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The Journal of the Alumni Association  
of New York Medical College,  
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Q. As president of the Alumni Association, how do you see the role of the alumni?

A. Loyalty is the key. New York Medical College has a large core of extraordinarily loyal alumni, whose support, interest, and involvement in the affairs of the College are vitally important to the institution. I hope to see that esprit de corps strengthened and expanded in the next few years to include more alumni — not only medical graduates, but graduates in the basic sciences, present and former house staff, nursing graduates, and of course the present students, whose feeling of identification with the College now will largely shape their later involvement with it as alumni.

Q. What do you mean by involvement in the affairs of the College?

A. There are many ways we are involved. One of the most important, of course, is fund raising, helping to increase financial support. This is a major commitment of the Alumni Association, not only to express our loyalty to the College through our own contributions and fund raising events, but to interest others — individuals, corporations, foundations, in supporting the institution’s work and goals. The alumni are in a good position to interpret the College’s programs, goals, and needs, especially those who are active participants in the day-to-day life of the College.

Q. Do alumni participate in policy making?

A. We are now active in policy making. Because of Larry Slobody, alumni are more involved in planning for the school’s future than ever before. Dr. Slobody, as president of the College and an alumnus, and for many years a member of the faculty and a department chairman, has close rapport not only with all parts of the administration but with the faculty, the staff, and the students. He has opened the lines of communication so that the alumni participate more actively in the College and hospital communities. We have alumni who are department chairmen. We, as alumni, are represented on the Executive Faculty Council, which is the academic policy-making board. Our representatives also participate in the meetings of the Board of Trustees, contributing the viewpoints of the alumni to long-range planning. Many alumni are active in the specialty societies at the College, such as the Surgical Society under Dr. Mersheimer, the OB-GYN Society under Dr. Stone, the Radiological Society under Dr. Friedenberg, and the Urological Society under Dr. Davis. We attend their meetings and also their parties — which are always great, by the way.

Q. Is the Alumni Association concerned with the recruitment of faculty?

A. Yes, this is an important part of our job. By projecting the positive image of the medical college to the alumni, and also by instilling a feeling of pride in the students while they are here — and thereby enhancing their pride as alumni — we recruit new people for teaching, new people to come and do their research, bringing their grants here rather than going elsewhere.
Q. What about student recruitment?
A. Admissions is another large area of our participation in the life of the College. The Alumni Association is concerned with the recruitment of the very best students, and especially from among the sons and daughters of our alumni and our faculty. I'm happy to say that, more and more, the sons and daughters of alumni who come here have selected NYMC as their first choice.

Q. How does the Alumni Association work with the College Admissions Committee?
A. The association has representation on the Admissions Committee. Members of that committee participate as alumni representatives, and there is a subcommittee of the Admissions Committee which is composed of alumni and faculty. The subcommittee screens all sons and daughters of all alumni and also of all faculty.

Q. Can you explain how the house staff at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals and Metropolitan relates to the Alumni Association?
A. House staff members are considered alumni if they served here for three or more years as residents, even though they didn't graduate from this medical school. Since they got their specialty training here under New York Medical College professors, they should be considered alumni.

Q. Are house staff ever invited formally to become members of the association?
A. They are invited to become associate members, given special status as associate members, and receive a certificate of membership. Their loyalty to the College is part of that esprit de corps I spoke of earlier — the feeling of emotional togetherness of the alumni that makes for real involvement with the College.

Q. Getting back to the alumni, are there ways in addition to those you’ve mentioned in which you'd like to have more participation from them?
A. Yes, I would like to see greater participation in Chironian. Especially from those who live too far away to attend the association's meetings and Alumni Day ceremonies. We would like to hear what these alumni are doing.

I would sum up by saying that the Alumni Association’s main concerns are fund raising, participation with the administration in future planning for the College, the recruitment and admission of highly qualified students, especially children of alumni and faculty members, and the recruitment of distinguished men and women for teaching and research appointments. We particularly want our outstanding students and residents to return to pursue new careers in teaching and research here at New York Medical College.
Physicians of the Future

Even though they have not yet entered the medical profession, our students have already experienced much of its excitement and some of its challenges. For medical students, as our alumni well know, it's not only labs, lectures, and reading. There are the satisfactions of learning under the guidance of distinguished teachers, of gaining confidence as their own skills develop, and of helping to care for patients. Today there are 599 students enrolled at the College — a larger number than ever before. They take their pre-clinical courses in the Basic Sciences Building in Valhalla and their clinical studies at Flower, Metropolitan, Coler, and other affiliates. Here are a few glimpses of their daily lives.
Meet the Trustees

From time to time Chironian will run short profiles of members of the Board of Trustees, in order that alumni may become better acquainted with them. The first two are Keith M. Urmy and Charles G. Mortimer.

Keith M. Urmy, a member of the College's Board of Trustees for the past 26 years, was elected chairman in 1971. He is also a member of the Westchester Medical Center Development Board and has been an active participant on its executive and affiliation committees.

During the years he has served on the College's Board, Mr. Urmy has held office as treasurer, vice chairman, and chairman of the executive committee. In each of these posts he has helped to establish the environment leading to the growth of the College, the enlargement of the student body, and the addition of new departments, and he has helped to encourage significant research achievement.

He has generously supported New York Medical College's programs to assure broader community health services, better health care, and better educational opportunities. His business experience, his counsel, and his high reputation have been pivotal elements in securing for the College the financial support that has been vital to its survival and growth.

An esteemed member of the financial community, Mr. Urmy spent 42 years with Chemical Bank, retiring in 1971 from his post as executive vice president, administration. During that period, he served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1954 and held the rank of lieutenant commander when he retired to inactive duty.

A native of Morristown, New Jersey, Mr. Urmy earned his B.A. degree from Wesleyan University in 1928. He received an advanced degree from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking of Rutgers University in 1942. He and his wife, the actress Mildred Dunnock, currently make their home in Wilson Point, Connecticut.

Mr. Urmy has devoted many years of work to the National Council of Fountain House Foundation, of which he is a director and president. He has also served as director and treasurer of the USO of New York City, and he was vice chairman of the Hospital Trustee Division in the 1969 and 1970 campaign of the United Hospital Fund.

Looking to the future of the College, Mr. Urmy comments: "The challenges in the years ahead call for self-examination, realistic recognition of the areas where change must be made, and flexibility in our methods for achieving change.

