, spans more than 20 years. His most recent post was that of first deputy commissioner at Westchester County Medical Center, the institution he had served since 1980. His urban experience was gained as assistant to the commissioner of New York City's Department of Hospitals and as deputy executive director and chief operating officer of Bellevue Hospital.

Mr. Stolzenberg will study the College's overall affiliations program and the individual hospitals involved, four of which—Metropolitan, Westchester County, Lincoln, and St. Vincent's—are university hospitals; he will then develop a plan that will set the course of the affiliations program for the next five years. Factors to be considered will include diversity of services provided, the relationship of hospital staff to the Medical College, the distance between the College and an affiliate, and degree of hospital participation in the mission and overall teaching program of the Medical University.

"It is to the benefit of all—patients, students, teachers, hospital staffs—that we examine the factors in relation to each of the 30 institutions involved, assess the viability of certain arrangements in light of current circumstances, and then go forward," Mr. Stolzenberg said.

"We will also implement the College's plan for a medical services building on the property of St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains. The College purchased that property last year and it will be developed as a faculty practice facility with emphasis on primary care services."

Alumnus Gift Honors Dr. Hetrick

A generous gift of stock valued at $117,500 from Frank V. Kreske '46 and his wife, Ilse, will substantially enrich the College's Medical Sciences Library over the next decade, by providing funds for the purchase of new books. The gift, made under the College's planned giving program, honors the memory of Dr. J.A.W. Hetrick, who was dean of the College during the years 1941 to 1953 and then was president until 1957.

Chironian talked by phone with Dr. Kreske, who lives in Piedmont, California. He first traveled west in 1954, found the California environment "heavenly" and has been there ever since. "I flew out with $50 in my pocket, on a four-engine plane that took 14 hours," he said. His wife joined him a few months later. Before making that momentous trip, he had gone to Cuba in the summer of 1938, while a first-year student at Yale College. "I went to Cuba for a summer job and to learn Spanish," he said. "I had $10 with me but I got a job with Proctor and Gamble and did learn Spanish before returning to Yale for my second year."

Dr. Kreske practiced general surgery before retiring in 1985. The owner of convalescent homes and other businesses, he is still very active. Appropriately, one of his favorite pastimes is reading. "I re-read the classics," he says. "I just finished reading The Scarlet Letter. I don't care for the new best-sellers; they're really not worth reading. The classics are worth reading and re-reading."

Dr. Kreske credits Dr. Hetrick for having helped him to become a physician, and Dr. Hetrick's daughter, Lillian Hetrick Huber, is deeply touched by the Kreskes' gift. "My Dad would be so happy and proud of this honor," she says. "He was an avid reader and an educator who felt a good library was essential. He loved his students and the Medical College." Dr. Kreske fully agrees and adds: "He was a deeply caring man, always concerned for the well-being of his students; an outstanding role model for all physicians. Honoring his memory is one way to repay his kindness."

The Alumni Association warmly joins students of today and future generations in thanking Frank and Ilse Kreske for this most thoughtful, meaningful gift to the College's Medical Sciences Library.
The creation of a new Laboratory of Pathology honoring Frank Speer, which is the object of the current Annual Goals Fund, will greatly facilitate teaching and research under the organizational structure recently instituted for the broadly based discipline of pathology at NYMC.

After a period of 43 years in which the teaching of pathology was conducted through a single department, the College decided last year to divide its functions between two departments, one to be called experimental pathology and the other pathology.

The split is designed to enhance the education of medical students by placing the responsibility for academic research in pathology in one department and the responsibility for diagnostic and applied pathology in the other. A plan to augment the faculties of each department requires enlarging the space available for research and teaching, a need that will be met by the forthcoming Alumni Association Francis D. Speer M.D. Memorial Laboratory. The lab will be created by enclosing space, in the manner of the enclosure created for the Department of Physiology several years ago.

In this instance, approximately 2,000 square feet of courtyard space will be enclosed and divided into four laboratories. These laboratories will be used by faculty members doing research on cancer and atherosclerosis, with emphasis on molecular biology as a technique.

To learn how the two newly established departments would function and relate to each other, Chironian interviewed the two chairmen.

Michael B. Stemerman explained the reason for the new organizational structure: "Because of pathology's extremely broad base, student education can be conducted more efficiently and effectively by two departments rather than by attempting to cover everything in one.

"In experimental pathology our main responsibilities are research and teaching," he continued. "Our research is focused primarily on cancer and atherosclerosis. We particularly need the new laboratory space being created because without such space we cannot attract and appoint new faculty members who will join our research and teaching programs and help us to enhance the graduate science programs.

"Our emphasis is on molecular biology. We have been working on the causes and prevention of atherosclerosis. We want to interfere with the process that gradually narrows and pinches off the blood supply to vital organs," Dr. Stemerman concluded.

Dr. Melamed pointed out that pathology is the bridge between the basic and clinical sciences.

"The medical students in this school are taught by faculty with impeccable academic credentials who have an informed appreciation of the importance of high level laboratory skills in the care of patients," he said.

"The past 15 to 20 years have seen exponential advances in the biological sciences, which need to be translated into clinically useful tools. It is time for us, here at New York Medical College, to expand the transfer from research to patient care," Dr. Melamed said, adding, "There are techniques in immunology and molecular biology, for example, that are clinically applicable. We must make that transfer.

"There are wonderful opportunities here," Dr. Melamed added. For myself, I'm delighted with the opportunity to grow with a growing institution—an opportunity not always present on older medical campuses. There's always the excitement of introducing the students to the practice of medicine and the critical importance of expert laboratory work in caring for patients."
A Delightful Ambiance and Provocative Thoughts

One of New York's most gracious hotels, The Carlyle, was the setting of the 1991 meeting of the New York City/Northern New Jersey chapter. The ambiance pleased the graduates who gathered there for a luncheon on Sunday, November 17, 1991, and were warmly welcomed by Special Events Chairman, Joseph Dursi '59 and Richard Biondi, vice president for Institutional Advancement.

As often happens at chapter events, classes spanning six decades were represented, with Saul Schwartz '30 at one end of the spectrum and Albert Dauro '87 at the other. In between were Jacob DeVita '36, Lisa Borg '80 and Kenneth Candido '84, and members of classes graduating in the '50s, '60s and '70s representing those years.

Among the '70s alumni present was William Rosenblatt '73, current president of the New York County Medical Society, who specializes in plastic and reconstructive surgery. As the guest speaker for the occasion, Dr. Rosenblatt gave a stimulating and provocative talk on the critical issues physicians confront today. Among the concerns he mentioned were the polls that show patients satisfied with their health care but dissatisfied with the cost of such care; the "hassles practicing physicians have to deal with in all aspects of their work," and "the curtailment of physicians' reimbursement while we strive to deliver the best quality of medical care to our patients."

