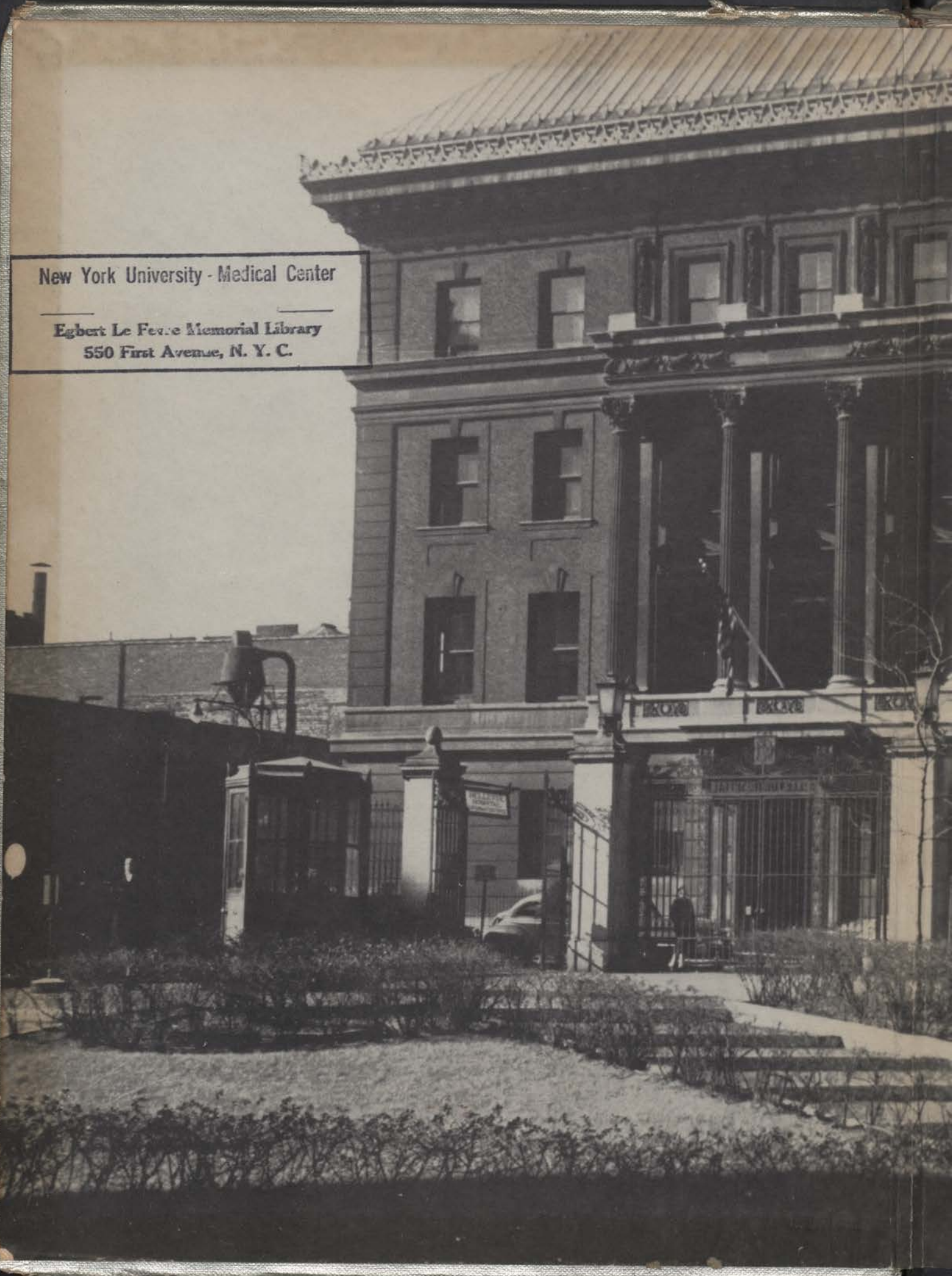


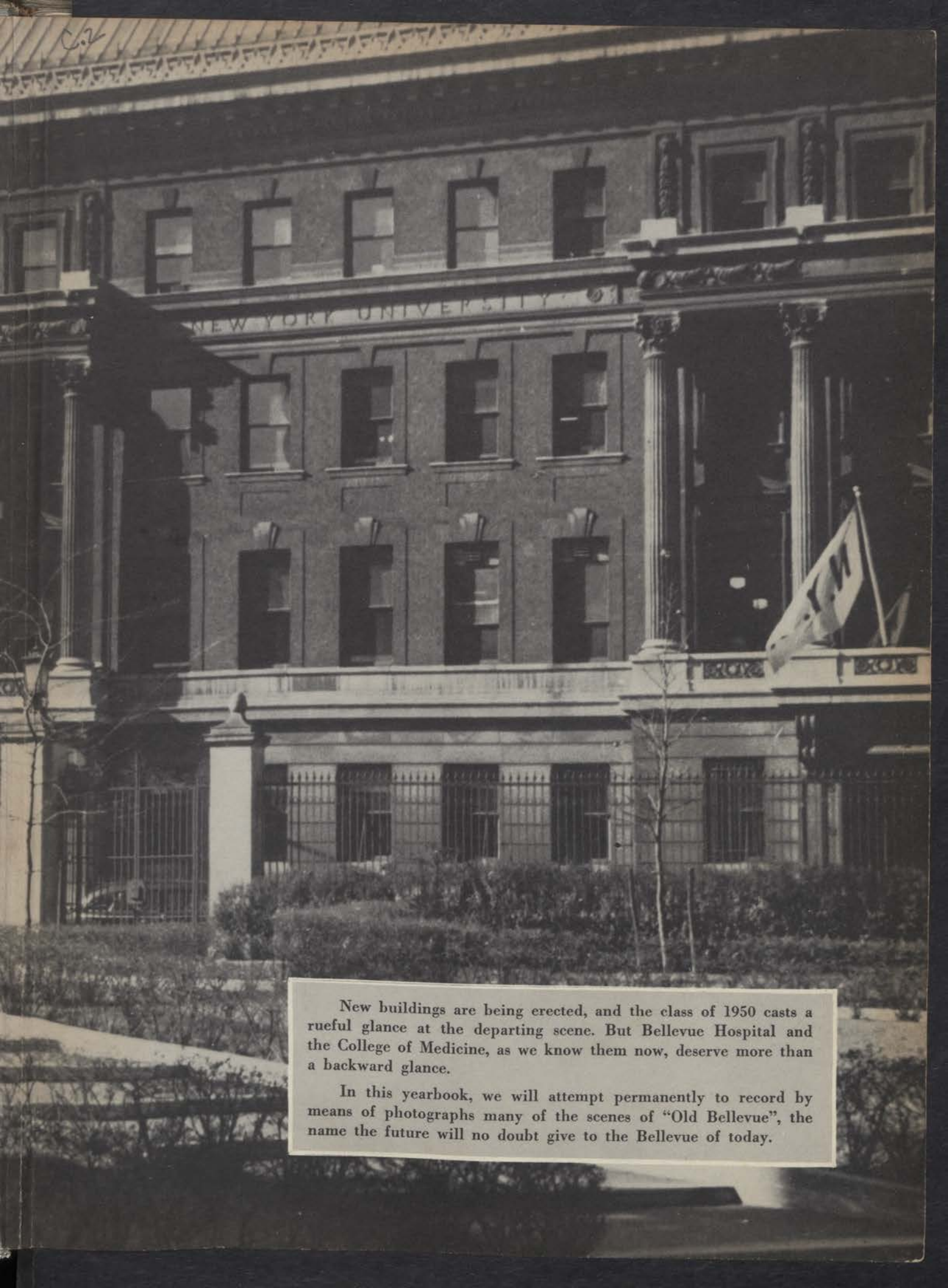


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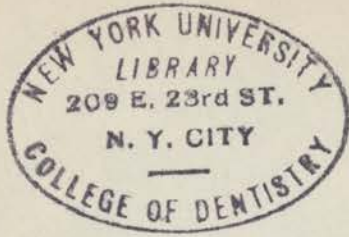
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New buildings are being erected, and the class of 1950 casts a rueful glance at the departing scene. But Bellevue Hospital and the College of Medicine, as we know them now, deserve more than a backward glance.