"The extension of comprehensive health care services to communities served by the College, both in New York City and in Westchester, and the provision of the highest possible quality of service, represent a continuing challenge to which we must devote intensive efforts. At the same time, it is essential that the research now being conducted in many areas of clinical medicine as well as in the basic medical sciences be encouraged and supported. Indeed, it will take wisdom, foresight, and courage to maintain the careful balance among education, research, and service efforts that constitutes the effectiveness of this fundamental three-fold program at New York Medical College."

Mr. Urmy's belief in the College's capacity to make a growing contribution to health care and the advance of knowledge is evident in his continuing stalwart support of its mission.
Charles G. Mortimer, chairman of the Westchester Medical Center Development Board, is a trustee of New York Medical College and chairman of its executive committee for Westchester affairs.

Throughout his life, Mr. Mortimer, a native of New York City, has been eminently successful in business, and equally generous in aid to education and other philanthropy. His interests have ranged from national and international affairs to concern about the needs of the Westchester community where he currently makes his home.

In 1966 his interest, knowledge, and capacity for leadership made him the clear choice of Westchester County Executive Edwin G. Michaelian to serve as chairman of the founding board of the Westchester Medical Center, when NYMC and the County of Westchester embarked on its development. Ever since then Mr. Mortimer has given vast amounts of time, energy, and thought to this effort and has contributed mightily to the development campaign, both through his own generosity and his effectiveness in encouraging corporate support. His gift of $500,000 to the development of the Westchester Medical Center, the keystone of which is New York Medical College, is the largest contribution the Center has received from an individual.

In his business career, Mr. Mortimer has led one of the largest corporations in the food industry, General Foods Corporation. Before his retirement in 1965, Mr. Mortimer had served for six years as chairman of its board. He was also the company’s chief executive for 11 years from the time of his election as president in 1954. Mr. Mortimer joined General Foods in 1928 and subsequently held various marketing and operating positions of increasing responsibility. In 1943 he was elected a vice president, and in 1952 an executive vice president.

A former national chairman of the United Community Campaigns of America, he served, at President Kennedy’s request, as chairman of a national committee which raised more than $30 million for the United Negro College Fund.

In 1967 Mr. Mortimer acted as national chairman of United Nations Day, and he has received honorary doctor of law degrees from Hamilton College and Long Island University. He has also been awarded an honorary doctor of engineering and mechanical engineer by Stevens Institute of Technology, and an honorary doctor of humanities by Jacksonville University. Mr. Mortimer and his wife, the former Elizabeth Kempley Atterbury, live in White Plains.

Talking about his involvement in the Westchester Medical Center project, Mr. Mortimer has said: “... I became deeply interested in better health care for Westchester and ultimately undertook the chairmanship of the Westchester Medical Center Development Board because I believed that in this way I could be most responsive to the single most urgent need of the people of Westchester County—better health care.”

It is an effort in which he deeply believes. He comments: “Many individuals, corporations, and philanthropic institutions are making significant contributions of their time, talent, and money to this undertaking, for we all know that the completion of a medical center can come about only through the continuing commitment of enough able men and women willing to share the responsibility of community leadership.”
A Message From the President:

I am proud to announce the results of the 1972-73 Annual Fund Drive and to thank these very generous people who helped us top the totals of the previous campaign year. For the twelve-month period July 1, 1972 through June 30, 1973, the total is $222,000. I am also delighted to report that the 1973-74 drive has already reached $285,000. This is substantially higher than last year’s total and gives us confidence that we will reach a new record in the current drive. With the united support of alumni, parents, faculty, trustees, students, and friends, New York Medical College will continue in its tradition of medical excellence in education, research, and health care.

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When Good Friends Get Together

The NYMC-Flower Family is known for the capacity of its members to work hard and give generously of themselves to causes and efforts they believe in. The family—alumni, parents, trustees, faculty, students, and friends on all levels—also knows how to get together and “have a ball.” The pages that follow show glimpses of some of the events at which they got together during the winter and spring of 1974: the 400 Club Dinner (photos 1-7), the Medical Board Dinner (photos 8-15), and The Flower Ball (opposite and photos 16-31).

The first of those gatherings was the annual 400 Club Dinner, presided over by the 400 Club’s devoted president Saul Schwartz ’30, and his gracious partner, Helen.

President Slobody summed up the essence of the evening when he characterized the 400 Club and Annual Fund committees as “selfless and committed groups who are completely devoted to the medical school. This is a school of quality,” he said, “devoted to quality education and to the delivery of the best quality of health care. We are proud of our graduates, proud of our undergraduates. We’re going to make this the best medical college anywhere—and it’s going to be in my lifetime!”
At the Dinner of the Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospital Medical Board, which took place in January, Henry P. Leis, Jr. '41 turned over the Medical Board chair to the newly elected president, Alfred C. Lowy '43. More than one hundred physicians and staff members, assembled at the Yale Club, heard greetings from President Slobody, Board Chairman Keith M. Urmy, Dean Rubin, and Dr. Halkin. Dr. David Schwimmer, a past president of the Medical Board, was master of ceremonies. Dr. Lowy told the group that “we have a very fine hospital where patients will be glad to come and doctors will be glad to admit their patients.” Mr. Urmy presented Dr. Leis with a handsome plaque in recognition of the superb job he had done, “so much of his effort above and beyond the call of duty.” Dr. Leis, visibly moved, responded characteristically by giving his own warm thanks to all those who had worked with him during his term of office. It was an evening of good fellowship felt by people who, as Dr. Slobody said, are “joined by the special spirit of Flower.”

At Medical Board Dinner:
Annual Dinner of the Flower Medical Board
The Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Plaza, decorated with exquisite spring flowers, was the setting for an evening of fabulous fun when more than 400 members of the NYMC family gathered there on Saturday, March 23, for The Flower Ball.

Alumni, faculty, administration, staff, and parents—and friends of all these groups—came to the Ball. There were families whose connection with the College extends for two or more generations. In between dances and the entertainment there was opportunity for table hopping and shop talk; and even for a session of palm reading during a quiet moment.

The Ball—reviving a Flower custom—surpassed even the highest expectations. The music was marvelous, the entertainment great, the food fantastic. The dancing went on into the wee hours and everyone went home happy.

Seymour and Barbara Schlussel jointly chaired the Arrangements Committee and, as always when they take on an assignment, they did a magnificent job. Dr. and Mrs. Schlussel, an effective and marvelous pair, had the help of an energetic committee: Dr. Saverio Bentivegna ’50, Dr. Richard Brotman, Joseph L. Corey, Dr. Joseph F. Dursi ’59, Dr. Cyrille R. Halkin ’45, James Keller, Ruth N. Oliver, Dr. Robert Schwartz, Dr. David Spiro, and David Sonnenshein.