Citing the high proportion of the population who have no health insurance, he said, "We have the highest quality of care in the world—but we still have 30 to 37 million uninsured people in this country, most of whom are employed. And he spoke of the very disturbing rise in the incidence of diseases including TB—one thought to be controlled and now in epidemic numbers in New York—pointing out that "there are tens of thousands of unimmunized children in the underserved segment of our population."

"Doctors have allowed themselves to be called providers and our patients are consumers. Pharmacists have replaced doctors as the most trusted profession in America," he added. Calling on physicians to heed these concerns by taking a controlling role and "shaping the course of our lives" he said, "physicians and patients must ally and again realize that we're both on the same side. This alliance must join with legislators to forge ahead. Preventative maintenance—immunizations, maternal healthcare and well baby care—all are a must." In this connection, he cited several health care plans, including that of the AMA, which, "would reform the system, not reinvent it."
NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

A Gathering of Good People

The New England chapter met on Saturday evening, September 28, 1991 at the Marriott in Newport, Rhode Island. Five of the six New England states were represented; only Vermont was missing. Morris Diamant '78, New England chapter chair, says he will personally contact the Vermont graduates before the next meeting, pointing out that this should not be an insurmountable task since there are exactly three NYMC alumni in that small state!

"Mo" Diamant, as he was known during his very active days as an NYMC student, described the chapter's cocktail party and dinner as "most enjoyable", adding, "It was good to get together with fellow graduates in a delightful place. We have many really good people here from our medical school — people who are both very pleasant to be with and are making their marks professionally in this region." He added: "We have much to look forward to as our chapter keeps growing. Our welcome mat is out for all NYMC New England graduates and we promise a good experience. Join us! ■

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY CHAPTER...

A Splendid Inaugural

At the inaugural meeting of the Central New Jersey Chapter on Friday evening, November 8, 1991, Francis Pizzi '69 told the group that he hoped "to get a very lively, active chapter going." He described several different opportunities for participation by alumni and alumnae.

"We will get together in good fellowship, sharing both current experiences and reminiscences. We can help young people from central New Jersey who are interested in careers in medicine learn what it is like to be a doctor. We can also help identify students who might want to apply to New York Medical College. There are lots of possibilities and opportunities for participation in the growth of a solid Alumni Association chapter in our home region," Dr. Pizzi said.

The cocktail party and dinner that launched the new chapter was held at the Nassau Inn in Princeton. In addition to the greetings from Frank Pizzi, the participants heard an update on the Alumni Association from President Louis Fierro '60 and a report on developments at the medical college from Richard Biondi, vice president for institutional advancement.

At the close of the evening all agreed that the chapter was off to a fine start. "We will plan future meetings and take steps to build membership," Dr. Pizzi said, adding, "With the help of our colleagues here in the area, we can grow and flourish as a chapter." ■
Where the West Begins

In what is surely a first in Alumni Association history, one couple, Benjamin Cox ’59 and his wife, Melody, attended two chapter meetings in two different states on successive nights. The Coxes, finding themselves in Arizona at the time of this chapter’s meeting, joined the group; then they headed home to California to attend the Southern California meeting the following evening. And in another “first”, Charles Cavaretta ’61 and his wife, Teresa, of El Paso, Texas, were also warmly received guests at the Arizona Chapter’s cocktail and dinner party.

The Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale was the setting for the Arizona chapter meeting held on Friday evening, January 17, 1992. Jeffrey Singer ’76 and his wife, Meg, hosted this event, the second annual gathering of NYMC Arizonans.

At the Southern California chapter meeting, held at the Century Plaza Marriott in Los Angeles, Alumni Association President Louis Fierro ’60 treated the audience to a slide show that was met with ohs, ahs, and most enthusiastic applause.

Lou Fierro also thanked Maureen Anapoell and Sylvia Hartman for their gracious help in arranging the party, and talked of the forthcoming capital campaign and the role of alumni and alumnae in the campaign.

A note from Ron Hartman, sent to the Chironian after the meeting, said, “The reunion was wonderful. It is always a pleasure to see some of my classmates. We have a great school.”
Collegial Warmth in the “Sunshine State”

The western and southern chapters—based in Tampa and Miami—met on successive nights in weather most uncommon to the sunshine state. But, as Alumni Association President Louis Fierro ’60 said, “It may have been cold and rainy outdoors but there is always warmth and sunshine where alumni and alumnae get together.”

The western chapter is co-chaired by George Camarinos ’64 and Albert Saphier ’65. In an interesting coincidence, three classmates of 1975—all ophthalmologists (shown in photo below)—attended the meeting, which took the form of cocktails and dinner at Berns Steak House, on Thursday evening, March 12, 1992. It was noted with particular pleasure that all those who attended last year’s inaugural meeting returned this year.

The southern chapter met on the evening of Friday, March 13, 1992 at Doral Ocean Beach Resort in Miami Beach. Hosts at cocktails and dinner were co-chairs Richard Rose and Donald Minervini, both ’64. At this event, as in Tampa on the previous evening, Louis Fierro ’60 gave an overview of the Association’s activities and Richard Biondi, NYMC vice president for institutional advancement, provided an update on developments at the College.
Disasters: Your Right to Survive

Martin Silverstein is currently clinical professor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School of Medicine in Bethesda. Mabelle Cremer continues her Ob/Gyn practice and participates fully in Martin's work.

The publication in December 1991 of a book entitled Disasters: Your Right to Survive marks the culmination of a ten-year study of mass casualty events that have brought Martin Silverstein '48 recognition as one of the world's foremost authorities on disasters, which are now considered to include such catastrophes as terrorism, nuclear accidents, toxic waste contamination and also "small wars".

In The Friday Review of Literature, published by the U.S. Department of Defense, the reviewer, Ann Wood, says, "This is the first book that defines disaster as a coherent phenomenon and provides guidance to policymakers for meeting such challenges."

To learn about the study and exploration of catastrophes—an endeavor that led to the book and profoundly affected the lives of both Martin Silverstein and his wife, Mabelle Cremer '53—Chironian talked with the couple by telephone and corresponded with Dr. Silverstein. The story follows:

On the morning after President Reagan's election to his first term, the President-elect assembled a large transition team as provided for by statute. Martin Silverstein was on his way from his home in Tucson, Arizona to New York City to deliver a lecture on trauma surgery and its place in worldwide medicine. In a telephone call to his office during a change of planes in Chicago, he was startled to learn that he had received an urgent phone call from Mr. Reagan's office. Assured that this was not a prank, he returned the call. He was told that he was being invited to serve on the Presidential Transition Team to review recommendations of all the organizations that could be expected to have an impact on the disaster response of the Federal Government.

