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Election Report

At the annual meeting of the Alumni Association held on June 2, 1969 at the college the following slate of officers and board of governors was elected.

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- George B. Smithy, M.D. '45
To All Alumni:

You are cordially invited to attend the October meeting of the Alumni Association of New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, Inc. on Wednesday, October 15, 1969, at 3:00 P.M. in the College Auditorium.

We hope as many of you as possible can attend this meeting.

Martin L. Stone M.D.
President
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A Message from the Dean

Remarkable increase in the quantity and quality of the full-time faculty

Sharp improvement in the quality of the student body

Growth and development at a rapid pace

Unusual depth and competence

Excellent student morale and spirit

Alumni will be proud to know that these quotations—only a sampling—are from the report which followed the survey for accreditation recently conducted on behalf of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and the Executive Council of the Association of American Medical Colleges. Throughout the report, the college was commended repeatedly for the accomplishments and progress made since the 1963 survey.

Caliber of the Faculty

The survey team acknowledged that it was “favorably impressed by the caliber of the faculty and their progressive ideas concerning teaching,” and lauded the basic science departments for being strong, well staffed, and showing “excellent balance among teaching and research programs.” The clinical departments were called strong and well balanced with “sound and progressive” teaching programs. “Well structured and well supervised” was its opinion of the college clerkships.

The team called the affiliation contracts with the City of New York, under which the college provides medical services at Metropolitan and Bird S. Coler hospitals, “a very happy arrangement both for the city and the college, since the city is unquestionably able to provide better patient care in its municipal hospitals, while the college is able to have larger numbers of full-time faculty in the various clinical areas.”

Uniformly Good Appointments

In addition to praising the quality, depth, and competence of the full-time faculty, the survey team said that appointments made within the past two years appeared to be “uniformly good,” and commended the influx of faculty from other institutions including “foreign medical graduates who appear to be competent and well qualified.” The faculty’s participation in “committee work and policy-making activities” was also commended but not without a warning that “this degree of involvement may become excessive.”

Faculty salary scale and fringe benefits were said to be “very good and competitive with other leading institutions.”
Admissions Procedure

The college’s “sound, objective” admissions procedure, the team observed, has resulted in a notable improvement in the student body, with student selection determined entirely by the merit of the applicant. Further commendation came from the team for the college’s recognition of the need for more physicians and its plan to increase the number of students, in particular from among qualified minority and low-income groups.

The college was also commended for being a “national leader in considering and accepting, for advanced standing, American students who have begun their medical studies in foreign medical schools,” and the survey team expressed the hope that “the success of New York Medical College in this activity should prompt other schools to consider adopting similar procedures.”

The authors of the report, stating that the “morale and spirit of the students seems excellent,” further commended the administration for adding students to many of the faculty committees, and suggested an improved system for providing counseling to students in the selection of internships. “There needs to be a special committee of clinicians,” they state, “to provide general advice to students on the selection of internships and then to be available for individual consultation.”

The curriculum they noted, is under active study and changes appear to be moving in the direction being taken in other parts of the country. Accordingly, first- and second-year students begin the practice of clinical medicine, do less didactic work, use more self-instructional devices and modern communication technology, have more elective and free time, and there is an appreciable rise in correlative teaching among departments.

The team also commended the college for its many teaching and service activities which extend into the community, and called “particularly noteworthy” the programs in the departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Preventive Medicine, and Rehabilitation Medicine.

In commenting on the facilities of the college at its present site, the report states: “The present physical plant of the medical school is barely adequate for the present operations,” and calls the lack of space for teaching and research activities the “number one” problem facing the school.

The Move to Westchester

“The decision to move to Westchester,” the team members believe, “has been well conceived and well planned” and should greatly increase the institution’s potential. They commended the Board of Trustees for having made “a firm, forthright decision,” for having announced it publicly “without significant reservation or qualification,” and for having established a committee for long-range planning with representation from the faculty, the Board, the citizens, and members of the medical profession of Westchester County.

The authors of the report did not ignore what they called the “several challenges” which the move presents and said that efforts must be made while the college is in its present location “to maintain the pace of recent growth and to sustain the activity and enthusiasm of the faculty and students,” and to insure “that the commitment to the community undertaken by the various, new community programs be maintained as long as possible and that provisions be made for turning these activities over to others by the time the relocation is effected.” An effort should be made, they urge, “to alleviate any hardships imposed on the faculty by the move and to develop and maintain good relations with the public, the physicians, and the community hospitals in the new location during the ‘phasing in’ period of the new school.”

These are all major problems, the report noted, but said, “it is encouraging to note that the institution is approaching them with confidence and has already instituted the careful planning necessary to enable the project to be completed successfully.”

J. Frederick Egle
A Talk with Dr. Stone

Martin L. Stone '44, newly elected president of the Alumni Association of New York Medical College, is professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the college.

Dr. Stone, how do you see your role as president of the Alumni Association?

The prevailing trend of our time is toward the greater involvement of individuals in the workings of institutions that affect their lives. I believe the president’s role is to provide leadership for all alumni, particularly those who wish to become increasingly involved and participate in the affairs of the college.

What are your plans?

Since the president may now serve for only one term of two years, there can be little opportunity for effective long-range planning. For this and other reasons, I feel it imperative that the association have a full-time executive director to supervise and coordinate all alumni activities and afford us continuity of operation. A search committee has been appointed and it is our hope that the position will be filled soon.

How can the alumni participate more in the affairs of the college?

It is essential that we offer the opportunity for participation to all members. As one step, I am recommending that all the meetings of the Board of Governors be opened to interested alumni. This will help to overcome the present problem of having only one business meeting a year at which alumni can express their views, contribute ideas, and keep in touch with Alumni Association transactions.

Are there other ways in which alumni can have a part in the educational and scientific programs of the college?

Our experience to date with specialty alumni organizations indicates that there are more common interests and concerns among members of a given specialty, even though they are from different classes, than there are among classmates who are engaged in diverse specialties. We already have strong alumni organizations in surgery, urology, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology, and we hope that similar groups will be formed in other branches of medicine. These organizations have done much to further the recognition of their respective departments in the college, as well as to enhance the overall reputation of New York Medical College.
What is the relationship between these organizations and the Alumni Association? Do they supersede it?

On the contrary, they very definitely strengthen it by bringing alumni closer together on the basis of a common interest in a particular area of medicine. They are actually just like chapters, except that their membership is determined by medical specialty rather than geographic location. The Obstetrical and Gynecological Society of New York Medical College is naturally the one with which I am most familiar and it has done much to spread the name of the college in its field.

What do you hope to achieve as president of the association?

My chief objective during my brief tenure will be to maintain our integrity as an organization during this period of the college's rapid growth and development and the preparations for its move to Westchester. I want to assure the alumni that I will do all in my power to gain for our association the recognition it has earned and for our members the goals they seek. I look forward to receiving the suggestions of all interested alumni and I would welcome the help of any member wishing to volunteer to work for the association and the college.

I am confident that I can work in a spirit of cooperation with the faculty and the administration to insure our proper role and to gain our common objective—a strong organization for an outstanding New York Medical College.

Editor's Note:

As we went to press, Dr. Stone announced the appointment of Frederick P. Dyckman as Executive Director of the Alumni Association.

A member of the Association of Fund Raising Directors, Mr. Dyckman has held posts as Unit Field Director and Field Representative of the American Red Cross in Greater New York, where he worked closely with both volunteers and staff.

In addition to his institutional activities, he has had extensive business experience in management and market research.

Mr. Dyckman attended Princeton University and was graduated from the University of North Carolina.
San Salvador slum houses rural transients seeking city work. All water comes from nearby river. Because area has no sewage or garbage disposal, gastroenteritis and dysentery are rife.
Alumni Serve Abroad

In some rural medical facilities, intuition and basic clinical judgment must substitute for conveniences and equipment taken for granted in a modern American teaching center.

This was the conclusion of four young doctors, recently graduated from the college, who spent several months working in Africa and Central America earlier this year.

Drs. Robert and Carol Master '68, took a three-month elective leave from their internships at Metropolitan Hospital Center to join the Medical Support Program for Biafra-Nigeria. The first American doctors to volunteer for the program, they treated Biafran children —refugees from the Nigerian civil war—who had been airlifted to medical camps on the Ivory Coast.

Dr. John Stuart Marr '67, presently a chief resident in internal medicine, served on a Public Health Service team that visited Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico. Ian Lloyd Garriques, Jr. '69, spent his elective period as a fourth-year student working in the Central Hospital at San Salvador, capital of El Salvador. Drs. Marr and Garriques were each awarded training fellowships and went to Central America under a program organized by the Louisiana State University and supported by the National Institutes of Health.