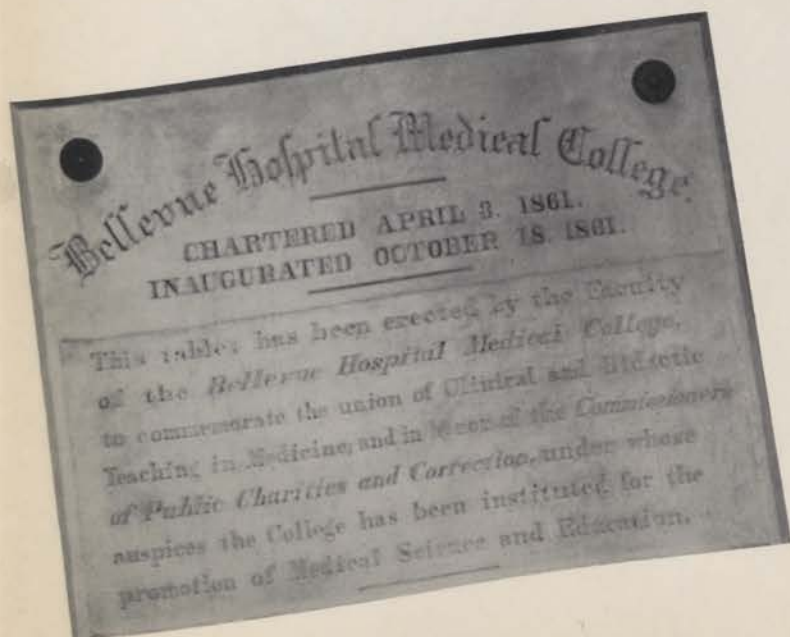
In this yearbook, we will attempt permanently to record by means of photographs many of the scenes of "Old Bellevue", the name the future will no doubt give to the Bellevue of today.





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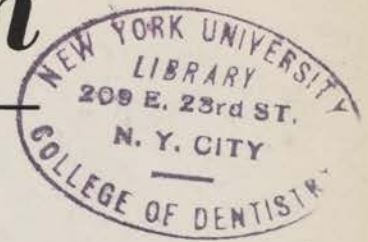
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Dr. Louis L. Bergmann

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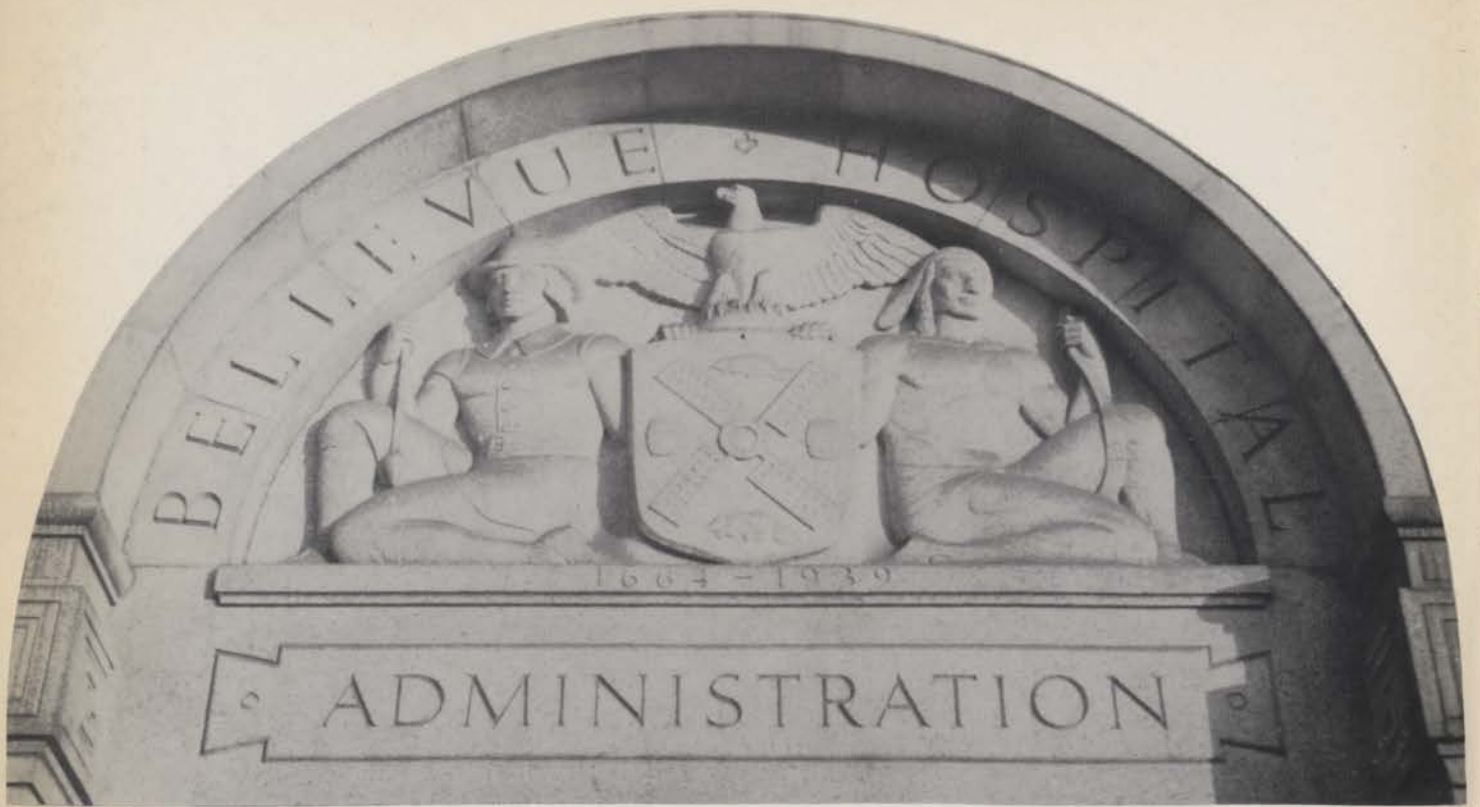