"I'm sorry," Dr. Silverstein replied, "but I'm about to board a plane for New York." "Oh, that's all right, we're rerouting you. The meeting will take about five hours and we need you there," a presidential aide told him.

"There really was no way I could refuse," Dr. Silverstein says, explaining, "In 1970, as a surgeon with a specialty in trauma and the effects of weaponry, I had been introduced to problems involved in the management of mass casualties. When I arrived in Washington for the transition meeting ten years later, I found friends and former co-workers present. They handed me five photos of victims of disasters and I knew I was hooked. I joined the team as its surgical member and remained in Washington for almost two months."

In many ways, that action changed for all time the lives of Martin Silverstein and Mabelle Cremer, who had met when he was a senior resident and she was a student at New York Medical College. Their courtship could not exactly be called "whirlwind." They married ten years after they met, when Mabelle had completed her residency training in Ob/Gyn and started a practice, and Martin had become an associate professor of surgery and an associate dean, as well as director of the College's health service. "I came to know a great many students who attended my lectures, came to the health service, and 'scrubbed' with me in the OR," Martin Silverstein says.

"Those were good times at the Medical College and Mabelle and I remember them with fondness," he continues. "But in the early 1960s I was offered the post of chief of surgery at a satellite hospital of Kansas University and the opportunity to conduct my research under the auspices of the university and as a trustee of Midwest Research Institute, a noted research and think tank. Given that opportunity, we began our westward migration."

During the Kansas period, Martin and Mabelle acted as contract researchers for NASA. Mabelle wanted very much to enlist as an astronaut, but was turned down. She recalls vividly her anger and disappointment at being told "there are no posts for women at this time."

After four years in Kansas their next step took them to Arizona, where Martin became chief of the section on trauma at the University of Arizona. Mabelle became the first full-time Ob/Gyn of a Tucson HMO and later chair of Ob/Gyn at the prestigious Tucson Medical Center. She eventually gave up the administrative role of department chair, but has continued her practice in the group.

When Martin's work on disasters brought him an invitation to serve as a visiting scholar and then a senior fellow at Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies, he and Mabelle began traveling between Tucson and Washington, and then to the far corners of the globe. The couple accumulated data now found in the book, which has been called "must reading", by such knowledgeable experts as former Undersecretary of State David Newsom.

On the subject of conflict disasters, he says, in part: "Because all the world is victimized by well-published terrorism acts, these are the most permanent disasters inflicted on mankind," primarily because of the fear terrorism instills in anyone hearing about a terrorist act. He suggests that governments and the media must take steps to develop more public confidence, that physicians and nurses be trained to handle the special injuries of terrorist weaponry and that they be deployed to vulnerable sites. He also sketches a terrorist profile, dividing terrorists into criminals, (who are motivated by money); psychopaths, and political crusaders. He describes the "crusaders" as "generally young, middle-class, college-level-educated men and women," saying, "They know society and they understand geopolitics because they analyze their particular situation more carefully than do most scholars, politicians, and generals . . . a suicidal act is carefully thought out and often has a religious basis. They are calculating, clean-cut, and often come from professional careers."

Martin Silverstein also urges better use of the technology we have available to save lives and property. "Our technology matches the size of disasters. It has given us the weapons to conquer catastrophe."
NATIONAL SPECIALTY MEETING DRAWS ALUMNI AND RESIDENTS

At the annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, held in Washington, D.C., in February 1992, four alumni, Lester Borden '69, Stuart Green '67, William Healy, Jr. '61, and William Walsh, Jr. '64, joined NYMC in inviting graduates of the Medical College and former orthopedic residents to come together for a cocktail party that "just took off and kept going on its own wonderful momentum," according to Richard Biondi, vice president for institutional advancement.

Lester Borden, who was awarded the Alumni Association’s medal of honor in 1989, talked briefly about NYMC, and of how he had switched from his original plan to be an engineer to a career in medicine and ultimately to orthopedic surgery, urged on by cousins Bill Healy and Bill Walsh. "And they were right," he said.

Rich Biondi welcomed the guests and gave an update on news of the College on-and-off-campus, citing new additions to the physical plant, a new residence for students and faculty in Manhattan, and other notes of interest.

Two graduates of very recent vintage, William Healy III '91 and Damon Del Bello '88, joined the group, which comprised both NYMC graduates and orthopedists who did their residencies at NYMC. Among the alumni were James Maher '82, of whom Chironian readers last heard in the Spring '91 story on the Armed Forces. At that time Jim had just returned home from naval service in the Gulf to his wife, Catherine Labiak, '82 a pediatrician, and their three children and was about to enter private practice in Newport, RI. He is now practicing orthopedics and sports medicine.

NYMC graduates and residents gathered at the cocktail party listen to brief talks about the College "then and now."
St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains, NY, an NYMC affiliate, is now home to the Regional Care Center for Multiple Sclerosis, founded in 1971 by the noted neurologist, Labe Scheinberg, M.D. Dr. Scheinberg's work with patients suffering from MS first won acclaim when the Center was established at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx. The Center remained there until being relocated to Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1979, where it continued to win widespread recognition for its contributions to knowledge of MS and treatment of MS patients.

The staff of the Center now established at St. Agnes is headed by Charles Smith, M.D., an assistant professor of neurology at New York Medical College, whom Dr. Scheinberg, now retired, selected for the post of director. Speaking of Dr. Smith's qualifications for this new post, Dr. Scheinberg cited his "talent as a neurologist, immunologist, and clinician, and his great sensitivity toward people."

Trained in his native Canada, Charles Smith, now a U.S. citizen, received his M.D. degree from the University of Toronto in 1981, followed by a residency in Toronto and further post-graduate training in England. A fellowship from the Canadian MS Society brought him to New York, where he became deeply involved in immunological research.

At the opening of the new Regional Center in November 1991, Dr. Scheinberg pointed out that MS is the third most common cause of severe disability in young adults, often attacking men and women in their 20s and 30s. He added that two-thirds of MS patients have a mild, non-debilitating form of the disease. One-third suffer a crippling disorder with devastating psychological consequences, to the extent that suicide is the second most common cause of death in these patients. Fortunately, however, new drugs and other treatment have greatly improved life expectancy.