A Marked Transition

The transition from practicing medicine in the environs of New York Medical College to working under rural tropical conditions was most marked for the Masters. The husband-wife team left New York on New Year's Eve, loaded down with drugs, two microscopes, and basic laboratory equipment, which Dr. Eileen Pike, associate professor of microbiology, had helped them round up. At Abidjan, the Ivory Coast capital, they were briefed on what to expect, but they were not prepared for Bouaké, 300 miles away, the first refugee camp to be set up. Conditions there, according to the Masters, were "appalling."

The camp housed about 200 desperately sick children ranging in age from one to 15. They were suffering from kwashiorkor (the protein deficiency disease which often masquerades as other ailments), anemia, potassium and vitamin deficiencies, skin diseases, and fungal infections. Almost every child has intestinal worms.

Sanitary facilities were almost entirely lacking. Latrines, dug far away, were unsuitable for little children, windows were unscreened, and there was only one tap for water in the dispensary. These conditions, the Masters said, resulted in continuous reinfection by parasites, aggravated because no child wore shoes.

"Kwashiorkor is so debilitating that we began by
treating each child with antibiotics,” Carol Master said. “We gave penicillin for five to 10 days as a type of prophylaxis and possible aid in combating underlying infection, common in almost every child we encountered.”

The two physicians pointed out that in the United States they were taught not to use clinical judgment alone as a guide to administering drugs. But at Bouaké, in the absence of diagnostic laboratory services, clinical judgment was almost all they had to rely on.

The Masters also vaccinated every child against measles, though not early enough to prevent three deaths in an outbreak of 18 cases. “But vaccination prevented a disaster,” Robert said. “Without it, we would have had 200 cases.”

The young doctors also began tuberculosis screening and laboratory workups on each child, using the microscopes and centrifuges they had brought with them. Fifteen cases of tuberculosis were thus diagnosed.

With medical attention and a well-balanced African diet, the children’s condition gradually improved. But despite an overall improvement after the first few weeks, the Masters, and other volunteer physicians who joined them later, were frustrated by some undiagnosed illnesses and sudden startling setbacks.

“The number of cases of heart failure, occurring even three, four or five weeks after recovery from kwashiorkor, surprised us,” said Robert. “We have no explanation as to why this happened. A child would be playing during the day and go into heart failure at night. Others who developed intracranial pressure or convulsions could not be helped.” There were 15 deaths during the time the Masters served at Bouaké. They did their own autopsies.

The young couple spent most of their three months of service together. They began work at 8:00 a.m., took a mid-day siesta when the temperature soared to 105°, and rotated night duty with the rest of the staff, working one or sometimes two nights out of three. Toward the end of their stay, Robert Master spent two weeks at Cocody, where a second medical camp, with much improved facilities, had been set up.

The children being flown to the Ivory Coast from war-torn Biafra amounted to only “a trickle,” the Masters said. They estimated that while they were in Africa, 7,000 children were dying in Biafra each week.

Costa Rica’s National Health Program

In contrast to the Masters’ traumatic experience in Africa, John Marr found his first stop, Costa Rica, “a Central American Denmark.” A very good medical care program is in effect throughout the country, he said. Nutrition is adequate and every school child receives free milk and vitamins as part of a national program.

From Costa Rica, Dr. Marr visited Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico. In all these countries, he said, gastroenteritis is a common cause of death. Chagas’ Disease (frequently fatal), fungous diseases, and leprosy were also found throughout the area.

In El Salvador, Dr. Garriques found that malnutrition and some kwashiorkor were prevalent among people whose diet consisted mainly of beans and rice. Many children died of such diseases as diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, and chicken pox, for which there are no effective vaccination programs in rural areas. Nearly everyone, he said, suffered with “some kind of parasite.”

Poisoning by the insecticide parathion is quite common in El Salvador, where the spray is used extensively to control malaria. Dr. Garriques said that he was able to recognize the symptoms of parathion poisoning after reading about it in a copy of *Annals of Internal Medicine* he found in the hospital at San Salvador.

The four young doctors described their tropical experiences to New York Medical College students May 14 at a slide lecture entitled “From Academia to Rural Villages.” Judging from the enthusiastic discussion and questioning which followed the program there appear to be other young physicians from the college who are interested in following in their footsteps.
Volunteer physicians Robert and Carol Master took a three-month elective leave from internships at Metropolitan Hospital Center to treat Biafran children who had been airlifted to Ivory Coast camps.

New hospital in Costa Rica provides health care as part of national program which supplies free milk and vitamins. Elsewhere in Central America, Chagas' Disease, gastroenteritis and leprosy are endemic.
Commencement

Graduating physicians, nurses and basic scientists—numbering 141 in all—heard a distinguished trustee of the college call for a clearer understanding of the roles of students, teachers and the public in the field of education at the 110th Commencement on June 3 at Carnegie Hall.

The commencement address was given by Charles G. Mortimer, one of the nation’s top business and civic leaders, who was president and chairman of General Foods Corporation between 1954 and 1965 and is now chairman of its executive committee.

Mr. Mortimer is also chairman of the Development Committee for the Medical Center in Westchester.

Improved understanding between students, faculty and the public is a necessity, Mr. Mortimer stressed, if we are to achieve campus peace and get on with the business of education.

"Education is comprised of three basic elements—people who want to learn, people who want to teach and people in general who think well of the whole idea; all three are interdependent," he said. "Although the roles of student and faculty are obvious and clearly understood, the third element—the public—is neither widely understood nor appreciated.

"Whether they fulfill their role as taxpayers, on behalf of public institutions, or as philanthropic contributors, as in the case of private schools, it is the people who provide the basic support for education, both morally and financially," he pointed out.

"Without their support, in spirit as well as with money, students couldn’t pursue their learning and teachers would be deprived of an opportunity to follow their high calling," he said. But because those final arbiters—the people—cannot participate en masse in the educational process, he pointed out, they are represented by a board of trustees, or governors . . . whose function is to make broad policy decisions—on financing, on construction, on government relations—and very importantly—on who is going to administer the institution under the policies they have formulated.

"The wise trustee knows that doing his job well involves doing a lot of listening before embarking on a policy decision. He will insist that his institution establish and maintain truly good two-way communication, both with the faculty and with the students.

"It is only by a harmonious combination of these three groups . . . that we can achieve a viable institution, the kind we all want our proposed Medical Center in Westchester to be."
Mr. Mortimer added that members of the Development Committee which he heads were much impressed by the report of progress from the accreditation survey made by the AMA and the Association of Medical Colleges at New York Medical College.

"The faculty strengths and curriculum improvements cited, together with the higher student quality reported, augur well for the ambitious plans we have for the college after its relocation," he said.

"What is being planned is a community-focused medical college and a teaching hospital to serve as the medical education hub for a population of nearly two million. We hope to make this an institution closely linked to the hospitals and to the health and social agencies of our community which will be a showcase model for comprehensive health care, continuing education, and biomedical research in any community.

"The move to Westchester is not going to be easy. It's going to take a lot of doing, including raising the not inconsequential sum of $40 to $50 million from private sources, a task I have been signed up to spearhead and one to which the Development Committee is committed," he continued. "But we committee members are heartened by the fact that we have the support of that indispensable element in the educational process—the people.

"Last November 5, the people of Westchester County, by more than a 4-to-1 vote, approved a $28 million bond issue for the county's share of replacing the present Grasslands Hospital with a $50 million university-type hospital.

"There can be no doubt," he added, "that the temper now is that good medical care and health service will be a right, rather than the privilege they have been. That's the way our people, the final arbiter under our system of government want it. That's the way it's going to be."

Mr. Mortimer probably achieved a "first" in commencement address literature—an opening-line laugh, for after joining in the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, he started his speech by saying—with satisfaction—"Ah, finally—I can say I've sung in Carnegie Hall."

He also expressed the same hope that the late Adlai Stevenson did on a similar occasion some years ago. "My assignment," Mr. Stevenson told the girls at Radcliffe, "is to talk to you awhile and yours is to listen to me. I trust we both finish our work at the same time."

Hippocratic Oath

Dean J. Frederick Eagle then administered the Hippocratic Oath to the graduates. Then, one by one, he presented 10 young women and 97 young men to the Chairman of the Board, Jackson E. Spears, who conferred upon each, amidst applause, the degree of Doctor of Medicine, bringing to 6,498 the number of physicians

Four Deans relax following commencement ceremonies on June 3. Drs. Joseph Bamford, Stephen Rous, Jane Wright, and Mark Peisch at Carnegie Hall.
graduated by the college since its founding in 1860.