The Class of 1950 is proud to dedicate this yearbook to Dr. Louis Bergmann of the Anatomy Department.

The excellence of Dr. Bergmann's didactic instruction, his eagerness to clear up all of our questions, and the warm, friendly chats he held with us over the dissecting table were important factors in making the somewhat trying first year a more pleasant one.

We are therefore pleased to express our sincere appreciation to a friend of the students.





Harry Woodburn Chase
Chancellor, New York University

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DR. CURRIER McEWEN
 Dean

To the Class of 1950:

I know there probably have been many times since September 1946 when June 1950 has seemed interminably remote to you. Yet now, from your present vantage point, I am sure you wonder at the speed with which these four years have passed. They have been important and eventful years--important in the world scene, and especially important to you in the completion of your medical studies. During these four years also you have seen the Medical Center come into being. In 1946 its goal seemed far away indeed; today as you receive your well deserved degrees, the organization is complete and the physical structure of the first new unit is beginning to rise above First Avenue. It is the hope and purpose of us all that our Center shall continue to grow in service to the community and the world. It can achieve this in the fullest sense only through your work and accomplishments. The integrity of your careers will, to a very large degree, be the measure of the success of the Center. We look to you of the Class of 1950 for encouragement and inspiration, and we look forward also to increasing ways in which the Center can be of service to you as individuals and as a class.

The first phase of your medical education is now behind you. We of the Faculty take pride in your accomplishments and successes, and give you our warmest congratulations. We want you to know that we will follow your future successes with equal pride and that we stand ready to help in any way we can in times of difficulty. On behalf of all my colleagues in the University, the Center and the College I wish you happiness and satisfaction in the work ahead.