At The Flower Ball:
16 Dr. Cyrille R. Halkin and Dr. Slobody; 17 Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Dursi and Dr. Marino; 18 Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Freedman and Dr. Virginia Sadow (seated), Dr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Cottrell (standing); 19 Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Clemendor, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Cox; 20 Dr. and Mrs. Charles Scher; 21 Mr. and Mrs. Norman Main; 22 Dr. Herve Byron, Dr. and Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Matthew J. Freund and Dr. Freund; 23 Dr. Kurt Lange, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Wasserman, Dr. and Mrs. Francis D. Speer; 24 Mr. Alfred Brainard and Dr. Saverio Bentivegna.
A special part of the evening was the presentation by Dr. Slobody to Dr. Halkin of the award, Flower Woman of the Year, in recognition of her efforts and accomplishments on behalf of the institution and of her unsurpassed spirit of leadership.

It was a time for nostalgia as friends who had been out of touch remembered earlier days; an evening for looking ahead and hearing new plans. The esprit de corps of NYMC is indeed exceptional. It can always be felt when our family and good friends get together.

Let’s all look at the pictures and “have a ball.”

25 Mrs. Irving Innerfield and Dr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Maffia; 26 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coder; 27 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Corey; 28 Dr. and Mrs. Richard F. Friedenberg; 29 Mr. and Mrs. William H. Clark; 30 Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Schlussel; 31 Dr. and Mrs. Slobody.
New Trustees Are Named

Three new members have been elected to the Board of Trustees of the College. They are Luis Alvarez, national executive director of Aspira of America, Inc., a private educational agency serving Puerto Rican high school students; James B. Llewellyn, president of the minority group-owned Fedco supermarket chain; and the Rev. H. Carl McCall, who is president of the Inner City Broadcasting Corporation and chairman of the editorial board of the *Amsterdam News*.

Aspira of America, which Mr. Alvarez heads, assists more than five thousand students by providing tutoring, counseling, information, and financial aid. Mr. Alvarez coordinates all its offices and programs.

Formerly, Mr. Alvarez held other posts in Aspira of America and was special assistant to the deputy commissioner for renewal in the U.S. Office of Education.

Mr. Llewellyn heads a chain of 14 Fedco Foods stores located in Manhattan and the Bronx. He holds the degree of doctor of laws from New York Law School and is a member of the New York State Bar. Before joining Fedco, he was deputy commissioner of the Department of Rent and Housing Maintenance in New York City's Housing and Development Administration.

Mr. Llewellyn is vice-president and a board member of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies and chairman of the board of the Coalition Venture Capital Corporation.

Inner City Broadcasting, which Mr. McCall heads, owns and operates WLIB, the city's only black-owned radio station. During Mayor John Lindsay's administration, Mr. McCall served as deputy administrator of the city's Human Resources Administration and as chairman of the New York City Council Against Poverty.

An ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, Mr. McCall is presently involved in efforts to increase minority participation in the communications industry. He also serves as chairman of the United Board for College Development.

On January 1, 1974, the College assumed responsibility for providing all services by physicians and dentists for patients at Grasslands Hospital. The 50-year-old county hospital is being replaced by a new 500-bed facility while some of the existing structures are to be modernized and expanded. The resulting complex, which is scheduled for completion by the middle of 1976, will become the teaching hospital of the Westchester Medical Center.

Under the agreement, the College is responsible for the delivery of medical and dental care to all patients of Grasslands and its several satellite clinics, including inpatients, outpatients, and emergency patients. The agreement also provides that the College is to render care to all individuals in the institutions for which Grasslands has health services responsibility and will serve as a backup to those outlying satellite operations with which the County of Westchester has contractual agreements: namely, Greenburgh Neighborhood Health Center and Westchester Artificial Kidney Center, Inc.

In addition to the fundamental work of educating students in all phases of medicine and dentistry, the County and the College have further agreed to provide the best types of specialty training by means of internships, residencies, and fellowships, and to be active together with the organized medical professionals of the County in the continuing education of physicians.

The General Foods Fund, Inc., has announced a grant of $100,000 to the Westchester Medical Center, a portion of which is to be used for the further development of New York Medical College. The grant is in addition to grants of $50,000 made by the fund in 1971 and 1972.

Supported by General Foods Corporation, the General Foods Fund is an independent corporation which makes grants to institutions of higher education.

Acknowledging the grant, Charles G. Mortimer, chairman of the Westchester Medical Center Development Board, commented: "General Foods has always been generous in its support of activities directed toward improving community resources. This grant, which we deeply appreciate, is further evidence of the fund's commitment to this county. We will use it to provide maximum benefit to the people we serve."

Raymond A. McBride, M.D., executive dean of the Westchester campus of the college, also expressed the appreciation of the College. "Quality medical education goes hand in hand with quality health care. They are interwoven. We are grateful for this generous gift, and we assure the General Foods Fund that the monies allocated to the College will be used to help provide the best education to our students and the best health care to the people of the community."
Alumni and Development Office Finds New Quarters

The office that serves the College's 4,500 alumni and administers the school's Annual Fund has moved to larger quarters on the first floor of the College building next to the auditorium. It was formerly located in the FFAH building.

This office performs two functions, united by a common goal. "That goal," says Barbara Aguanno, executive director of the Alumni Association, "is to assist the progress of New York Medical College by securing for it urgently needed operating funds. This means working with various groups committed to the same purpose: alumni, parents, faculty, trustees, corporations, foundations, and friends of New York Medical College.

"The College's alumni are particularly active in fund-raising activities. Recently the Alumni Association turned over to the College the sum of $25,000. The gift allowed the College to participate in a $250,000 loan scholarship program sponsored by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, which matched our dollars nine to one. It is generosity like this on the part of our alumni that contributes to the growth of New York Medical College and the betterment of its student life.

"This office implements the plans and programs of the Alumni Association, whose aim is to cultivate fellowship among our alumni and unify them in support of their alma mater. Special projects that we implement," Ms. Aguanno said, "are brought up at the monthly meetings of the association." These meetings, she stressed, are open to all alumni — not just to the Board of Governors. They are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Halsey Room at 3 p.m.