The goal of the staff at St. Agnes, Dr. Smith points out, is "the finest quality treatment in a caring, sensitive environment". The medical staff comprises, in addition to Dr. Smith, Drs. Rene Elkin and Barbara Giesser, and Dr. Lawrence Samkoff, NYMC class of '84.
Class Notes

The symbol **REUNION** signifies a five-year "milestone" class for which a reunion will be held on Sunday, May 31. At press time invitations were in the mail.

1925
**Peter Riccardi** wrote that he has retired. He and his wife, Catherine, live in Los Angeles.

1929
**Solomon Hirsch** writes that he is now close to 87 years old, and wonders about classmates. He notes that his son, Robert, is in the class of ’61 (See ’61.)

1930
**Mark Rothenberg** has retired from his practice and spends his time in an active exercise regimen at New York’s 92nd Street Y, where he is an active member.

1932
**Irving Pine**, who has been practicing psychiatry in Columbus, OH, is retiring in the spring of ’92.

1933
**Marshall Bauer**, who had practiced anesthesiology at Yonkers General Hospital, has retired. He continues to live in Yonkers, NY.

1935
**William Bloom** of Pompano Beach, FL, reports that he is “now a reluctant retiree after many years in the practice of internal medicine and cardiology.” He adds, “it would be nice to hear about any of my classmates.”

1936
**Alfred Marandin** has retired from general practice in Brooklyn, NY.

1939
**Francis Gagliardi** wrote: “I feel fit of brain and body, so I am still in private practice of psychiatry in hospital and office (semi-retired).”

1940
**George Looser** has retired. He lives in South Nyack, NY.

1941
**Bruce Alcandri** wrote that he had “enjoyed the 50th, and also those who returned.” He added, “We have come a long way.”

1944
**Marcelle Bernard** and **Edward Marinucci** have moved to The Landings, Skidaway Island, Savannah, GA.

1945
**John Reilly** of Elizabeth, NJ, wrote that he had been “retired due to M.I. since December ’84.” He had practiced orthopedic surgery.

1946
**Martin McGowan** of Rye, NY, has retired.

1947

1948
**William Reid** of Greensboro, NC, whose specialty was treatment of alcohol and drug abuse, has retired.

1950
**Saverio Bentivegna**, NYMC professor of surgery, has been re-elected a member of the Board of Governors of the American
College of Surgeons for a three-year term, and has been selected as a member of the Board’s committee on surgical practice in hospitals.

MARVIN LINDER wrote that he planned to retire by December 31, 1991; WILLIAM SOMERS had also retired.

1951
FRANKLIN Alcorn has retired after 36 years as a radiologist at Rush-Presbyterian Medical Center in Chicago. He notes that he will continue to live in the Chicago area and "would be happy to see class members."

JOHN CARRIER, who attended his 40-year class reunion with his wife, Gail, wrote "those of us present had a great time."

PAUL FUCHS of Malba, NY, writes that he has six grandchildren and plans to retire from his practice of internal medicine in 1993, when he will move to "sunny Arizona."

JEAN JONES has retired. She lives in Orange, CT.

1952
BENJAMIN JOSEPHSON spent May and June 1991 in northern Iraq working with Kurdish refugees under the auspices of the International Rescue Committee.

1953
WILLIAM RYAN and John Walsh have retired. Dr. Ryan now lives in Pensacola, FL. Dr. Walsh continues to live in Pittsburgh, PA.

1954
BUDD APPLETON of St. Paul, MN, has retired from the practice of ophthalmology.

HERVE BYRON wrote that he was to receive "a senior honor award from the American Academy of Ophthalmologists at its 1991 meeting, given for continuous teaching at the meetings over many years." He added that he continues a nationwide teaching program to help residents in their transition to the "real world."

ROGER DUVOISIN, who received a $3.5 million gift from a patient to endow his chair and establish a laboratory at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey, wrote to say that he hopes his colleagues and he "will make rapid progress in clarifying the genetic etiology of olivoponto cerebellar atrophy and Parkinson's disease in the next few years before I retire." Dr. Duvoisin is founding chair of the Department of Neurology at RWJMS. He added, "My wife, Winnie, and I live in New Brunswick and would be pleased to hear from any of our classmates passing through the area."

1955
WILLIAM HOLADAY writes: "The warranty ran out on my aortic valve so I had it rebuilt—works great. We all have a page in the pathology book—little did I know Dr. Speer picked out that page for me."

PETER VAN HORN wrote that he had "recently spent time with ESPELANZA (Hope) on the Amazon, a volunteer organization bringing basic medical and dental care to the remote Amazon Jungle. I was there doing orthopedic surgery with my wife, a psychiatrist, assisting. Many patients had polio deformities, congenital abnormalities, club feet and malunited fractures. This was a very gratifying experience since the only orthopedic attention provided this area is perhaps two or three orthopedic teams a year for very short periods." He added that they "also enjoyed seeing the jungle and the gigantic Amazon River."

ALLEN WEISS wrote that his son Victor will graduate from NYMC in June '92.

1956
PHILIP GOLDSCHMIDT is president-elect of the California Association of Ophthalmology, the largest state ophthalmological organization in the U.S. He was elected to two three-year terms as councillor of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and continues to conduct a busy private practice in Sacramento.

HAROLD LURIA has retired. He lives in Queensbury, NY.

RONALD PION is the regular host of a TV show, "Milestones in Medicine," shown Sunday evenings at 7:30 EST on Lifetime Medical Television. He is a member of the board of directors of Abbey Home Healthcare Company.

DAVID STEIN reports that he is finding a great deal of interesting work as chairman of the Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Department of the Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, NY, as well as being in an active allergy/immunology practice.

1957
CHARLES ASWAD, who is president of the NY State Medical Society, has been reelected vice speaker of the Congress of Delegates of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the national association of family physicians and medical students. He is an AAFP fellow and a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice, and practices in Binghamton, NY.

WILLIAM BROWN retired last year from private practice of family medicine in Alexandria, LA, and took the post of medical director for the St. Francis Cabrini Center for Occupational Medicine. The center performs various services including pre-placement examinations as well as DOT physcals, drug testing, treatment of work related injuries and work hardening programs.

ROBERT CROSS specializes in pathology and nuclear medicine at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, MA, and is director of the hospital's laboratory.

JOHN DE ANGELIS, who is chief of surgery at Huntington (NY) Hospital, wrote that he had been able to arrange a surgical residency rotation from St. Vincent's Hospital, an NYMC affiliate, and received a very pleasant surprise when one of the first 3rd year surgical residents to rotate through Huntington was his classmate Charlie Aswad's daughter, MARGO ASWAD '89.