Other degrees awarded were: one candidate for the M.S. degree in rehabilitation medicine, presented by Dr. Eagle; seven candidates for Ph.D. degrees and five candidates for M.S. degrees in the basic medical sciences, presented by director of the Graduate School, Dr. Edward J. Reith; twenty candidates for the degree of M.S. in Nursing and one degree for M.S. in Maternal and Newborn Nursing, presented by Dean Frances Reiter of the Graduate School of Nursing.

**Gold Diplomas**

Seven of the 13 remaining members of the class of 1919 attended the ceremony and were presented with golden diplomas by Dr. E. Edward Napp '33, outgoing alumni president. One of them, Dr. J. Clifford Hayner, former chairman of the Department of Anatomy, has been a part of the college almost without interruption since his student days.

**Honorary Degrees**

The Medal of the College and two honorary degrees were conferred on three individuals in recognition of their contributions to nursing education, social service, and basic research. The awardees were Dean Reiter, Ruth Taylor, and Dr. Christian Boehmer Anfinsen.

The awarding of the Medal of the College to Dean Reiter did not appear on the commencement program. It was planned and—remarkably—executed as a surprise to the founder of the Graduate School of Nursing, who retired from her post as dean this year. She was honored by the Board of Trustees for her innovations in nursing practice and education and “exceptional devotion to patient care.”

Miss Taylor, a pioneer in social service and former Commissioner of the Department of Public Welfare of Westchester, received the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. She founded the Child Welfare Department in Westchester and introduced the Mothers’ Allowance program, which became Aid to Dependent Children under the Federal Social Security Laws.

Dr. Anfinsen received the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, for his pioneering research in the field of molecular biology, and his “distinguished contributions to our understanding of fundamental life processes.” Dr. Anfinsen is chief of the Laboratory of Chemical Biology of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, serves as Director of the Research Associate Training Program at the National Institutes of Health, and is a member of the Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel.

Dr. Francis D. Speer was grand marshal of the exercises and Dr. Walter L. Mersheimer '37 led the pro-
Senior honors winners Michael Fitzgerald, Kenneth Scheffels, Mark Rosenblum, and Catherine A. Marley at cocktail party.

cession as mace bearer. Dr. Napp served as marshal of the Class of 1919, Dr. Martin L. Stone, ’44 as marshal of the faculty, Dr. George D. Rook as marshal of the graduating class, and Dr. Rachmiel Levine as marshal of the Board of Trustees.

**Senior Honors**

On the afternoon preceding the commencement, 24 members of the graduating class received special awards during the Senior Honors program.

Allan Jacobs headed the list of outstanding achievers who mounted the stage to receive honors and be congratulated by Dean Eagle and members of the faculty. Dr. Jacobs received the prestigious William Cullen Bryant Award, presented to the graduating student achieving the highest scholastic average and the Samuel Spiegel, M.D., Award for the highest average during four years of medical school. As one of the 15 students previously elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the scholastic honor society, he also received his certificate of membership from the AOA faculty counselor, Dr. Stone.

The Honorable George Link, Jr., vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, who presented the William Cullen Bryant Award, told the audience that Dr. Jacobs’ achievements were all the more noteworthy because he had come late to the vocation of medicine. Dr. Jacobs holds a Master of Science degree from Columbia University Teachers College and a diploma from the Juilliard School of Music.

Roy M. Arkin won the Conrad Engerud Tharaldsen, Ph.D., Award for the graduating student with the second highest average.

Catherine Marie Avery received a citation from the American Medical Women’s Association, awarded to female students who rank in the upper ten percent of the graduating class.

John T. Stangel received the Obstetrical and Gynecological Society Award for a paper on DNA and the human ovary.

Mark L. Rosenblum received the Upjohn Achievement Award for the best demonstration of the application of clinical skills.

The Leonard P. Wershub, M.D., Award went to Frederick W. Grannis, Jr., for outstanding academic achievement and dedication to the ideals of the medical profession.

The Bessie Kaplan Morais Award was given to Joan Horan Bilder for interest and proficiency in scientific investigation.

Judith Friedman received the Stephen P. Jewett, M.D., Award for interest and proficiency in psychiatry; and the B. Edgar Spiegel, M.D., Award for outstanding work in allergy.
The New York Academy of Gastroenterology Award for proficiency in that field went to Michael Platt.

The Radiology Award was given to Marie A. Ferrante.

The Lawrence B. Sloboody, M.D., Award for excellence in pediatrics during the senior year was received by Milton J. Reitman.

The Frank L. Pollack Research Award for outstanding ability in medical research went to Glen Joshpe.

The Award of the Surgical Society of New York Medical College, to be known in the future as the Wilfred F. Ruggiero, M.D., Memorial Award, went to Kenneth P. Scheffels.

Two awards were made for service to the college, the Parents’ Council Award to Michael A. Fitzgerald and the Roche Award to Lester S. Borden.

The Samuel Spiegel, M.D., Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Nicholas F. LaRusso.

Eight students were elected to the college’s service honor society, Cor et Manus: Lester S. Borden, Alton L. Curtis, Bruce A. Eissner, William Etra, Michael A. Fitzgerald, Henry W. Hanff, James M. Nielsen, and Richard J. Scotti.

The dedication of Fleur-o-Scope, the yearbook, was announced by co-editors William Etra and Henry Hanff.

In the opinion of the seniors, the man most deserving of this honor was Dr. George D. Rook, associate professor of pediatrics. They cited his devotion to teaching “the art of medicine . . . his kindness and empathy . . . his patience and human understanding.”

The Senior Honors program closed with the announcement by Dr. Napp of gifts from the alumni to the graduates. Each graduate will receive a copy of the portrait of Dr. Leonard Paul Wershub which was dedicated earlier in Hetrick Hall, and a copy of Dr. Wershub’s book, published after his death in January, Urology from Antiquity to the Twentieth Century.

A cocktail party and reception in Hetrick Hall followed the ceremony.
Alumni Day

The late Dr. Leonard Paul Wershub was honored at the unveiling of his portrait and a memorial plaque on Alumni Day. Mrs. Wershub and son, Mr. Stuart Wershub, in college foyer, heard Dr. Wershub lauded by Drs. Eagle, Wright and Napp.

Memorial Plaque Unveiled

Alumni Day was the occasion to honor a former Alumni Association president, the late Dr. Leonard Paul Wershub, whose portrait and memorial plaque were unveiled in the college foyer.

Dr. J. Frederick Eagle spoke of Dr. Wershub as “an outstanding physician who achieved high distinction in his chosen field, adding honor to our college, whose memory will long be an inspiration.”

Dr. Jane C. Wright, associate dean, told the assembly, which included Dr. Wershub’s widow and son, Stuart, “I was fortunate to have known Dr. Wershub as his pupil, fellow alumnus and, later, as a colleague.” She told those gathered that Dr. Wershub, a medical historian, had an eye for detail which served him well as a teacher.

Dr. Edward Napp spoke of Dr. Wershub as a man who “filled his lifetime with deeds, not inactive years.” Dr. Wershub, he told the assembled guests, was a dedicated historian, prolific author, devoted alumnus, and eager archivist, who used all his powers for the pursuit of his medical career in all its ramifications.

Alumni Banquet

“My efforts are not hard work—they are a labor of love,” said Dr. E. Edward Napp, outgoing President of the Alumni Association at the annual banquet held at the Plaza on the evening of June 2. Dr. Napp’s efforts may not have seemed difficult to him but they certainly have been effective for the college and the alumni—and his work deservedly won him a coveted alumni medal. In presenting the medal to him Dr. Lawrence B. Slobody summed up the man and his contributions, “Ed Napp symbolizes the college,” he said, “He was a true war hero; the ‘fightingest doctor the Marines ever had, but he represents unity. He’s interested not in groups versus one another but in the college family, with everyone working together to make New York Medical College the greatest—and not being satisfied until we reach the very top.”

Two other outstanding alumni were chosen for the distinction “alumni of the year,” Dr. John Abajian ’37 and Dr. Saul A. Schwartz ’30. Dr. Abajian, attending anesthesiologist and Chief of Service at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, was honored for his outstanding work in the field of anesthesiology, and in response told his fellow alumni that he had come “to take the opportunity to tell what the medical school has done for me. The motivation I received when I was here can be seen by the number of anesthesiologists who have come out of this college.” The citation to Dr. Abajian commended

Dr. George R. Nagamatsu ’34, chairman of Urology Department, enters banquet with Mrs. Nagamatsu and Dr. David Lehr (Associate Member), chairman of the Pharmacology Department.
his outstanding work both as a creative scientist and as an inspired teacher and pointed to his exceptionally inventive and innovative research.