Sincerely yours,

Currier McEwen
 Currier McEwen, M.D., Dean



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 Assistant to the Dean



DR. WILLIAM W. BECKMAN
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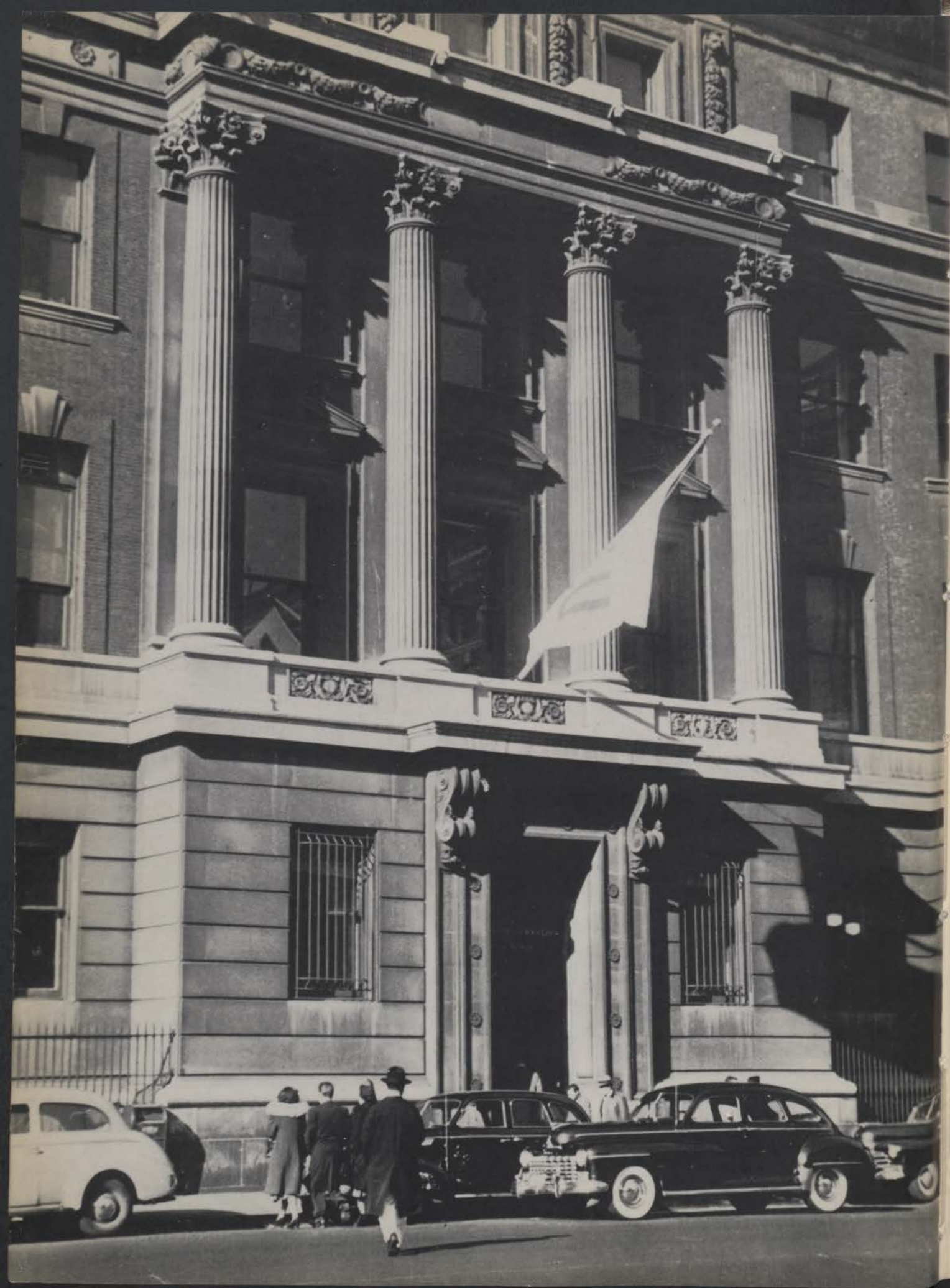
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FACULTY





DR. DONAL SHEEHAN
Chairman

DR. SHEEHAN we know by reputation only, for he was away when our class suffered through anatomy. When he returned, we recognized him in the street or elevator by his characteristic silvery hair, hands-behind-back gait, and his cultured King's English. Anxiously, but in vain, we waited for him to address our class on the Mission of a Medical School.

Dr. Joseph (Joe) Pick acted as head of the department in our day and practically all his time was spent in a small room dissecting the tiniest of sympathetic filaments. His second joy in life was to rush into the lab. in his man-from-Mars outfit and swoop down on the unsuspecting students ("The Assyrian came down like a wolf on the fold . . .") to ask questions like "Ver is de heart?" So terrified were the students at his appearance that they were only able to give absurd answers to his absurdly simple questions.

Dr. Bergmann spent his hours strolling from table to table chatting sympathetically with each in turn. To him we are indebted for our knowledge of the wrist bones (N.L.T. P.M.M.C.H.), the branches of the facial nerve (T.Z.B.M.C.), and for an easy way of remembering in what position the arm is held in supination. "Supination, it is the way I eat soup", and Dr. Bergmann slurped from his cupped palm to demonstrate.