STANLEY GROSSMAN has been appointed a clinical professor of psychiatry at NYU School of Medicine. He is a training and supervising analyst at the Medical Center, and also has a private practice of psychiatry and psychoanalysis in Great Neck, NY.

ALBERT HUBER, whose specialty is allergy, wrote from Covesville, VA, that his daughter Julia is in her first year at the U. of VA Medical School.

H. JEFF ZEIDNER, who practiced Ob/Gyn in Hollywood, CA, has retired.

Nibia O'Byrne, the wife of FRANK O'BYRENE '57, died suddenly on Wednesday, February 19, 1992. She had been an active participant in Alumni Association events including the 1992 Winter Seminar in Puerto Rico. Nibia O'Byrne was a warm and delightful person who will indeed be missed.

1958
ROBERT BLANKFEIN reports that a paper he wrote on low back pain was published in Hospital Physician in July 1991 and that he is on the editorial board (neurology) of the journal.

WILLIAM MULFORD of Avenue, MD, writes that his son is now chief resident in anesthesiology at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, FL.

GEORGE MUSCIOLO is president-elect of the Bronx County Medical Society in New York.

1959
DAVID MILLER, associate professor of ophthalmology at Harvard...
Medical School, had a banner year. He received the award for outstanding teaching of the fourth-year, which he conducts at Harvard-affiliated Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. A student commented, "He leads by magnificent example. His pleasant nature is infectious and his intellectual integrity is exemplary." In addition, he and a former student received the Innovators Award of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. They collaborated on developing Healon, a viscous fluid that protects eye tissues during cataract and corneal surgery.

Paul Stavrolakes has retired from his pediatric practice. He lives in Port Jefferson, NY.

1960

Thaddeus Figlock is serving a second year as president of the medical staff of Morton Hospital in Taunton, MA.

Frederick Siefert has three adult children and two grandchildren. He wrote that he "almost met with Andrew Peters last summer," and asks, "where is Roy Stern '60?"

1961

Robert Hirsch celebrated his second wedding anniversary with his wife, Delsa, and is enjoying his one-year-old grandson, Terry. He has completed a six-year term as director of Ob/Gyn at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ.

Hugh O'Shaughnessy wrote that he had been quite ill after cardiac surgery two years ago but had recovered well and is back in practice on Cape Cod. He enjoyed seeing old friends at the New England Chapter meeting in Newport in October of last year and particularly mentioned Louis Fierro and John O'Brien, who were one year ahead of him.

Edwin Stempler practices orthopedic surgery in Palm Springs, CA. He writes that his son, Robert, is a senior in law school, his daughter, Helene, is teaching and taking a master's degree, and his wife, Norma, "helps keep me in line and gets all the accounts receivable paid."

1962

Henry Abrams is a governor of the American College of Surgeons, serving on the socio-economic and development committees.

Howard Bellin reported that he has been granted a U.S. patent for a technology that removes all artifacts from an EKG. He says, "It allows extremely accurate measurement of the ST segment of the cardiogram during active exercise using a wrist-watch size device.

Alan Dauer is a clinical professor of medicine at UC Irvine.

Victor Grann has been appointed medical director of the cancer center of Stamford Hospital in Connecticut and is a clinical professor of medicine at NYMC. He adds that he has three children, one of whom, Alison, graduated from George Washington U Medical School in 1991 and is a resident at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

Barry Meltzer has been reelected chairman of the Department of Ob/Gyn at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth, MA, and has also become a grandfather.

1963

Paul Carton has been elected to the executive board of the Westchester County Medical Society, serving as secretary for 1991-92.

Howard Cooperman wrote that his youngest daughter, Stephanie Joy, had started her first year at Brandeis University. His third daughter teaches computers to preschool children. He also relates that daughters Deborah Sue and Laurie Ellen, of whom he had written earlier, had both been pictured in the Fleur-O-Scope of his year.

1964

Harold Chadwick, who had been in family practice, has retired. He lives in Wysox, PA.

William Glatt, who practices internal medicine in S. San Francisco, CA, reports on his two sons: Dan is in the NYMC class of 1992, and will also be awarded an M.P.H. degree from Harvard University, having taken a year between his third and fourth years at Harvard College to complete class work for the M.P.H.; Andrew is in his third year at the Medical College of Virginia.

Joel Kupersmith (who is married to Judith) is professor and chairman of the Department of Medicine at Michigan State U. (See 1969 for Judith.)

Donald Minervini reports that he is presently chief of staff and chairman of the Department of Surgery at St. Francis Hospital in Miami Beach, FL. Don co-chairs the Alumni Association's southern Florida chapter with classmate Richard Rose.

Philip Richardson has "gone into semi-retirement in San Francisco," with a new career in painting. He is a degree candidate at the San Francisco Art Institute, where much of the subject matter of his work is life and after-life issues. This, he says, is as a result of his medical practice in Texas, where he treated many AIDS patients. He now does "minor emergency medical work just two days a week, by choice."

Stephen Battany is still in practice. He writes, "The 25 year reunion was great."

Robert Sanford reports that his son Michael is in the NYMC class of '94.

1965

Richard Allen is president of the Portland Ob/Gyn Society for 1992 and president-elect of the medical staff of Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

Qwie Chew wrote that he continues as chief of radiology at Bayonne Hospital in NJ, the post he has held for seven years.

Jack Vitenson was appointed chairman of the Department of Urology at Hackensack Medical School in New Jersey in March 1991.

1966

Edward Goldstein is president of San Diego (CA) Gynecological Society for 1991-92.

Stephen Greenberg, a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, wrote that he was recently invited to the Naval Undersea Medical Research Laboratory in Groton, CT, to participate in an ongoing ophthalmology project. He added that he has been certified by the American College of Surgeons as an instructor in advanced trauma life support.

Daniel Schweitzer reported that his daughter was to enter publishing in San Francisco and his son is in his senior year at SUNY Stony Brook.

1967

Carl Lundborg wrote that his oldest daughter, Majka, began medical school in August, with the NYMC Class of 1995.

Michael Tesoro was elected vice chairman of the Connecticut section of the American College of Ob/Gyn to serve for three years beginning October 1991. He lives in Sharon, CT.

1968

Richard Fogler, a general surgeon at SUNY Health Sciences Medical Center, Brookdale Hospital, in Brooklyn, NY, wrote that his oldest son, Jason, began his first year at Williams College, adding, "The next generation prepares itself."
MICHAEL JACOBS wrote: "Mike and Shelley Jacobs are still in Rochester, NY. Son Craig is with B’at Dor Dance Company in Tel Aviv, Israel, and son Bradley is a student at Sarah Lawrence College." He adds that he and Shelley are looking forward to the 25-year reunion of the Class in 1993.