Dr. Schwartz, well known to all the alumni as the zealous and dynamic chairman of the annual fund, was cited for his extraordinary devotion as head of the alumni fund over a period of fourteen years. Dr. Schwartz, pointing out that next year will be his fortieth reunion, said that he had always had great confidence in the college and a conscience about raising funds for an institution devoted to human welfare. “Nothing can be more relevant,” said Dr. Schwartz, “than giving to the source of our medical education.”

The awarding of the alumni medals climaxed the banquet—and the banquet climaxed a day of joyful reunion, scientific exchange, moving tributes, and the genuine warmth and good fellowship that is felt when old friends get together. All the alumni and the members of their families who accompanied them had a wonderful time, and not the least by any means was the time had by the classes of '44 and '19. The spirit of those classes set the tone for a great party and all who were present went home refreshed and renewed by a special experience—homecoming to their medical alma mater.

Scientific Program

“The Pill in its Perspective” was the theme of the scientific session which opened the Alumni Day Program.

Dr. Martin L. Stone, professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, presided at the meeting, which was attended by alumni from all sections of the United States.

The diagnosis, symptoms, and treatment of pulmonary embolism, a condition sometimes attributed to the pill, were discussed by Dr. John G. Weg '59, assistant professor of medicine at Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, Texas.

Dr. Weg stated that although a cause and effect relationship has not been established between the use of oral contraceptives and occurrence of pulmonary emboli, the suggestion of such a linkage has led to a “high index of clinical suspicion” in the treatment of thromboembolic manifestations.

Dr. Weg suggested that physicians borrow from modern computer technology and “program” themselves to recognize such symptoms of emboli as dyspnea, cough, and pleural pain. The presence of any of these would then indicate the need for “subprograms” of study.

Whereas he labeled general laboratory procedures as of little or no value in diagnosing pulmonary emboli, he believes that electrocardiograms and pulmonary function studies are helpful, though not definitive. Increased
emphasis on diagnosing pulmonary emboli has led to the use of lung scans and pulmonary angiography. The latter, Dr. Weg suggested, are more useful for spotting major emboli.

Dr. Richard Mahler (also '59), assistant professor of medicine at NYMC, was the second speaker. He discussed changes in glucose and carbohydrate metabolism and their possible relationship to the pill. In borderline diabetics oral progestogens can prevent a return to normal glucose tolerance, Dr. Mahler explained, and in some cases the prediabetics may become increasingly resistant to insulin. The crucial question, in Dr. Mahler’s opinion, is whether a latent or pre-diabetes can thus be “triggered.”

Another of the morning’s participants was Dr. Ronald Pion '56, associate professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Dr. Pion’s topic was “What Form Contraception?”

“Approximately four in 100,000 women on the pill develop emboli after the age of 35,” he told the audience. “There are therefore some deaths which may be directly attributable to the pill.”

It is Dr. Pion’s firm opinion that no woman over 35 who has all the children she wants should be kept on oral contraception. Physicians should not indulge their desires to conduct research on long-term effects with the pill, he warned, and recommended that women over 35 should be offered alternative methods of contraception or voluntary sterilization.

Most babies are still conceived by “accident,” Dr. Pion said, and blamed his specialty for not being aggressive enough about family planning, which should be a cooperative venture of the obstetrician and the family. He also advocated referring patients with unwanted pregnancies to jurisdictions with liberal abortion laws and working for change in the laws in one’s own state.

In the discussion that followed, Dr. Rachmiel Levine, professor of medicine at NYMC, told the meeting that, “multiple pregnancies can, in some cases, be just as harmful as the pill.” In Dr. Levine’s opinion, the important consideration in administering oral progestogens to diabetics or prediabetics should be whether the progestogens might exacerbate the degenerative disease of the retina that often accompanies diabetes.

Dr. Elizabeth Connell, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at NYMC, urged that the “mini-pill” be considered as an alternative to regular dosage, since the lowered dosage greatly lessens most side effects.

The consensus of the meeting seemed to be that the ideal method of contraception has not yet been devised.
Dr. Marguerite E. Kakosh has been appointed dean of the Graduate School of Nursing. Dr. Kakosh, associate dean of the school, succeeds Frances Reiter, who has retired.

Dr. Kakosh came to NYMC as professor of nursing in 1961 at the time Dean Reiter was formulating plans with the Board of Trustees for the establishment of a unique school of nursing for college graduates. A former colleague of Miss Reiter at Teachers College, Columbia University, she worked with her toward the development of the Graduate School of Nursing, which is still the only school of its kind in the country.

In 1961 she created the Committee on Admissions, Promotions, and Scholarships and has been its chairman since its inception. The number of applications has risen from seven to 92 in seven years. In 1964 she became assistant dean and in 1968, associate dean.

Dean Kakosh earned her diploma from the Hackensack School of Nursing, New Jersey, and immediately went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for clinical practice and study. She then came to New York City, earning the B.S., M.A., and D.Ed. degrees from Teachers College, while teaching in the Division of Nursing Education and working as a nurse practitioner.

In addition to her research with the Russell Sage Foundation, the Veterans Administration, and Rutgers—the State University of New Jersey, she has taught at the Massachusetts General Hospital, the University of Maryland, the University of Massachusetts, and Catholic University in Washington, D.C. From 1958 until she came to the Graduate School of Nursing, Dr. Kakosh was assistant professor at Rutgers University School of Nursing.

Consultant, author of many papers and keynote speaker at many conferences, Dr. Kakosh is a member of the American Nurses' Association, the National League for Nursing, the New Jersey State Nurses' Association, and the honorary educational societies Pi Lambda Theta and Kappa Delta Pi.
Alumni in the News

Dr. Mattia Honored at Dual Ceremony

Dr. Virginius Dante Mattia '50, president of Hoffman-La Roche, Inc., and an alumnus of New York Medical College, was twice honored in one evening for his service to humanity.

He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from New York Medical College at a convocation following the 1969 B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on May 7.

Well known for his many innovations in management as well as research, Dr. Mattia exemplifies the new breed of industrialist and corporate executive who believes that social consciousness and civic involvement are inseparable from good business.

At Hoffman-La Roche, Inc., one of the world's major pharmaceutical corporations, he has introduced personnel programs which insure greater employment opportunities for the socially and economically disadvantaged, the handicapped, and the hard core unemployed.

A physician who has devoted many years to research, Dr. Mattia is responsible for the establishment of the Roche Institute of Molecular Biology, a ten million dollar facility now under construction in Nutley, N.J.

He was recently appointed by President Nixon as a Metropolitan Chairman of the National Alliance of Business Men. In 1967 he was appointed by Governor Hughes to the New Jersey State Board of Higher Education. He is Chairman of the Rutgers Medical School Advisory Board and was formerly a member of the Board of Trustees of New York Medical College.

Dr. Mattia received the B'nai B'rith award "in grateful recognition of . . . service to humanity . . . personal beneficence . . . leadership in causes which promote brotherhood, advance scientific achievement and nurture educational and cultural well-being of the youth of America."

After he received this award, the honorary degree was presented. The citation read in part, "As the world honors one of our most eminent alumni for humanitarianism, New York Medical College joins in the tribute.

"Virginius Dante Mattia, your humanitarianism is the mark of the doctor; your insights and inspirations are those of the scientist. Your vision and your efforts have helped to create a new and greatly needed school of medicine at your undergraduate alma mater, Rutgers University. Your wisdom and guidance have aided the Trustees of your medical alma mater, New York Medical College. You have brought the humanity of medicine and the discipline of science into industry to the lasting benefit of our community. . . . You have demonstrated in action how to honor the dignity of man, the oneness of man, his rights, his needs, his aspirations."

Alumnus Appointed Trustee

Dr. Dallas E. Billman '44, director of health and safety at the Corning Glass Works in Corning, New York, has been appointed a trustee of the college, according to an announcement by Jackson E. Spears, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Billman received the B.S. degree from Rutgers University in 1940. From 1946 to 1955 he remained on active duty with the United States Navy Medical Department, serving a residency in internal medicine at the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, from 1947 to 1950. He received certification from the Board of Internal Medicine in 1950.

In 1955 Dr. Billman joined the medical department of Kodak Corp., Rochester, New York, and moved to his present position at Corning Glass the following year.