Dr. Cyrille R. Halkin '45, alumni president, officiates at the meetings. According to Ms. Aguanno, "Dr. Halkin's creativity is responsible for many of the new directions we plan in the area of alumni relations." (See page 2 for an interview with Dr. Halkin on her plans and the development of these programs.)

The Alumni Association ends each school year with a gala Alumni Banquet honoring the graduating class. "When speaking of the graduating class we should mention the contributions made by their parents, members of the Parents' Council of New York Medical College," Ms. Aguanno said. "Whether they're running art auctions or Las Vegas Nights, they display a spirit and exuberance that translates into dollars for the Annual Fund and for student scholarships and the like. More often than not, this active support continues long after their children have graduated. These people are marvelous."

The management and coordination of all these diverse activities is the province of the work force of the Alumni and Development Office, that is, Ms. Aguanno, Mildred Graham, administrative assistant, and Maroosia Malhas, secretary.

When asked about the future plans of her symbiotic operation, Ms. Aguanno said she hoped to become more deeply involved in student related problems. "For example, our office helped some of the students find housing last year. It's this kind of assistance we hope the students will avail themselves of. After all, our students are our future alumni. The door of our office is always open to them."

Westchester Library Is Linked to Medline

The 65,000 volume Westchester Medical Center Library has been joined by computer to the National Library of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

The library, which is housed on two floors of the Basic Sciences Building, is the largest of its kind in the northern metropolitan area. Librarian Donald E. Roy reports that the link to the MEDLINE system, a computerized literature searching service based in the nation's capital, is providing valuable service for library users. Information needed by medical students and faculty of the College, members of the Westchester Academy of Medicine, research scientists, hospital and paramedical personnel, and physicians from the five surrounding counties can be relayed from the data bank in Washington in a matter of seconds.

Opened in January 1973, the resource library resulted from the merger of the collections of the College and the Westchester Academy of Medicine. In its 14,000 square feet of space are 1,000 journal subscriptions and 3,000 volumes of microfilm, all available on an interlibrary loan basis to libraries in Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Orange, and Fairfield counties.

Carol Kasses, reference librarian, talks with medical students who are benefiting from the MEDLINE hookup.
Parents in Valhalla

The key word for the Parents’ Council of the College this winter and spring has been “Valhalla.”

Last December 1, the traditional Parents’ Council Holiday Dance was held on the Valhalla campus for the first time. March 31 was the date of the third annual Parents’ Council Art Auction — the first to be combined with a champagne brunch and the first to be held in Westchester. And on May 11, as this issue of Chironian comes off the presses, another Parents’ Council event, “Vegas at Valhalla,” is being held to benefit the College.

More than 200 people attended the Holiday Dance, including many of the faculty of the Basic Sciences Building. One of the highlights of the evening was a drawing for a $1,000 stock prize. The winner? Dr. Louis M. Yavetz ’45. Music was by the Sal Pace band.

The art auction, preceded by champagne and brunch, drew another 200 people to the Valhalla campus. Works of art, supplied by Sheridan Gallery in New York City, included original oils, watercolors, plus prints by famous artists such as Picasso and Dali. Students, parents, faculty and alumni all took part in the event.

Vegas at Valhalla, which made its bow last year as a major social event on the Westchester campus, features a buffet, door prizes, and music, besides games of chance. While the Holiday Dance and the art auction benefit the unrestricted Annual Fund, the Vegas at Valhalla funds are earmarked: any chips left to the House go to the student scholarships.

At the art auction: alumni, students, faculty, and youngsters are among those enjoying a look at the art before the auction begins.

New Biweekly, the NewsWire, for Students and Faculty

A new publication, the New York Medical College Student-Faculty NewsWire, made its debut in March as a joint project of students and the College’s Office of Public Affairs. NewsWire keeps students and faculty up to date on such things as meetings and seminars, social activities, films and lectures, exam schedules, rotations, and other matters of interest that need to be communicated widely.

Emergency Operating Room Is Life Saver to Trauma Patients

Trauma patients taken to Metropolitan Hospital Center have a better chance of surviving than ever before. The reason: a time-saving innovation in the Emergency Room.

Time is the crucial element in saving the lives of trauma patients — victims of gunshot or knife wounds or of multiple injuries received in accidents. In these cases, immediate surgery is sometimes imperative, and movement of the patients carries risk.

On the suggestion of Dr. Walter L. Mersheimer ’37, professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery at the College, an operating room was installed right in the emergency care facilities. The operating room, which was opened in March 1972, is staffed by a surgeon 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Now, moribund patients need not be transported to the tenth-floor surgical suite. They can be prepared for surgery within minutes after arrival at the hospital.

Of the first 35 patients to receive surgery in the emergency operating room, 19 survived. "Most if not all of these patients would have died within five or ten minutes without immediate surgery," says Dr. Kirk K. Kazarian ’61, chief of surgery at Metropolitan and associate professor of surgery at NYMC. "More and more, the importance of fast, skilled surgery is being accepted as the only answer for patients suffering potentially fatal trauma."

Students Are “Ambassadors” for NYMC

“Goodwill ambassadors for New York Medical College.”

That’s how four NYMC students were described in an unsolicited letter from the director of obstetrics and gynecology at Lenox Hill Hospital. His counterparts at other metropolitan area hospitals have recommended several NYMC students for “honors” on the evaluation forms they fill out.

The students became members of the health delivery teams at these hospitals as part of their OB-GYN rotation. The rotation usually consists of two weeks of

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didactic study at Flower, and then a six-week clinical clerkship, either at Flower or Met. However, because of the large student enrollment, some serve their clerkships in other hospitals in the area.

The letter from Hugh R. K. Barber, M.D., director of OB-GYN at Lenox Hill Hospital, was addressed to J. Victor Reyniak, M.D., assistant professor of OB-GYN, who coordinates the program for NYMC. It was given to Chironian by OB-GYN professor Sanford Sall '59, a member of the Chironian editorial committee, and reads as follows:

The following students, Frederick Bogin, Michael Malagold, William Wickemeyer, and Thomas Kalman [all of the Class of 1975A] have recently completed their six weeks tour of duty on the Obstetrics and Gynecology Service at Lenox Hill Hospital. The entire service, including attendings, house staff, as well as the nursing staff, have asked that I write a special letter to convey to you how impressed we were with these four students.

First, we were all impressed by the excellent background and the great maturity that each of these students possessed. In addition to being very knowledgeable, they had a great deal of enthusiasm, were willing workers, and were very personable. We would all like to have each of them back and have so expressed this wish to them. They were goodwill ambassadors for New York Medical College and you can be very proud of their contribution to our service during the time that they were with us.