JAMES MCGROARY is in solo practice of ophthalmology, limited to retinal diseases and surgery. He chairs the Diabetes 2000 Committee of the NY State Ophthalmological Society, whose goal is to translate advances in clinical research concerning diabetic retinopathy into practice. He is also on the Brooklyn Advisory Board of VISIONS, a non-profit private agency active in keeping visually impaired senior citizens independent.

SANTO RUGGIERI and his wife, Virginia, have two married daughters and are the proud grandparents of Rosemarie and Benjamin Santo.

MARVIN STONE has been recertified as a sexual therapist and supervisor. He added that he competed in the Texas Hill Country Long Course Triathlon championship. He practices and lives in Houston.

RICHARD STONE is acting co-chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, and continues as senior associate dean and medical director of Metropolitan Hospital Center.

PAUL VERNAGLIA reported that he has been married to Lydia for 26 years, has been in general ophthalmology for 20 years, is healthy, happy and has his "priorities just right at age 50." He added that his elder son, Larry, is at Boston U. Law School and his younger son, Brian, is a physics major at Harvard.

1969
JUDITH FRIEDMAN KUPERSMITH is an associate professor of psychiatry at Michigan State U. She and her husband, Joel (see ’64), have three children, David, a sophomore at Amherst College, Becky, a senior at East Lansing (MI) High School, and Adam, a freshman at Okemos High School.

KENNETH SCHEFFELS is chief of surgery at Pacifica of the Valley Hospital in Sun Valley, CA.


1970
CHARLES BARRETT wrote of a family celebration, the Bat Mitzvah of the daughter of Dr. Barrett’s sister and his classmate, LEONARD NEWMAN. Reporting on his own children, he said that "son Cris is a senior at UC Santa Barbara, daughter Cori is a sophomore at Chico State U, daughters Nicole, 10, Brittany, 8, and Ashley, 6, are running Montcalm Elementary School in Los Altos, CA."

LOUIS GENNARELLI is a urologist practicing in the Bronx, NY, and White Plains. He is married to Marie Perrotta Gennarelli, a graduate of the NYMC Graduate School of Nursing. They have three children, Maria Elena, a third year student at the University of Connecticut School of Dentistry; a son, Louis, a senior at Fairfield University, presently applying to medical schools; and Melissa, a freshman pre-med major at Fairfield.

THOMAS GRABOYS has been named director of the Lown Cardiovascular Center in Boston, and has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the U. of Massachusetts.

1971
HARVEY AGIES has been named associate chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at North Shore University Hospital—Cornell Medical College.

1972

ALEXANDER BRUCKER is associate professor of ophthalmology at U of P School of Medicine, president-elect of the Macula Society, and editor-in-chief of Retina, the Journal of Retinal and Vitreous Diseases.

JAMES NIMAY writes that his wife, Marion, and he live in Palos Verdes Estates, CA, with their sons, Joshua, 12, and Marc, 8. He is now affiliated with Southern California Permanente Medical Group in Orange County, where he practices hematology and oncology.

BRUCE SHAPIRO is psychiatrist-in-chief at Stamford Hospital in Connecticut and clinical professor of psychiatry at NYMC.

DAVID YOUNG is now director of trauma at the Medical Center of Delaware, and is a fellow of the College of Critical Care Medicine. He and his wife, America, live in Greenville, DE, with their two children.

1973
STEVEN DEMETER reports that he is a clinical associate professor of neurology at the U of Rochester, where he is pursuing research on the anatomy and function of the hippocampal commissure. He adds that he is married and has two daughters, ages 6 and 4.

JEFFREY TRILLING reports that he is an associate professor of clinical family medicine and director of undergraduate education at SUNY Stony Brook. He says that he routinely runs into classmate ADAM HOROWITZ, also an associate professor, who is a pulmonologist, and quite active in teaching undergraduates.

1974
SAMUEL MILES is secretary of the Southern California Psychiatric Society, and chairman of the private practice committee.

1975
CLIFFORD AMEDURI writes, "There is now a second NY Med graduate in New Orleans. Time to start an alumni chapter!"

RICHARD LIEBERMAN sends word that he is still in Santa Fe, and is president of northern New Mexico Emergency Services, "a corporation that has its ups and downs. He adds that the most exciting news of the year was locating his friend and former roommate, BILL WICKEMEYER, who is at the Iowa Heart Center and "hasn’t changed at all."

MARTIN SCHWARTZ wrote that he is the father of twin girls, red-haired Laura and black-haired Shayna Margaret, born June 6, ’91.

DEAN WASSERMAN married REGINA QURIN on January 28, 1991 in Anguilla, British West Indies.

JOHN ZAMBITTI is president and CEO of Emergency Group, Inc., in Santa Monica, CA. He is board certified in emergency medicine and is a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians. He serves on the board of directors of Emergency Physicians of the Inland Counties, and has recently become a member of the American College of Physician Executives, which is described as the "nation’s only educational and professional organization for physicians involved in medical management."

1976
FREDERICK BALLET is chief of the hand surgery subsection of the West Jersey Health System.

JEFFREY BEHRENS is a diplomate of the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians. He has been boarded in internal medicine since 1979.

EDWARD BUCHSBAUM has three daughters, Jordan, born in May 1991. Jessica, 10, and Jill, 7.

JEFFREY KOPelson and his wife welcomed their first child, Hayley Hannah, on May 10, 1991.
JEFFREY SINGER, who chairs the Alumni Association’s quite new Arizona chapter, is chief of surgery at Humana Hospital Desert Valley, Phoenix, AZ, and chairman of the Arizona Medical Association’s Political Action Committee.

GRAHAM WHITFIELD is now board certified in neurological and orthopedic surgery. In addition he has become a fellow of the International College of Surgeons.

MICHAEL WILLEN has moved from New Jersey to the Albany, NY area, where he is with Capitol District Hematology-Oncology Associates in Latham, NY.

1977

STUART HOCHRON will graduate from Rutgers Law School in May ’92 after four years of night classes. He will continue to practice pulmonary/critical care medicine.

JEFFREY MEDOFF is in the private practice of gastroenterology. He and his wife have four children and were expecting a fifth when he wrote in September 1991.

JOHN POWERS is chief of the Department of Family Practice at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, HI. (Ed. Note: For a second note from Hawaii, see Karen Zavadsky ’89.)

WILLIAM RUSSELL will join San Luis Obispo Radiology Associates on May 1, ’92. His wife, RENA STATHACOPoulos, will finish a fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology at UCLA in June ’92 and start private practice in San Luis Obispo.