A member of many professional organizations, Dr. Billman serves as chairman of the Mental Health Committee and of the Industrial Health Committee of the Steuben County Medical Society, as chairman of the Council Committee on Occupational Health of the Medical Society of the State of New York, and on the Board of Directors of Corning Hospital.

He holds additional memberships in the American Academy of Occupational Medicine, the Rehabilitation Committee of the New York State Heart Assembly, the Rochester Regional Health and Hospital Council, and the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

Test Predicts Therapy for Addicts

NYMC psychiatrists have developed a means of predicting which narcotics addicts are likely to do well under cyclazocine and which under methadone therapy.

Both drugs have been under intensive study at the college. Methadone is a narcotic substitute for heroin which satisfies the addict's craving but allows him to function normally. Cyclazocine, a non-narcotic drug, blocks the action of heroin.

The investigators' findings were reported recently in a paper read by Dr. Richard B. Resnick before the 125th annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in Bal Harbor, Florida. The paper was entitled "A Cyclazocine Typology in Opiate Dependence."

Dr. Resnick, assistant professor of psychiatry at NYMC, was joined in the study involving 31 male addicts by Dr. Max Fink, professor of psychiatry, and Dr. Alfred M. Freedman, chairman of the department. Dr. Resnick stated that some of their patients have successfully continued cyclazocine treatment for as long as three years. Previous clinical trials, he pointed out, have been too short for adequate evaluation of cyclazocine therapy.

A questionnaire technique indicates which drug would be most helpful in a given case. The questionnaire al-
allows the investigators to classify opiate dependent subjects according to their appreciation of the role opiates play in their daily lives.

“Many patients view heroin as reducing anger, tension, and disappointments, and increasing their ability to work or study, to relate to others and to express themselves,” says Dr. Resnick. “These subjects respond well to treatment with methadone. Perhaps this group of addicts is in a state of self-induced metabolic deficiency, and therefore a narcotic substitute such as methadone would permit them to behave in a more normal fashion.

“Another group of patients utilize heroin as part of social interaction, despite their realization that they are not aided in functioning. For these subjects, the heroin antagonistic capacity of cyclazocine, which is a non-narcotic drug, may yield optimal results.”

The investigators found that the patients in the cyclazocine program who were most likely to succeed were those who had a continuing relationship with a woman, either a wife or a girl friend. Dr. Resnick says that such patients “have a ten times greater likelihood of successful outcome.”

Observing this, the investigators gave the women the task of seeing that the men took cyclazocine regularly. This prevented the addicts from reducing the dosage so that they could “get high” just for a day and perhaps slip back to regular use of heroin.

One of the advantages of cyclazocine, which was developed by Sterling-Winthrop Laboratories, is that it is possible to bring the detoxified patient up to the dosage necessary to block the effects of heroin relatively quickly. Dr. Resnick says that he has developed a new technique whereby the daily dose can be increased to the necessary four milligrams within four days. Six weeks are needed for induction on methadone.

Dr. Resnick also reports that there is a remarkably high rate of employment for those patients using cyclazocine; of the 14 who have remained in the program, 13 are employed.

The patients were treated at Metropolitan Hospital Center, where the Department of Psychiatry maintains a 25-bed psychopharmacological unit.

The cyclazocine program is aided, in part, by the New York State Narcotic Control Commission and the National Institutes of Mental Health, USPHS.

**NYMC Resident Volunteers in Danang**

Christopher Maloney ’63 served in Vietnam last winter as the only general surgeon at the Danang Surgical Hospital. He describes his experience as “probably the most worthwhile two months of my life.”

Dr. Maloney went to Vietnam as part of the Volunteer Physicians for Vietnam (VPVN), an organization of the AMA. His trip was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development, which also built the Danang Surgical Hospital.

Dr. Maloney, who received the Combat Medical Badge from the U.S. Army while he was serving in Vietnam in 1966-1967, found the Vietnamese personnel, both physicians and nurses, “quite well trained.”

“Our purpose was to help the Vietnamese in setting up their surgical service, so that at some future date they will be able to operate the department without United States involvement,” Dr. Maloney says.

There is an acute shortage of physicians. What physicians there are are in the army and busy treating casualties in the field, says Dr. Maloney.

The only barrier, according to Dr. Maloney, is one of language. Some knowledge of French is definitely an asset for any work in Vietnam, he explains.

On his second trip to Vietnam, Dr. Maloney, himself a civilian, treated only civilians. Approximately 40 to 50 per cent of all patients treated at the 700-bed Danang Hospital were casualties of the war.

Besides fractures, lacerations, and gunshot wounds, he treated many civilians for diseases which have been almost eradicated in the U.S. “I saw quite a few cases of plague and perforated intestines due to advanced typhoid,” says Dr. Maloney.

“The patients come from a large area to Danang, a city of 200,000 people,” he says. “We had not only war injuries, but all other surgical diseases, infectious, neoplastic, and congenital. Tuberculosis and infectious diseases are a problem. In addition, many patients come to the hospital with advanced cancers, and neurological and orthopedic problems.”

The patients come to the hospital either on their own, accompanied by their family, or medically evacuated by the U.S. Armed Forces helicopters.

Dr. Maloney left New York City October 1, 1968, and flew to Danang via Anchorage, Hong Kong, and Saigon, where the initial briefings were conducted.

“Our living quarters in Danang were right at the hospital, and were most comfortable. We all had private air conditioned rooms, and ate meals at the nearby military compound,” he explained.

Dr. Maloney served his internship at Lenox Hill Hospital. He intends to specialize in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery upon the completion of his residency.
Alumni leaders were among those attending the 1969 Annual Fund kick-off meeting May 14, 1969, called by the fund’s general chairman, Keith M. Urmy, who also is chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the college. At the meeting, Mr. Urmy announced a fund goal of $235,000 for this year. The goal is 50 per cent above the amount subscribed in 1968.

Mr. Urmy reviewed the significant and substantial academic improvements the college has made in recent years. He pointed out that this progress was documented by the recent survey report of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and the Executive Council of the Association of American Medical Colleges, which said that New York Medical College is "a far stronger institution" in 1969 than it was in 1963, when the last survey was made. "The college will continue to honor its commitment to high quality education, research, and patient care," he said, "a commitment which makes additional operating income imperative."

To meet the $235,000 goal, larger gifts from donors—trustees, alumni, administrative leaders, faculty members, parents, ex-patients and others—will be required. Also required will be the contributions of many new donors.

Leading the Alumni Division of the Annual Fund for the eighth consecutive year is Dr. Saul A. Schwartz ’30, who was a recipient of the Alumni Medal at the alumni banquet in June. Serving with Dr. Schwartz in the Alumni Division are Drs. Pincus A. Stahl ’21, Abraham P. Matusow ’26, Irwin I. Lubowe ’30, Benjamin J. Rosenthal ’30, Harry Barowsky ’31, Julius J. Ferayorni ’31, Henry Gaynin ’31, Elizabeth Wilen ’31, Louis H. Gold ’32, Frank J. Borelli ’33, Joseph Fisher ’33, Louis J. Feit ’34, David Dragutsky ’37, Walter L. Mersheimer ’37, Irving S. Shiner ’37, Bernard Rothbard ’39.

Wilfred F. Ruggiero, 1906-1969

Dr. Wilfred F. Ruggiero, a member of the faculty of New York Medical College for 23 years and chief of the Surgical Service at Metropolitan Hospital Center since 1967, died there on May 27, after a heart attack. He was 62 years old. A warm and ebullient man, full of humor and compassion, Dr. Ruggiero left behind a deeply shocked and sorrowing group of colleagues and friends.

At the time of his death, Dr. Ruggiero was also professor of surgery at New York Medical College, attending surgeon at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, and visiting surgeon at Metropolitan and Bird S. Coler Memorial Hospital and Home.

Dr. Ruggiero received the B.S. degree from New York University in 1929 and the M.D. degree from NYU School of Medicine in 1932. He interned at Bellevue Hospital from 1932-34 and taught at NYU until 1941.

During the years 1941-46 Dr. Ruggiero served as a major in the U.S. Army and was in command of the 29th Portable Surgical Hospital, Okinawa.

Following the war years, Dr. Ruggiero was clinical associate professor of surgery at New York Medical College, assistant visiting surgeon at Goldwater Memorial Hospital, NYU Division, and associate visiting surgeon at the City Hospital of New York and Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals.