As the director of the service I hope that this association will continue and will be as productive as it has been in the past six weeks. Dr. Stone [Martin L. Stone '44, chairman of OB-GYN at the College] is to be congratulated on the excellent job he has done with the medical students.

**New Video Playback Units**

The Metropolitan Unit Foundation has given the Lillian Morgan Hetrick Library six Sony video cassette playback units that make it possible to offer taped lectures and demonstrations on 23-inch screens. The library has six brand-new color TV monitors on which students can view the supplementary teaching materials. In the picture above Dr. Walter L. Mersheimer '37, who is a member of the foundation's board, talks with students about the new units.
Alumni Briefs

Deans Are Promoted

Two alumni, Drs. Saverio S. Bentivegna ’50 and Gilbert Ortiz ’60, have been promoted to the rank of associate dean.

Dr. Bentivegna is an associate professor in the Department of Surgery and holds appointments as attending surgeon at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals and as visiting surgeon at Metropolitan and Bird S. Coler hospitals. In 1972 he was appointed assistant dean of the College for student affairs in the area of clinical training. His responsibilities include the coordination of electives and rotations, and he is responsible for the matching plan for the first year of postgraduate education.

Dr. Ortiz was promoted in January 1973 to the post of assistant dean for minority affairs. He is also vice-president for affiliations at Metropolitan and Coler. A clinical assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Ortiz has been with Metropolitan since he began serving his residency there in 1961. He is chairman of the board of directors of Aspira of America, an organization that assists Puerto Rican students to extend their education into college.

All "Hands" Applaud Alumnus for His Work in Navy

Dr. Richard K. Stone ’68 has received special recognition from the U.S. Navy — for his work as a physician and his popularity as a teacher.

Dr. Stone, who is now assistant professor of pediatrics at NYMC, served two years in the pediatric service of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. He left the navy last July with the rank of lieutenant commander.

Said a letter of commendation from the commander of the naval hospital: "Your talents as a teacher have led to your selection by this year’s group of pediatric residents for formal recognition as the 'Staff Man of the Year.'" Among other achievements cited in the

Dr. Leis Is President-Elect of World Surgery Group

The International College of Surgeons has conferred a singular honor upon Dr. Henry P. Leis, Jr. ’41, immediate past president of the Alumni Association. At its 19th World Congress held in Lima, Peru, in March, the membership chose him as President-Elect. Dr. Leis, who assumes his new office in January 1975, is currently first vice-president of the international group. He had previously served as president both of its United States Section and its New York State Surgical Division.

The International College, which was founded in 1935, has approximately 13,000 members in more than 70 countries. It publishes the journal International Surgery and maintains an "International Museum of Surgical Science and Surgeons Hall of Fame" in Chicago, where its headquarters are located.

Dr. Leis joined the NYMC faculty in 1949, and since 1960 has been clinical professor and chief of the Breast Service in the Department of Surgery. He is a recipient of the College’s Alumni Medal and is past president of the Medical Board of NYMC-FFAH. He is the author of many outstanding surgical articles and papers, and has been visiting professor or lecturer in breast surgery in many countries, including Peru. On his recent visit to Lima, Dr. Leis received an Honorary Key to the City in recognition of his previous achievements as a teacher.

New Alumni Chapters?

Drs. Walter L. Mersheimer ’37 and Joseph F. Dursi ’59 are in the process of organizing a group of interested Westchester (N.Y.) alumni with the aim of forming an Alumni Association chapter in that county. On Long Island, Dr. J. Conrad Greenwald ’45 will head a group of Nassau and Suffolk alumni — the nucleus of what could become a Long Island chapter of the association.
letter was Dr. Stone's work in primary health care
delivery.
Because Dr. Stone returned to civilian life before the
commendation was prepared, it was presented to him
by Dr. Edward Wasserman '46, professor and chairman
of pediatrics at the College, during a weekly grand
rounds conference.

Having a Nautical Ball

The S. S. Peter Stuyvesant, docked in Boston harbor,
was the scene of a lively dinner-dance held last spring
for alumni from Massachusetts and Connecticut. The
hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Newman, whose son,
Robert, received his M.D. degree from the College in
1970. The ship's dining room was filled to capacity for
the affair. Featured speaker was Mark L. Peisch, Ph.D.,
associate dean for student affairs, who brought the
New Englanders up to date on the College's development.
Seated, from left to right, are Dr. Joseph Murphy '54,
Mrs. Henry F. Stoltmann, Mrs. Murphy, Dr. Edward
E. Julien '46, and Mrs. Katherine Tenihos. Standing, in
the same order, are Mrs. Peisch, Dr. Stoltmann '54,
Mrs. Samuel Newman, Mr. Newman, and Dean Peisch.
Magnesium Is Seen as a Key to Heart Attack Prevention

New ways of preventing and treating myocardial infarction, or heart attack, are the aim of research being conducted by David Lehr, M.D., professor and chairman of pharmacology.

Two-thirds of heart attack fatalities occur outside the hospital. By the time a patient reaches the Emergency Room, he or she has already run the major risk of the attack. Dr. Lehr's research is directed at finding ways of providing preventive treatment and prompt medical attention for heart attack victims before they reach the hospital. He and his associates have been using albino rats to study the changes that occur in the balance of myocardial electrolytes during a heart attack. Electrolytes, such as potassium, sodium, or magnesium, are substances capable of conducting electricity and are of vital importance in the bioelectric function of the living cell.

During a heart attack, one of the earliest and most important changes is a loss of magnesium from the heart muscle — the myocardium. This change may take place while the myocardial cells are still alive. Dr. Lehr believes that many lives may be saved by the administration of both magnesium and potassium salts to people in the high-risk category for heart attacks and to heart attack victims before they have reached the hospital. Dr. Lehr's work indicates that the size of the infarction is not fully determined at the onset of the heart attack. He has found that, for a while, there is injured but salvageable tissue immediately surrounding the focus of the heart attack.

Dr. Lehr's research has also shown that rats develop myocardial damage when they are fed a magnesium-poor diet. When the magnesium is replaced, the damage can be partly reversed. This is particularly significant in this country, since the typical American diet is poor in magnesium.

For the past 22 years, Dr. Lehr's research has been supported by the National Heart and Lung Institute of the National Institutes of Health. His present associates in this work are Raymond Y. P. Chau, Ph.D., and Giancarlo Guideri, Ph.D., both assistant professors of pharmacology; and graduate students Michael Barletta, Mark Green, and Stephanie Irene.