1978

MICHAEL ALEXANDER completed a fellowship in nuclear medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1977-78, and spent two years as an assistant professor of radiology and nuclear medicine at the U. of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore before relocating to Princeton, West VA, where he is in a six-man private practice group in a community hospital. He is boarded in both diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine.

JESSE COHEN writes that he and his wife, Wendy, welcomed their second child, Sara Michelle, in October 1991. She joins their three-year-old son, Benjamin Zachary.

NICHOLAS BONVICINO practices general surgery in northern New Jersey. He also serves as medical director of the Paramus Health Care Center, which is affiliated with the large, multispecialty Garden State Medical group and HIP of New Jersey. He and his wife, Nancy, have a three-year-old daughter, Andrea.

WILLIAM GRAFFEO has joined the emergency department staff at Lake Forest and Highland Park Hospitals in Illinois. In September 1991 he and his wife welcomed a baby daughter, Kirsten.

CYNTHIA NAST was awarded a grant by Searle, the pharmaceutical company, for two years of research into arthritis. She is a staff pathologist at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in California. She is sharing in funding awarded to 61 scientists from 46 institutions to pursue research of E series prostaglandins and their relationship to the etiology and management of arthritis and related rheumatic diseases.

JANET SCHNELLER wrote that she gave birth to her second child, Steven Joseph Ciociari, in December 1990.

JENNIFER ROSENTHAL THULIN is in private practice of Ob/Gyn in the suburbs west of Boston and would like to hear from old friends. Her home address is 41 Orchard Lane, Wayland, MA 01778, and her office address is 67 Union Street Natick, MA 01760.

1980

JONATHAN BALLON writes: “I am enjoying a varied neurosurgical practice in New Britain, CT, where I have the opportunity to work with quite a few NYMC alumni. My wife, Linda, (whom I met as a patient at Misericordia Hospital when I was a third-year student) and I are active in breeding and showing Doberman pinchers.” He adds that he is also a wine collector and connoisseur.

NEIL BURACK reports the birth of his third child, Ashley Ilene, in June ’91, saying that he and his wife now have three children, Jason, Brian, and Ashley.

PAUL CASNER is associate chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Texas Tech U. Health Sciences Center, El Paso, TX.

PETER GROSSMAN took a residency in Ob/Gyn at St. Luke’s from 1980 to 1984 and was in private practice in Appalachia from 1984 to 1989. He is now in private practice in Augusta, GA. He is married, with two children, a boy, Aaron, 4, and a girl, Jordan, 10.

ROBERT GROSSMAN is chairman and director of education of the Department of Medicine at Harrisburg (PA) Hospital. He is board certified in internal medicine and has earned an M.B.A. degree from the U. of North Carolina. He, his wife, Ann, and their daughter live in Lower Paxton Township.

RICHARD SOBEL is director of emergency medicine at South Seminole City Hospital in Longwood, FL.

STEVEN WANDERMAN was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons at the Academy’s 59th annual meeting in Washington during February 1992.

1980 – Fifth Pathway

ROBERT TODARO, a graduate of the NYMC Fifth Pathway Program, is a major in the US Air Force, currently on active duty in aerospace medicine/Flight Surgeon’s Office, at Paterson AFB, Colorado Springs. Before entering Fifth Pathway, he graduated from UAG. He was board certified in family practice in 1980 and recertified in 1990.

1981

ARNOLD BRENDER, a major in the U.S. Army, wrote in September that as commander of the 246th medical detachment he “would be deploying his unit to Turkey to establish a Dep-Meds hospital in the month of October 1991.” He is chairman of the Department of Family Practice at Humana Huntington Beach and encourages residents to “visit Surf City and look me up.”

1982

MICHAEL BARBANI is an internist with a hospital-based five-person group in Hyannis, MA, where his wife is one of his associates.

WILLIAM KALOOSTIAN is assistant chief of the Department of Urgent Care Services at Kaiser Permanente in Los Angeles and is a partner in Kaiser Permanente.

SCOTT MESSENER is in private practice in Peekskill, NY, specializing in otolaryngology—head and neck surgery, and is affiliated with Peekskill Community Hospital. He would like to say hello to and hear from classmates.

1983

PAUL GITTELMAN is an assistant professor of otolaryngology at NYU Medical Center and will begin private practice at the NYU faculty practice office in August of this year.

JOAN LIMAN writes: “With my daughter Melanie starting her freshman year at the U. of Rochester, Larry and I are empty nesters.”

JEFFREY MAZLIN practices Ob/Gyn in Manhattan. He and his wife have moved to Tenafly, NJ, and have welcomed their third child.

1984

STEPHEN CAROLAN reports that he has been made a senior partner at Rye Brook Ob/Gyn.

JAMES DEUTSCH writes that he and his wife, Diana Dorfman, an ’89
graduate of Mt. Sinai, welcomed their first child, Emily Rose, in December '91. He reports also that he was listed by New York Magazine (Nov. 11, 1991) as one of the "Best Doctors in New York." His specialty is pediatric ophthalmology. He is an assistant clinical professor at Mt. Sinai, and has a private practice in Brooklyn Heights, NY, where he and the family live.

JERRY FERRENTINO, who has been head of the Gyn division of the Department of Ob/Gyn at the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, will leave the Navy in July and start private practice in Milford, CT.

JESSE GREENBLUM is chief of Ob/Gyn at Nassau General Hospital in Fernandino Beach, FL. He and his wife welcomed a second daughter, Sara Elizabeth, in February '91.

JONATHAN KUSNITZ was board certified by the American College of Ob/Gyn (ACOG) in December, 1990 and is a fellow of ACOG. He is on the clinical faculty of Long Island Jewish Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and practices in Forest Hills, NY.

DENNIS MCCOLL served three months in Operation Desert Storm and came home in time to be with his wife for the birth of their first child, Dennis III. He has now completed an emergency medicine residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and is working at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ.

RUSSELL SETTIPANE reports the birth of Jackson K. Settipane in March, 1991, saying that he and Karen are very proud parents.

1985

JAMES CREMINS, who served in Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Operation Desert Storm, is now assistant chief of medicine and chief of endoscopy service at Cutler Army Community Hospital at Fort Devens, MA. He says he is adjusting to life after the Gulf War and is trying to get an Army fellowship in gastroenterology.

GIA DEANGELIS is now an assistant professor of diagnostic radiology, predominantly doing cross-sectional imaging, at the U. of Virginia Health Sciences Center at Charlottesville, VA.

ROBERT HEVENSEN and his wife are expecting their second child in April 1992. Their son, Skyler, was 2 in March 1991.