Dr. Harman took as his own the task of keeping the class amused. Spreading joy wherever he went, his large frame rippling with laughter, he reached his greatest heights in his imitation of the uterus and fallopian tubes and his duet with a skeleton.

Ours was the last class fortunate enough to have Dr. Margaret Kennard, one of the foremost authorities on the subject, lecture to us on the cerebral cortex. We sometimes wonder about how confused people taught by lesser lights can be, for we were left in a state of cortical chaos.



DR. LOUIS L. BERGMANN



DR. PINKNEY J. HARMAN

ANATOMY



DR. JOSEPH PICK



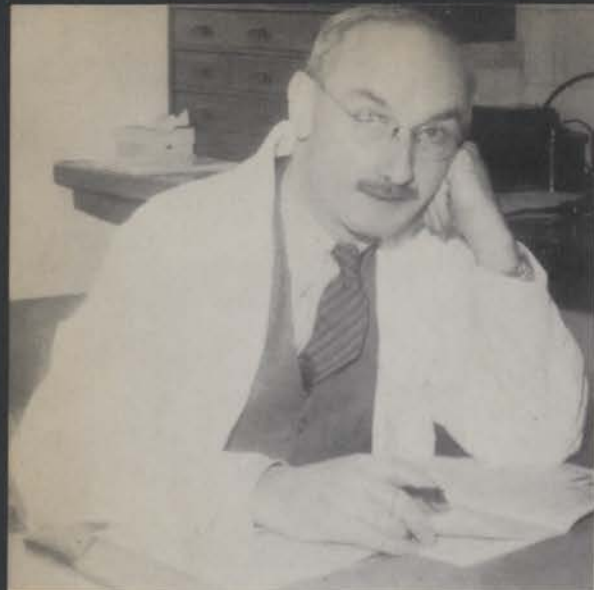
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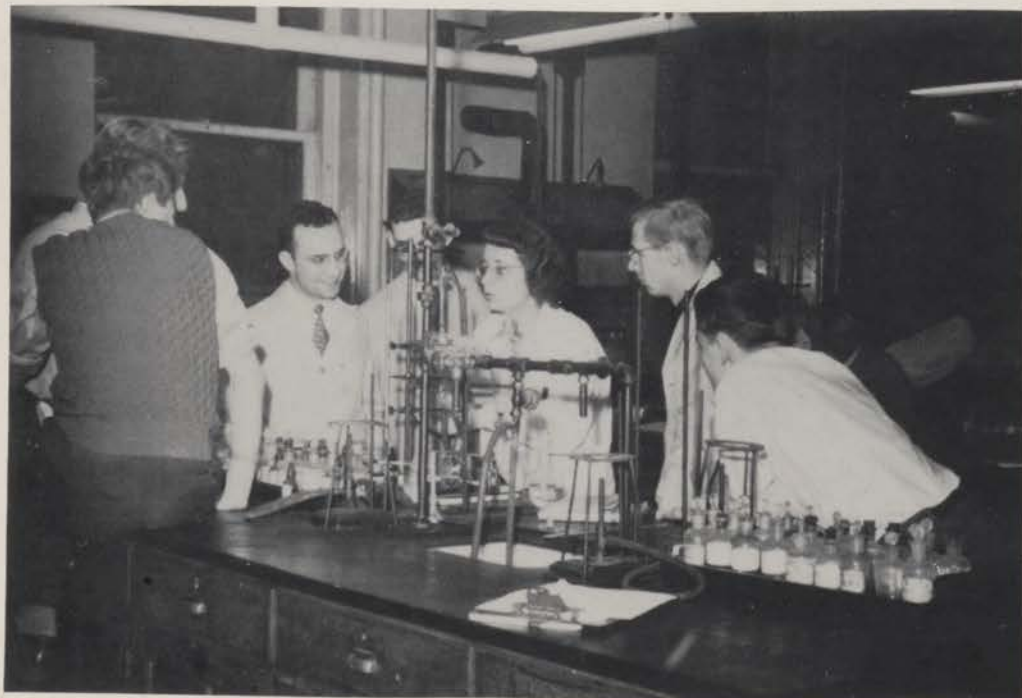


DR. R. KEITH CANNAN
Chairman

BIOCHEMISTRY is a subject which is intrinsically a fairly difficult one. As taught in this school it is even more difficult. Perhaps "impossible" is the appropriate word. To aid the floundering freshmen the department offers a series of lectures and conferences which deal primarily with the more intricate and obscure aspects of the field. The student spends so much time wrestling with these that he becomes lost in a maze of pH, protein chemistry, and the urinary constituents of various canines. He has no time for the simpler and more practical sides of the subject.