New Drug Appears to Arrest Atherosclerosis

Progressive hardening of the leg arteries can apparently be prevented by a new drug developed in Japan, according to interim results of a two-year study at NYMC. E. N. Terry, M.D., research professor of surgery and pharmacology, Walter Redisch, M.D., visiting professor of medicine and chief of the Circulation Research Unit, and Roy H. Clauss, M.D., professor of surgery, are using pyridinolcarbamate (PDC) on patients who have had reconstructive vascular surgery.

The study was conducted with the informed consent of patients on a "double-blind" basis, neither patients nor treating physicians knowing whether the drug or a placebo was being used. After two years of treatment, only one of the seven patients who had received the drug showed progression of atherosclerosis. Angiograms of nine of the ten patients treated with the placebo showed increased numbers of plaques and lesions in their peripheral arteries.

Although this number of patients is too small to provide definitive conclusions, PDC could prove to be a major advance in the treatment of atherosclerosis. At the present time there is no effective treatment to arrest the disease. Many patients, including those in the NYMC study, are placed on low-fat diets to reduce cholesterol levels, but this by itself does not appear to work.

Research by two physicians in Tokyo, T. Shimamoto
and F. Numano, laid down the scientific foundation for PDC's efficacy in relation to the possible causes of atherosclerosis. These physicians believe that the drug concentrates enzymes that strengthen vessel wall resistance by countering fatty mound formation typical of atherosclerosis and by closing up micropores in the vessel wall. Test tube experiments with human blood also show PDC's effect in preventing blood platelets from forming clots.

The work of the Japanese physicians and the study at NYMC are financed by the Japan Arteriosclerosis Research Foundation, a government organization.

**Alcohol, Followed by Stress, Is Shown to Produce Ulcers**

Prompted by the frequent occurrence of gastric stress ulcers in alcoholics, two NYMC researchers have discovered that alcohol in a concentration equivalent to 70-100 proof liquor produces severe gastric erosions in mice. The development of these erosions is intensified by stress, especially if the stress follows the intake of alcohol.

The researchers are George B. Jerzy Glass, M.D., professor of medicine and pharmacology, and Koichiro Kawashima, Ph.D., research fellow in gastroenterology. In their experiments, alcohol in varying doses and concentrations was instilled into the stomachs of 200 mice. In 100 other mice, this procedure was either followed or preceded by exposure to a stress situation. The effects of alcohol alone and stress alone were evaluated separately in a group of 108 control mice.

The incidence and severity of gastric erosions was determined by postmortem examination. The researchers are George B. Jerzy Glass, M.D., professor of medicine and pharmacology, and Koichiro Kawashima, Ph.D., research fellow in gastroenterology. In their experiments, alcohol in varying doses and concentrations was instilled into the stomachs of 200 mice. In 100 other mice, this procedure was either followed or preceded by exposure to a stress situation. The effects of alcohol alone and stress alone were evaluated separately in a group of 108 control mice. The incidence and severity of gastric erosions was determined by postmortem examination.

Drs. Glass and Kawashima arrived at three conclusions. First, the more concentrated the alcohol solution (but at the same total alcohol dose), the greater were the incidence, number, and severity of the gastric erosions. Second, the incidence of gastric erosions increased dramatically when alcohol ingestion was combined with stress. Third, alcohol intake followed by stress was much more injurious to the stomach than stress followed by alcohol.

Mice given large amounts of alcohol but in low concentration, or those receiving small amounts of alcohol at high concentration had no injury to the stomach, nor did the mice who were only placed in a moderate stress situation and not given alcohol. In other words, it was neither moderate stress alone nor small amounts of alcohol alone that produced gastric erosions, but the combination of both, especially when stress followed alcohol intake.

The research project is supported by a grant from the Division of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism of the National Institute of Mental Health.

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**"Allergy" to Sperm Is Tested for Infertile Couples**

When a couple can't have children, it may be for a reason they never thought of: one or the other of the pair may be "allergic" to the husband's sperm.

It is not a true allergy like hay fever, says Sidney Shulman, Ph.D., professor of microbiology and director of the Sperm Antibody Laboratory at NYMC. Yet, according to Dr. Shulman, the term "allergy" is often used to describe the presence of sperm antibodies.

"In 15 to 30 percent of couples with unexplained infertility, the presence of sperm antibodies may be a major factor."

Certain people, Dr. Shulman says, appear to be allergic to sperm and produce antibodies to destroy their action by immobilizing them or making them clump together. In this way the sperm cannot reach the ovum and conception does not occur.

Dr. Shulman's laboratory is now testing the blood serum and sperm specimens of up to 400 couples a year. The Fertility Research Foundation of New York and about 70 private gynecologists routinely refer patients to Dr. Shulman for testing, and samples are sent from couples all over the country in whom no other cause of infertility can be found.

His is the only full-time sperm antibody-testing laboratory in New York and one of about six around the United States.

The test for the presence of sperm antibodies involves mixing semen in a test tube with the blood serum of the male and female patients. If antibodies are present, agglutination, or clumping, of the sperm will take place. "If more than 10 percent of the sperm cells form into clumps, then we consider the test positive," Dr. Shulman explains.

Most women tested who produce antibodies against their husband's sperm cells will also produce antibodies against all other men's sperms with which their blood is mixed. The reason for antibody production is not clear. Dr. Shulman believes that in some women — it turns out to be about 23 percent of those tested — exposure to sperm, through sexual intercourse, builds up antibody-based resistance in much the same way that one acquires immunity to a disease by vaccination. The antibody reaction is reinforced every time coitus takes place.

If the woman is found positive, a regimen is outlined. The husband must use a condom during intercourse for several months so that the wife is not re-exposed to his sperm. At three-month intervals, Dr. Shulman retests the woman's serum for the presence of antibodies. When no antibodies are found, the couple has intercourse without the condom, a gynecologist choosing the optimum time in the woman's cycle for conception.

The theory is that antibody resistance to the sperm will be sufficiently weak after several months of condom use to allow the sperm to reach the female ovum before being immobilized. This has been the outcome in about half of the couples who have tried this regimen.
About 10 percent of the men tested had developed antibodies to their own sperm (possibly as a result of some mild tissue damage). "If the male is allergic to his own sperm, very little can be done," Dr. Shulman says. "Washing the sperm to remove antibodies is one possibility, but this generally will decrease the motility or movement of the sperm to such an extent that they are not able to reach the ovum quickly enough for conception."