Dr. Ruggiero was a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the New York Academy of Medicine, and the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma. He belonged to Sigma Xi and was a member of the Harvey Society, the American Medical Association, and the New York Society for Cardiovascular Surgery.

The entire staff of New York Medical College and the three hospitals mourn the untimely passing of a fine surgeon whose influence on his colleagues was well expressed in a eulogy delivered by his brother. He called Dr. Ruggiero a man “imbued with an insatiable curiosity concerning all phases of life and the culture of man . . . blessed with unique talents embracing both science and art. . . .”

He described his brother as a physician who was intensely dedicated to the integrity of his profession and one who imposed “a vital and lasting impact on all whom he encountered. With a deep sense of humility, he believed in the uniqueness of the individual, the dignity and freedom of man.”

Dr. Ruggiero is survived by his wife, Myrtie Botsford Ruggiero, and by his daughter, Alice Pasquala. Mrs. Ruggiero expressed the wish that friends wanting to send gifts should make their contribution c/o the Department of Surgery, to the Wilfred F. Ruggiero, M.D., Memorial Fund-New York Medical College, which was established to receive such tributes.

The Chironian records with sorrow the death of the following alumni during the year May, 1968—May, 1969.

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Dr. Denker Resigns

Dr. David Denker has resigned as president of the college, effective August 1, to return to his chosen field. In a letter to Jackson E. Spears, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Denker said in part:

"I feel that it is now time for me to return to the pattern and focus of a discipline which was the one of my personal self-election. As a historian, a scholar with an interest in the society of his time and a commitment to the professional dimensions of his own discipline, I feel that I must now return to my chosen field."

In accepting Dr. Denker's resignation, Mr. Spears expressed his appreciation for the contributions he had made and conveyed his good wishes "for the bright future I know lies ahead of you."

The full text of the exchange of letters has been distributed to the New York Medical College family.

Surgical Society Meets

Three alumni were among the speakers at the Sixth Annual Scientific Session of the Surgical Society of New York Medical College, held April 25 in the college auditorium. The large audience heard brief reports on a variety of surgical procedures presented by members of the Department of Surgery.

The speakers and their topics were:

- Dr. Ciro Armellini, assistant professor, "The Use of Fluorescein for Determining the Site for Internal Mammary Artery Implantation."
- Dr. Sylvester J. Carter, clinical associate professor, "Treatment of Cystic Disease of the Hand."
- Dr. James T. Drew, instructor, "Congenital Pyloric Atresia."
- Dr. Kirk K. Kazarian '61, instructor, "Management of 404 Stab Wounds of the Abdomen."
- Dr. William G. Krech, clinical assistant professor, "Skin Flaps About the Head and Neck."
- Dr. Arthur A. Michele '35, professor and chairman, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, "Cervical Brachial Pain."
- Dr. Stanley Taub '57, clinical instructor, "The Development of a Prosthetic Larynx."
- Dr. Enzo V. DiGiacomo '65, resident in surgery, is president of the Surgical Society. Dr. Francis S. Reilly '58, instructor, served as chairman of the meeting.

College Charter Amended

The Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York amended the charter of New York Medical College—Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, on June 27, 1969, thus granting the Graduate School broad powers to award Ph.D. degrees. Prior to this amendment, the authority to grant the Ph.D. degree was based on approval of individual departmental programs.

In May, a site visit team inspected the Graduate School on behalf of the State Education Department and recommended approval of the college's petition for charter amendments, reporting that "significant progress has been made in the establishment of an administrative structure and in the development of guidelines for the operation of an effective graduate program leading to the Ph.D. degree."

Dr. Edward J. Reith, director of the Graduate School, reports that it is not only approved for all of its degree programs but more important for the growth of the school, it now has charter provision to initiate programs.

The team report includes praises for Dr. Reith for his role in organizing the school and favorable comments on the facilities available to graduate students. "The laboratories are well equipped," the report says; "there is no appearance of crowding, and there is a general air of orderliness, activity, and well being."

The report terms the faculty of the Graduate School good but recommends further strengthening in specific areas. The need for further integration of the departments of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Pathology, Pharmacology, and Physiology into a unified graduate school was also noted.

The table of organization and by-laws of the Graduate School (now the basis for its operation) were approved by the Board of Trustees of the college in February, which Dr. Reith says, assures a stronger and more dynamic graduate program.

"The presence of a graduate school that is solid in the medical sciences," Mr. Spears said recently, "not only assures a stimulating intellectual climate for those engaged in research and in the M.S. and Ph.D. programs, but also assures that the medical school will be able to provide the high quality training in the basic sciences that is essential to a good medical education. Dean Eagle and I are very pleased with the progress the Graduate School is making."
Faculty Committee Appointments

The Board of Trustees of the college, at its July meeting, appointed faculty members to serve on five of its committees. Drs. Robert Goldstein and Johannes A. G. Rhodin were assigned to the Finance Committee, Drs. David Spiro and Gabor Kaley to the Nominations Committee, Drs. Walter L. Mersheimer '37 and Saverio Bentivegna '50 to the Planning and Development Committee, Drs. Martin L. Stone '44 and Isidore Danishefsky to the Academic Committee, and Drs. David Schwimmer and Richard M. Friedenberg to the Medical and Hospital Committee.

Faculty Member Awarded Markle Scholarship

The only Markle Scholarship in Academic Medicine awarded in New York State this year went to a member of our faculty, Dr. Thomas S. Cottrell of the Department of Pathology. Twenty-four other scientists in the United States have also been appointed Markle scholars.

A specialist in electron microscopy, Dr. Cottrell is investigating chronic lung disease. His studies focus primarily on the physiological and biochemical responses of the pulmonary tissue to injury.

At NYMC Surgical Society's Sixth Annual Meeting, Catherine Avery Marley '69 chats with Robert Sherman '68 (then an intern) during the coffee break.

Dr. Stanley Taub, clinical instructor, and Dr. Ian C. Cree, associate professor of surgery, compare notes at Surgical Society scientific session, April 25.

The John and Mary R. Markle Foundation of New York, which since 1948 has made grants to support outstanding young medical school teachers who are also researchers, awards a total of $30,000 over a five-year period to each medical school that has a recipient on its faculty. The scholarship is intended “to supplement salary, aid research, or otherwise assist in the development of the scholar as teacher, investigator, or administrator.”

The Markle Foundation was established in 1927 by the late John Markle, a Pennsylvania coal operator, “to promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge . . . and the general good of mankind.” The Scholars in Academic Medicine Program is now the chief interest of the fund, and during the 22 years of the program the Foundation has made appropriations of over $15,000,000 toward support of more than 500 scholars in 91 medical schools.

Dr. Cottrell joined the faculty of New York Medical College in 1968, after completing his internship and residency in pathology at Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital. He graduated from Brown University in 1955 with an A.B. in English and American Literature, and taught at a New England preparatory school.

Dr. Cottrell served as a lieutenant on active duty in the Naval Reserve, and during this period decided to enter the field of academic medicine. He received the M.D. Degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in 1965 and served his internship and residency as a NIH training fellow.
NYMC Graduates will Serve Internships from New York to Hawaii

One hundred and seven students, including 10 women, graduated from NYMC in June. A complete list of their internship appointments appears below.