VITO FERRUCCI writes that his brother Leonard Ferrucci '87 and he and are in the practice of Ob/Gyn together in Stamford, CT. He adds that "Lenny and his wife, Jan, became proud parents of a baby girl, Lauren, in July 1991.

MEG ROSENBLATT and her husband, DAVID STEIN, now have two children, Natalie Claire, born in December 1990, and Ethan Joshua, born in January of this year. Meg is an assistant professor of anesthesiology at Mt. Sinai Medical Center, in New York.

NEIL SPERLING completed an otology residency in Minneapolis, MN, and has joined the faculty of SUNY-Downstate as assistant professor of otolaryngology.

1986

PHILIP CARON, who also holds a Ph.D., is a third-year fellow in hematology-oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

SANFORD SILVERMAN is a staff anesthesiologist at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, TX.

1987

LEONARD FERRUCCI (See 1985.)

ROBERT A. HADDEn is an assistant professor of clinical Ob/Gyn at Columbia P & S.

ANTHONY REINO is administrative chief resident in the Department of Otolaryngology—head and neck surgery at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical Center. He will finish in June '92 and start a fellowship in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York in July.

1988

MAX FRANCOIS reported that an abstract he co-authored on tetanus in a parenteral drug abuser was accepted for a poster presentation at the scientific assembly of the National Medical Association in July 1991.

DIANA GOLDMAN wrote that she had "switched from psychiatry to rehab at Metropolitan Hospital," adding, "It's nice to be back at NYMC."

GARY MUNN reported that his third child, Cameron Beth, arrived in July '91 and that he is the member-in-training representative on the Board of Directors of the Psychiatric Society of Virginia.

PATRICE PASSIDOMO writes that she is an associate professor at NYMC, and is practicing primary care medicine at St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains, NY. She adds that she has two beautiful baby boys.

LAWRENCE SAHLER is a third-year radiology resident at Rochester General Hospital and is chief resident for 1991-'92.

SCOTT WEISS is practicing internal medicine in Tucson, AZ.

ROBERT YENCYNCH has been accepted for a residency in emergency medicine at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, near Tacoma, WA, starting in July.

THOMAS YOUNG is finishing an internal medicine residency at the Naval Hospital, San Diego, and plans to start a cardiology fellowship.

1989

ROBERT ANTONELLE and his wife, Patricia, reported the birth of their first child, Lauren Christine, on June 16, 1991. Robert will start a fellowship in gastroenterology at Westchester County Medical Center in July.

ERNA WAXMAN and her husband, Larry, announce the birth of Alexander Yoram on November 9, 1991. As a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, on active duty, Erna was one of the subjects of the Armed Forces article in the Fall '91 issue.

KAREN ZAVADSKY is enjoying her residency at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu.

1990

RICHARD COVIN wrote "It was good to hear from NYMC." He is doing PGYII in ophthalmology at Texas Tech, and is thinking about bringing a car because his motorcycle is no fun in the rain, adding, "It's difficult to get a car on residency salary and student loan payments."

GARY DUNN is a resident in general surgery at LSU-Shreveport and wrote that he was "looking forward to seeing NYMC grads/classmates at the American College of Surgeons meeting."

DOUGLAS KARMEI has been selected for flight surgery training at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL. He recently completed an internship at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda.

BRIAN MURPHY has been nominated to be a White House fellow and will be listed in the 1992 volume of Who's Who Among Rising Young Americans.
In Memoriam

Jules M. Koch ’32, an internist-cardiologist for half a century, died on October 17, 1991, at his home in New York City. He was 81.

Dr. Koch was one of the founders of the Health Insurance Plan of New York (HIP), and served as a director and chief internist. He taught at Mount Sinai and Fordham medical schools, and was associated with several area hospitals, including Hospital for Joint Diseases and Misericordia.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda Goldberg Koch, a son, a daughter, a brother, and several grandchildren.

Marguerite Neylan-Kelly ’42, a pediatrician who practiced in Brookline, MA for 41 years until her retirement in 1986, died at her home in Chestnut Hill, MA, on December 24, 1991. She was 75 and had suffered a stroke two years earlier.

Dr. Neylan-Kelly served on the staffs of several hospitals in the Boston area, including the Boston Floating Hospital, St. Elizabeth Children's Hospital, and the newborn service of Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She also taught pediatrics at Tufts University Medical School.

Dr. Neylan-Kelly and her husband, Dr. William Kelly, joined the Alumni Association’s winter seminar in 1988 and made warm connections with the other participants on the cruise. Her husband informed the Alumni Association that she had been looking foward to attending the 50-year reunion of her class in June. She is survived by Dr. Kelly.

S. Evert Svenson ’42, who was medical director of research at Hoffman LaRoche Pharmaceutical Company for 24 years, died at Princeton (NJ) Medical Center on February 20, 1992, after a long siege of mesenteric panniculitis. He was 80 years old and lived in Rossmoor, NJ.

Dr. Svenson joined Hoffman LaRoche in 1952 and remained with the company until his retirement in 1976. Before his appointment at the pharmaceutical company he had been in private family practice in Pompton Plains, NJ, and was on the attending staffs of several area hospitals and Woman’s Hospital, a division of St. Luke’s in New York.

After his retirement, Dr. Svenson was consultant to the Cranberry Research Group in New Jersey. He was also chairman of the editorial board of *Advances in Therapy*, a journal of drug, device, and diagnostic research.

As a major in the U.S. Army during World War II, Dr. Svenson served with General Patton’s forces in the European Theater, and was awarded the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

Helene Rains Young ’54, a psychiatrist who had been a national swimming champion, swimming with such notables as Esther Williams and Buster Crabbe, died on Tuesday, August 20, 1991 after a long illness. She was 67 and lived in Williamsville, NY.

A native of the Bronx, NY, Dr. Young set a world record at the age of 12, when she swam in a 150-yard women’s medley in Havana. In 1940 she qualified for the U.S. Women’s Olympic Swimming Team, but that year the Olympics were canceled because of World War II.

After several years in the private practice of psychiatry, Dr. Young was appointed to the psychiatric staff of the regional Veterans Hospital, serving until her retirement in 1977. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Lewis J. Young, III, a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren.

Eileen Halsey Pike, professor emeritus of microbiology at New York Medical College, died of emphysema on January 7, 1992. She was 73 and lived in White Plains, NY.

A native of London, England, Dr. Pike took her higher education at Hunter College, Tulane University, and Columbia University, where she was awarded the Ph.D. degree. She came to the Medical College in 1964 as an associate professor of parasitology and became a full professor of microbiology in 1976. From 1981 to 1988 she directed the interdisciplinary program of the College’s Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences.

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