Through ongoing research Dr. Shulman hopes to refine the testing procedures and develop even more reliable ones. Dr. Shulman's laboratory, supported for more than five years by the John A. Hartford Foundation, is also receiving funds from the Center for Population Research of the National Institutes of Health.

Reversible Vasectomy Device Turns Sperm "On" and "Off"

A miniature gold and stainless steel valve has been proven to be 100 percent effective and safe as a contraceptive technique in tests performed by three NYMC researchers.

Matthew J. Freund, Ph.D., professor of pharmacology and urology, and William P. Ventura, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmacology, inserted the device (known as a Bionyx Control) into the vas deferens of 49 guinea pigs. Dr. Freund chose these animals because the lumen, or central portion of the vas deferens, is the same size as in humans.

Results showed complete blockage of sperm flow in 26 guinea pigs implanted with Bionyx Controls in the "off" or closed position. No sperm were seen in 13 of these animals whose valves were left "off" for 60 weeks of tests. When the valve was placed in the "on" position in the other 13 guinea pigs, sperm appeared in their ejaculates and the pigs produced normal offspring.

A second group of 23 guinea pigs was treated in converse fashion. When implanted with the device in the open position, they continued to produce sperm. After 16 weeks, 10 pigs were turned "off" and became aspermic. The remaining "on" animals still showed sperm in their ejaculate.

Another series of studies on the guinea pigs, conducted by Joseph Seifter, M.D., research professor of pharmacology, showed that the Bionyx Control causes no toxic reaction in the body or rejection by the tissue.

After six months' implantation of the device, the guinea pigs remained normal and did not differ in any way from untreated animals with regard to body weight or structure, or weight and function of various body organs. Also none of the elements present in the device was released into the blood or tissues.

When inserted, the Bionyx Control has a stainless steel "tap" which projects beyond the vas but not through the skin. By making a tiny skin incision approaching the vas, a physician can reach this tap and close and reopen the valve. According to test results, this procedure may be repeated any number of times.

Dr. Freund sees the Bionyx Control as having a wide application as a contraceptive, since it is the first effective and harmless vasectomy device that can be reversed in this way. It is currently being tested in human volunteers at NYMC.

The studies on the effectiveness of the control were funded by the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Seifter's work was sponsored by the Bionyx Corporation.

OB-GYN Society Meets

A symposium on obstetrical difficulties, abortion, contraception, and cancer diagnosis was part of the 13th Annual Residents Day Meeting and Post Graduate Seminar at NYMC last fall. The event is sponsored every year by the Obstetrical and Gynecological Society of New York Medical College and the College's Department of OB-GYN. Among those taking part in the symposium were Dr. Martin L. Stone '44, professor and chairman of OB-GYN and a vice-president of the College; Louis J. Salerno, M.D., and Dr. Sanford Sail '59, professors of OB-GYN at the College; Dr. Alan B. Weingold '55, professor and chairman of OB-GYN at the George Washington University Medical Center; and Duane E. Townsend, M.D., associate professor and chief of oncology, Los Angeles County, U.S.C. Medical Center.

Mental Retardation Symposium Is Held in Bologna

For the seventh year in a row, the Mental Retardation Institute has sponsored an international symposium in Europe. The meeting was held March 15-19 in Bologna, Italy, with the cosponsorship of the University of Bologna School of Medicine.

The symposia, which have been held in various European cities since 1968, provide a forum for exchange of knowledge among professionals in the
field of mental retardation.
The theme of this year’s symposium was “International Perspectives in Mental Retardation — The Problem and Its Management.” Among those contributing knowledge from their fields of study were medical specialists, therapists, educators, social workers, and behavioral scientists.
Cochairmen of the symposium were Louis J. Salerno, M.D., professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the College, and Prof. Dr. Libero Martoni of Bologna. Margaret J. Giannini, M.D., director of the Mental Retardation Institute, was general chairman.

Westchester Surgeon Is Guest of NYMC Surgical Society

At the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of New York Medical College on March 5, papers were presented on topics ranging from chemical radioprotection of the ground substance to radionuclide angiography. The guest speaker was Meyer Alpert, M.D., director of radiology at Franklin General Hospital in Valley Stream, N.Y., whose address was entitled “Ewing’s Sarcoma.” Here, with Dr. Alpert, are three members of the NYMC department of radiology. From left to right: Richard M. Friedenberg, M.D., chairman and professor; Dr. Frank J. Borrelli '33, professor and chairman emeritus; Dr. Alpert; and Ralph M. Lilienfeld, M.D., associate professor.

At Radiologists’ Meeting

Dr. William J. McCann, Jr. '62 (right) talked with Dr. Walter L. Mersheimer '37 after Dr. McCann addressed the Surgical Society of NYMC at a March 20 meeting in Valhalla. Dr. McCann, director of surgery at the New Rochelle Hospital Medical Center and clinical professor of surgery at the College, told the group that the Westchester medical community and NYMC should exist in a state of “mutual symbiosis,” each providing benefits to the other. Dr. Mersheimer, professor and chairman of surgery at the College, opened the meeting and introduced Dr. McCann. Among those in attendance were Samuel H. Rubin, M.D., professor of medicine and executive dean of the Manhattan campus of the College, and Dr. Cyrille R. Halkin '45, president of the Alumni Association.
1950

Saul A. Schwartz, president of the 400 Club and editor of Chironian, has been reelected to his third term as president of the New York State Society for Internal Medicine, Bronx Chapter. He also serves the society statewide as a member of its board of directors, as a member of its peer review committee, and as a member of its medical school liaison committee.

1952

Ben E. Landess, who founded the Jamaica (N.Y.) Medical Group and directed it for 23 years, is now retired and living in the Courts of Inverrary, Lauderhill, Fla.

1953

George J. Stivala, who has practiced surgery in New Rochelle, N.Y., for 20 years, has been appointed to the New Rochelle Board of Education. Dr. Stivala has three children in college and is particularly interested in today's student-educator relations.

1954

The late Mortimer E. Ehrlich will always be remembered at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City. Last December the Mortimer E. Ehrlich Memorial Library of the Beth Israel Department of Medicine was dedicated at a ceremony attended by more than 900 people. Dr. Ehrlich, whose specialty was rheumatology, was associated with Beth Israel throughout his career. He died in 1971.

Eric Poulsen, recently retired after 25 years of general practice and 12 years of psychiatry, would like to hear from classmates. His phone number is (516) 242-3249.