Lynn Merlin Ackerman, Lenox Hill Hospital, New York, New York
Joseph Thomas Andronaco, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pennsylvania
Michael Richard Antopol, Letterman General Hospital (Army Medical Service Hospital), San Francisco, California
Herbert Michael Archer, Nassau Hospital, Mineola, New York
Roy Marc Arkin, Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio
William Brenton Arnold, New York Medical College
Robert John Belsole, Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio
Arnold Bernstein, Brookdale Hospital Center, Brooklyn, New York
Michael Louis Bernstein, George Washington University Hospital, Washington, D.C.
Daniel Berson, Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York
David Billings, Memorial Hospital, New York, New York
Edward Jeffrey Bloch, Nassau Hospital, Mineola, New York
Lester Stuart Borden, St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, New York
Gerald John Campana, New York Medical College
Francis Edward Cangemi, New York Medical College
Richard Michael Carlton, Lenox Hill Hospital, New York, New York
Jonathan Zachary Charney, Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas
Paul Victor Conescu, Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York
Michael Daniel Cooper, Brookdale Hospital Center, Brooklyn, New York
Alfred Thomas Cuilliford III, University of Cincinnati Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio
Alton Lincoln Curtis, Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C.
Richard Milton Davis, New York Medical College
Joseph Anthony DeFilippi, St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, New York
Robert DeLuca, New York Medical College
Rory Owen Dolan, New York Medical College
Stuart Michael DuBoff, New York Medical College
Neil Harvey Edison, Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York
Malcolm Eiselman, Albert Einstein Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Bruce Allyn Eissner, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
Harvey Barry Etess, Long Island Jewish Hospital, New Hyde Park, New York
William Etra, Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York
Marie Antoinette Ferrante, Brookdale Hospital Center, Brooklyn, New York
Michael Anthony FitzGerald, Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, Rochester, Minn.
Ronald Stuart Fleischmann, New York Medical College
Raymond Ira Fodor, St. Francis Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii
Judith Rose Friedman, New York Medical College
Ronald Gade, Brookdale Hospital Center, Brooklyn, New York
Ian Lloyd Garriques, Jr., New York Medical College
Lynn Carol Glasser, Mount Zion Hospital, San Francisco, California
Mark Howard Glasser, New York Medical College
David Alan Gluck, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara, California
Charles Peter Goodnough, Medical Center, Burlington, Vermont
Frederic Winslow Grannis, Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, Rochester, Minn.
Nicholas Michael Gualtieri, Staten Island Hospital, Staten Island, New York
Henry William Hanfl, Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, Florida
Michael Rinehart Henderson, Brookdale Hospital Center, Brooklyn, New York
David Arnold Herz, Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, The Bronx, New York
Robert Allen Herzlinger, New York Medical College
Stephen Herbert Hirsch, Long Island Jewish Hospital, New Hyde Park, New York
Richard Norman Hirsh, Staten Island Jewish Hospital, Staten Island, New York
Kenneth Richard Hodor, Hospital for Joint Diseases, New York, New York
Peter Marc Holland, Montefiore Hospital, The Bronx, New York
George Murray Hollenberg, Presbyterian Hospital, New York, New York
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Daniel Peter Kulick, New York Medical College
Nicholas Francis LaRusso, New York Medical College
Philip Michael Lascelle, William Beaumont General Hospital (Army Medical Service Hospital), El Paso, Texas
Edward James Leary, University Hospitals, Madison, Wisconsin
Bruce Alan Lippitt, Hospital for Joint Diseases, New York, New York
Richard John Macchia, New York Medical College
Allan Edward Mallinger, Memorial Hospital of Long Beach, Long Beach, Calif.
Charles Arthur Mango, North Shore Memorial Hospital, Manhasset, New York
Richard Benedict Manis, New York Medical College
Eugene Harry Markham, Staten Island Hospital, Staten Island, New York
Catherine Avery Marley, New York Medical College
Richard Eugene Memoli, New York Medical College
Robert Michael Merrick, St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, New York
Phyllis Louise Michele, Madigan General Hospital (Army Medical Service Hospital), Tacoma, Washington
Marguerite Therese Moran, University Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland
Frances Ann Moson, New York Medical College
Francis Daniel Murphy, Washington Hospital, Washington, D.C.
James McHenry Nielsen, Madigan General Hospital (Army Medical Service Hospital), Tacoma, Washington
Dennis Michael Nugent, New York Medical College
Peter Nussbaum, New York Medical College
Viesturs Teodors Petersons, Los Angeles County General Hospital, Los Angeles, California
Francis Joseph Pizzi, North Shore Memorial Hospital, Manhasset, New York
Michael Edward Platt, Washington Hospital, Washington, D.C.
Dominic Anthony Pompa, New York Medical College
Joseph Ramieri, Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York
Milton Jesse Reitman, New York Medical College
Robert Kent Rosenberg, Bellevue Hospital, New York, New York
Mark Lester Rosenblum, University of Michigan Affiliated Hospitals, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Warren Nathan Rosenfeld, Montefiore Hospital, The Bronx, New York
Stewart Ruston, Jr., Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona
Charles Anthony Ruvo, New York Medical College
Meri Schachter, Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York
Sylven Leonard Schaffer, New York Medical College
Kenneth Paul Scheffels, New York Medical College
Robert Schneider, New York Medical College
Michael Barry Schoenwald, Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York
Frank Eliot Schumacher, New York Medical College
Richard Joseph Scotti, Highland General Hospital, Oakland, California
Ronald Allen Shugar, Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York
Frederick Warren Silverman, Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, The Bronx, New York
Garry Stephen Sklar, William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Michigan
John Jeffrey Stangel, Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York
Michael George Tartell, Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York
Anthony Francis Villamena, New York Medical College
Noel Malcolm Wiederhorn, New York Medical College
Leonard Allan Zimmerman, New York Medical College
Christ Louis Zois, New York Medical College
1906

Rupert S. Day is spending his retirement in New Milford, Conn. The weekly “New Milford Advertiser” recently paid tribute to him during National Hospital Week for his efforts in having brought the New Milford Hospital into being in 1921, and for providing “his own inexhaustible tenacity and medical know-how to make the fledgling enterprise succeed.”

1930

Henry L. Wollenwebber has become the director of Hemex Center in Baltimore, a medical group providing health examinations and multiphasic screening tests.

1932

Simon Dack, associate clinical professor of medicine (cardiology) has been named a Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. Dr. Dack is the fourth person in the 20-year history of the College of Cardiology to be so honored.

The Distinguished Fellowship Award, the highest honor that can be conferred by the Board of Trustees of the American College of Cardiology on one of its Fellows, is reserved “for the individual who, in his full commitment to the college, has contributed much to its aims and objectives.”

1934

George R. Nagamatsu, professor and chairman of the Department of Urology of New York Medical College, participated in an international panel at the University of Barcelona in May, where he spoke on “Chronic vaginal irritation in the female—new studies,” and “Renal pathology and electron microscopy—clinical correlation.” In April he spoke on “Cryo-surgery for bladder tumor,” discussed his “Nagamatsu incision” for kidney exploration, and was a panelist in a discussion on prostatic cancer at the 15th Annual Urology Seminar of the University of Missouri-Columbia Medical Center.

1935

Sidney A. Beckwith, who retired from active practice in Stockbridge, Michigan on June 30, has suggested that New York Medical College Alumni ought to be known as “The Flower Children.”

1941

Edward M. Coe is the new president of the Union County Medical Society, and is serving on the board of directors and the executive committee of Group Health Insurance, Inc. of New Jersey and on the medicine committee of the Hospital and Health Council of Metropolitan New Jersey. He is living in Cranford, N.J.

1943

Anthony N. Fazio is commander of the 34th Medical Service Unit at the New York Naval Air Station in Brooklyn and recently participated in the 40th Annual Aerospace Medical Association symposium in San Francisco. He is a colonel in the Air Force Reserve and director of anesthesiology at Brooklyn Hospital, residing in New Hyde Park, N.Y.

Walter Lehmann is living in Wilton, Connecticut and is consultant to St. John’s School for Boys in Deep River, Manresa Retreat House in Ridgefield, and “Renaissance,” a drug addiction treatment project. In May he spoke on drug abuse at an in-service program of Catholic school teachers and administrators held in Ridgefield.

1944

Leon J. Dwulet was appointed chief of surgery at Point Pleasant Hospital, Point Pleasant, New Jersey, where he is also the physician for the Police Department and the schools.

Martin L. Stone, the newly elected president of the Alumni Association, has also been elected president of the combined Medical Board of Metropolitan and Bird S. Coler hospitals for the year 1969-1970. An interview with Dr. Stone appears on pages 4 and 5 of this issue of Chironian.
Harry Kerrigan Jr. was elected president of the Lawrence Hospital Medical Board. He has served as director of the anesthesiology department of the Bronxville, N.Y. hospital since 1950, and lives in Yonkers.

Robert Wilson Ballard was appointed a clinical assistant in the Department of General Practice of Vassar Hospital in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

James Lynch is resident psychiatrist at the Central Islip State Hospital. He was recently among the principal speakers at a seminar on alcoholism and narcotics presented by the Schenectady Division of NAPNES State Licensed Practical Nurse Association.

Laura G. Morgan is busy with her pediatrics practice in Stamford, Connecticut and her 25-room house in Old Greenwich. She has been a consultant to the New York City Health Department Bureau of Maternal Health and Family Planning for the last 15 years, and looks forward to exchanging greetings with classmates at state meetings in Hartford.

Franklin S. Alcorn was made a fellow of the American College of Radiology at its annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia in February. He is on staff at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago, and lives in Wheaton, Ill.

Frank S. Flor sends regards from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania where he has been chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of St. Luke's Hospital and director of its residency program since 1964. He has five children.

Frederick MacDowell, Jr. was appointed director of surgery for St. Francis Hospital in Dutchess County, N.Y. He lives in Salt Point with his wife, Courtney, and is on the staff of nine other hospitals in the area.