1956

Thomas L. Ippolito married Nina Peabody in Wilton, Conn., last March. Both Dr. and Mrs. Ippolito had been widowed. Dr. Ippolito is senior attending physician in cardiology and director of electrocardiology at Norwalk Hospital.

1944

Marcelle Bernard has opened a new office in Norwalk, Conn., for the general practice of medicine with a special interest in geriatrics. Dr. Bernard, who has practiced in the Bronx for many years, is a charter fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a fellow of the American Geriatrics Society. She lives in Norwalk with her husband, classmate Edmund D. Marinucci.

William C. Schraft, Jr., has been appointed to the Westchester County Board of Health for a term to expire December 31, 1978. Dr. Schraft is director of pathology at the New Rochelle Hospital Medical Center, and is an attending physician at Grasslands Hospital. He is also clinical assistant professor of pathology at New York Medical College.

1945

Louis S. Blancato of Mount Vernon, N.Y., has been named treasurer of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. He is director of anesthesiology at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City.

Jules S. Terry is the new assistant director for family health of the Georgia Department of Human Resources, based in Atlanta.

George S. Zarou has been elected president of the medical staff of Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn, succeeding Alfonso M. Gaimari '42. Dr. Zarou is director of obstetrics and gynecology at Lutheran, where Dr. Gaimari is attending surgeon and director of the surgical outpatient department. Both men are on the teaching staff of the Downstate Medical Center.

1946

Kenneth Horne, director of radiology at Southampton (L.I.) Hospital, attended an intensive training program in angiography last December. The program, sponsored by the Lahey Clinic Post Graduate Educational Foundation, was the first in a series of programs in postgraduate medical education in radiology at the Lahey Clinic.

1950

David H. Spodick has been named professor of medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine. Dr. Spodick
is director of the cardiology division at Tufts’ Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in Boston. He is on the editorial board of the *American Heart Journal* and is a member of the American Hospital Association’s council on clinical cardiology.

1952

*Richard Calame* is practicing obstetrics and gynecology at Brooklyn Hospital, Methodist Hospital of Brooklyn, and Lutheran Medical Center.

*Harold (Bill) Draffen* is practicing general medicine in Garden City, L.I.

*Carl Levinson* has moved from Milwaukee to join the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

*William B. McCafferty* has been named anesthesiologist-in-chief at the Albany Medical Center Hospital and professor of anesthesiology at Albany Medical College.

1953

*Joseph E. Davis*, professor and chairman of the department of urology at New York Medical College, has been appointed to the medical committee for the Western Hemisphere section of the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

1954

*Roger C. Duvoisin* has returned from a sabbatical leave of absence spent in London as visiting scientist at the Institute of Psychiatry and the Kriger College Hospital. Dr. Duvoisin accepted an appointment last September as professor of neurology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City.

1955

*John C. Wright* has organized a family practice residency at Middlesex Memorial Hospital in Middletown, Conn. He had been in private practice in Manchester, where he continues to reside.

1956

*Martin H. Floch*, chief of medicine at Norwalk (Conn.) Hospital, has been appointed to the board of the Aspetuck Valley Health District.

*James P. Mooney* has been named staff medical adviser of Philips Medical Systems, Inc., in Shelton, Conn., a leading manufacturer and distributor of diagnostic x-ray and therapy systems. As a full-time member of the medical advisory staff, Dr. Mooney will be responsible for employee health and safety for the company’s 51 branch offices located throughout the country, as well as for the headquarters facility in Shelton.

1957

*Audrey P. Demarest*, a clinic physician at the Syracuse University student health center since 1972, was appointed acting medical director of the center last January.

1958

*Marshall T. Metzgar* has been appointed professor and chairman of the department of anesthesiology at Louisiana State University–Shreveport School of Medicine, effective July 1, 1974.

1960

*John C. Duffy* has published a new textbook entitled “Child Psychiatry” (Medical Examination Publishing Co.) The style is in the form of a concise overview of the field.

1962

*Abraham Meltzer* has been elected a fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Meltzer practices internal medicine and cardiology in Perth Amboy, N.J. He and his wife, Susan, reside in Metuchen and have two sons, Jeffrey and Franklin.

1965

*Stephen Freifeld* has joined the full-time staff of the Hunterdon Medical Center, in Flemington, N.J., as an associate in the department of otolaryngology. Before going to Hunterdon, Dr. Freifeld was chief of otolaryngology at the Bronx Veterans Hospital and an assistant professor in clinical otolaryngology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

1966

*Maureen Matturri* has been appointed as assistant in radiology on the part-time staff at the Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston. Dr. Matturri, who has two children, resides in West Roxbury. Dr. Lawrence S. Schechter and his wife, Doris, live in Manhattan. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Radiology, attending radiologist at the Booth Memorial Medical Center in Flushing, clinical instructor in radiology at New York Medical College, and a member of the American College of Radiology and the New York Roentgen Society. Articles by Dr. Schechter on various aspects of diagnostic radiology have been accepted for publication in the *American Journal of Diseases of Children*, the *Journal of Urology*, and the journal *Chest*.

1967

*Frank Ariosta*, who lives in Staten Island, has been certified as a diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. Dr. Ariosta interned and completed his surgical residency at Staten Island Hospital and received his training in orthopedic surgery at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital.

1969

*William Etra* and *Michael Schoenwald* are chief residents in urology at Beth Israel Hospital in New York City. Each has won a urology fellowship: Dr. Etra at Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo and Dr. Schoenwald at M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston.
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TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1974

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25th ANNIVERSARY—Sumner Goldstein, M.D., Chairman, Class of 1949

Since Alumni Day and Commencement Exercises will both take place on June 4th, all alumni coming to New York from out of town for the Alumni Day Program are invited to attend the Commencement, which will take place at 10:00 a.m. in Carnegie Hall.

(Alumni planning to attend the Commencement, please contact the Alumni Office so reservations may be made.)
Necrology

Chironian records with sorrow the death of the following alumni:
Abraham Rieger, M.D. — '04
Robert L. Wood, M.D. — '04
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Daniel Bromberg, M.D. — '66
Lynn Carol Glasser, M.D. — '69

Correction

In the last issue of Chironian the death of Armen Bagdassaroff, M.D. — '43, was recorded in the Necrology by mistake. It was her mother, Dr. Armenoohy Bagdassaroff, also a physician, who died. Dr. Armen Bagdassaroff is alive and is practicing in Israel. Chironian regrets this error.
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