Robert E. Willner is engaged in group practice in North Miami Beach, Florida, is on the Executive Board of the Florida Academy of General Practice, and is President of the Dade County Academy of General Practice.

John F. McDermott is leaving Ann Arbor, Michigan, in July to become professor and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Hawaii School of Medicine in Honolulu.

Martin L. Norton is associate professor in the Department of Anesthesiology of Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, where he is also a candidate for a Master of Medical Jurisprudence in the School of Law. He has developed a seminar course for an integrated program of the two professional schools. He also presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan State Society of Anesthesiologists.

John M. Davis is a member of the board of the New York State Tuberculosis-Respiratory Diseases Association. He is chief of medical service at Meyers Community Hospital and on the staff of Seneca Falls Hospital, Newark State School and Lyons Community Hospital.

Joseph Macy is a practicing radiologist in Garden City and Rockville Center, New York, and attending radiologist at Mercy Hospital in Rockville Center. He was chairman of the third annual dinner of the Friendly Sons of Mercy Hospital in March.

Ronald Pion spoke on community family planning education at the scientific session on Human Sexuality of the A.M.A.'s annual convention in July.

David Werdegar was named "Distinguished Teacher of the Year" by the Academic Senate of the University of California San Francisco Medical Center. The award recognized his "unique contribution" as a professor of community medicine during his first five years of full-time service.

William M. Donnelly, Jr. has returned from Berlin, where he served in the U.S. Army as chief of obstetrics and gynecology for three years. He has begun to practice in Truckee and Tahoe City, California and in March was appointed to the staff of the Tahoe-Forest Hospital at Truckee. He and his wife Carole have two children, Mike and Tracy.

Joseph Ross is practicing obstetrics and gynecology in Poughkeepsie and Highland, N.Y. In March he spoke at a session on the Marlboro Board of Education's program on "Family Counseling in Sex Education."

Vincent de Angelis, a major in the Army serving in Vietnam, made news when he and a fellow physician performed a separation on Siamese twins last February at the 36th Evacuation Hospital in Vung Tai. His wife Jeanette is an anesthesiologist. They have four children.

Ralph N. Bloch became a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery in February and is practicing in Ridgewood, New Jersey.

David Miller, staff ophthalmologist at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, holds faculty appointments at Harvard Medical School, Tufts Medical School and is a research associate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In March he was awarded the Theo E. Obrig Memorial Award for Literature for research on contact lenses. He is currently engaged in research on corneal physiology.
John J. Stapleton was elected a Fellow at the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Richard J. R. Byrne is at Morristown Memorial Hospital in New Jersey and has begun a three-year radiology residency. He and his wife Maryanne have a new daughter, Christina Ann, and have moved into a new home in Morristown.

1960

Thomas E. Donnelly became a Diplomate of The American Board of Anesthesiology in April. He is chief anesthesiologist at Auburn Memorial Hospital and Mercy Hospital in New York. He and wife Patricia have a two-year old son and one-year old daughter.

Sandra Kelsey Rowan is in pediatric practice in Reading, Pa. Daughter Amy is six, son Todd four-and-one-half.

Robert McDonald participated in a panel discussion on narcotics in February in Washington, Connecticut. He is living in Roxbury, Connecticut, has three children, and is school doctor for the Canterbury School and for the Shepaug Valley Regional Schools.

James Rubin was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Allergy in March, and was appointed associate attending physician of the Department of Medicine, Division of Allergy at the Beth Israel Medical Center, N.Y. He and wife Nancy are back in their hometown of North Syracuse, New York, where he is in general practice. He spent his internship at Queens Hospital in Honolulu and the last two years on Kauai, Hawaii. Most of his free time is spent flying a plane and he travels extensively each summer.

1961

Bruce H. Medd was promoted to director of Professional Relations and Services of Roche Laboratories, Division of Hoffmann-LaRoche Inc., in April. He has been with the company since 1962, and lives at Lake Valhalla, New Jersey with his wife and three children.

Warren C. Case is practicing psychiatry in Philadelphia. He and his wife, Linda, and their four children live in Moorestown, N.J.

John P. Moody is an Army major and chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Lyster Army Hospital, Fort Rucker, Alabama. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service with a medical battalion near Long Binh, Vietnam, from March to November last year.

Anton V. Smith is practicing general and vascular surgery in Brooklyn and Queens after returning from Vietnam where he served as Chief of Surgery at the 7th Surgical Hospital in Kuan Loc and the 93rd Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh. He is living in Port Washington, N.Y.

John E. Hoye’s new daughter Kathleen Marie brings his total to three boys and three girls. He is beginning the practice of internal medicine and cardiology in Framingham, Mass.

Cris Kidder, Jr. and his wife Nancy are back in their hometown of North Syracuse, New York, where he is in general practice. He spent his internship at Queens Hospital in Honolulu and the last two years on Kauai, Hawaii. Most of his free time is spent flying a plane and he travels extensively each summer.

1962

Michael Antonelli has finished his traineeship in gastroenterology at Metropolitan Hospital Center and has gone into practice in Mount Vernon, N.Y. He is living with his wife Kathy and four children in White Plains.

Charles Ray Jones has moved to Hamden, Connecticut, where he is engaged in the practice of pediatrics and pediatric oncology and is affiliated with Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Hospital of St. Rafael’s in New Haven. He is the author of a paper published in the March 17 issue of JAMA. Daughter Martha is five years old and his son Christopher is 20 months.

Anthony P. Chatowsky has graduated from the professional training program of the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, and will join the staff of the Department of Psychiatry, Veterans Administration Hospital, Brockton, Mass.

1963

Sol Levine has opened an office in New City, New York, for the practice of obstetrics and gynecology. He is on the attending staff of Nyack and Good Samaritan Hospitals.

Malvin W. Liebowitz is practicing pediatrics in New City, New York.

Frederick I. Fishbein has moved to Middletown, and is practicing ophthalmology there and at a second office in Clinton. Both offices are in Connecticut.

Barry S. Meltzer is eagerly looking forward to applying his training of the last 11 years in private obstetrics-gynecology practice in Plymouth, Mass. He will be discharged from the Army on August 1, and will settle in Manomet, Mass.

1964

Michael F. Weiss is completing his pediatrics residency at Long Island Jewish Hospital this year, and has a two-and-one-half-year-old son.

Ron Rudlin has been in general practice in Trenton, New Jersey since 1965. Lisa is now six and has a sister Jennifer, two.

1965

Richard P. Singer has completed his psychiatric training at Hillside Hospital, Glen Oaks, New York, where he was chief resident. He is now on active duty in the Navy at the Treasure Island Naval Dispensary in San Francisco. He and his wife Nancy expect their first child in July.

Irwin H. Steiger is a lieutenant commander stationed at Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, and was awarded the Bronze Star along with two presidential unit citations for his work at Khesanh and Danang in Vietnam.

Edward C. Hughes, Jr. announces the arrival of Kristin Ann last December.

Elliot Puritz presented a paper at the meeting of the American College of Physicians in Biloxi, Mississippi, and had another accepted for presentation at the American Thoracic Society.
meeting in Miami Beach. His son Adam Todd is two years old, and he has a daughter Nancy Lynn born last November.

Vincent R. Giustolisi is a captain in the Army Residency Program, taking his residency in orthopedics. His pre-surgical year is being spent at Ireland Army Hospital, Fort Knox, Ky.

1966

Burton Grebin has been appointed chief resident in pediatrics at the Babies Hospital and Instructor in Pediatrics at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, N. Y.

Raymond S. Keller is now Preventive Medicine Officer at the SHAPE International Medical Center in Belgium. He and his wife Carol are due back in New York in October, 1970.

John M. Purcell is a Captain in the U.S. Army and an instructor in the Preventive Medicine Orientation Course at the Army Medical Field Service School.

1967

Robert A. Scalise is a second-year medical resident at St. Vincent’s Hospital, N.Y. He and his wife Patricia will be parents in November.

Edward L. Gallagher is with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam. His wife, the former Sharon Parker, remains in Tacoma, Washington with one-year-old daughter Tara Colleen.

Joel Cohen, who is married to Trudy Ornstein, former Head Nurse of Ward 1A at Metropolitan Hospital Center, announces the birth of Lisa in January. He will be spending the next two years as a psychiatric resident at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

1968

Hank Bruce has just begun a four-year orthopedics residency at Los Angeles County—University of Southern California Medical Center, after a brief vacation in Hawaii. His Los Angeles address is Box 102, 1200 N. State St.
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