Dr. R. Keith Cannan, director of the department, graced us with two contributions. First, he delivered many lectures. It was sheer delight to sit and listen to this tall, celebrated-looking scientist, for he has a genuine flair for the well-turned phrase and accompanies his modulated voice with the jingle of coins. Secondly, we remember Dr. Cannan for the little sessions he held with the individual student after the Exam. He would explain just how poorly the examinee had done and how a few more hours devoted to biochemistry each night might give him a chance of passing.

Dr. Greenwald is of course legendary to the student body. A firm believer in the scientific method, he takes as his own the task of inculcating this method into the first year class. As proof of how far astray non-scientific thinking can lead one, he cites the belief of many misguided souls that endemic goiter is causally related to iodine deficiency. Dr. Greenwald is a man with but one minor idiosyncrasy. The sight of a lit Bunsen burner produces an immediate and alarming effect. A strange, determined gleam lights up his face, and he sets out on a personal crusade of vengeance against all burners and associated students. Just what Bunsen burners represent to him is something which no budding psychiatrist has yet been able to determine.



BIOCHEMISTRY



DR. MILTON LEVY



DR. MARY E. DUMM



JOE HEMMINGS



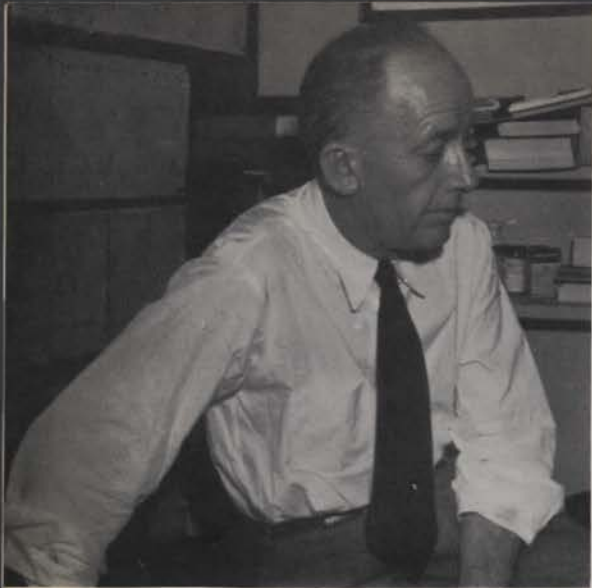
DR. ALBERT S. KESTON



DR. ROBERT C. WARNER



DR. ISIDORE GREENWALD



DR. HOMER W. SMITH
Chairman



DR. CHESTER W. HAMPEL

PHYSIOLOGY, or the Search for a Textbook, is given during the first year. At its onset the department cheerfully recommended we all part with \$10 and purchase MacLeod's *Physiology in Modern Medicine*. Most of us babes heeded the advice but this proved a grave error, for after pouring over page after page of this handsomely bound tome no light of comprehension appeared. We optimistically assumed comprehension would come in time. We suffered silently, vainly reading and rereading sentences. Gradually the rumor that this text was an enormous hoax written by a group of physiologists who had undergone too much cerebral anoxia became an established fact. There ensued a mad rush to Charley Shields' for Best and Taylor. This too proved a grave error. Soon both books were lying peacefully on the bookshelves there to remain permanently undisturbed.

Dr. Homer Smith takes charge of the department. A tall, lanky midwesterner, Dr. Smith quickly became an object of wide-eyed admiration on the part of the students. It was not only the glamor associated with his research on the kidney that made him such an appealing figure. There were the philosophical novels he had written and the lecture on *Plato and Clementine*. For some strange reason, Dr. Smith liked our class and told us we were the best in many years—a statement to which most of the faculty would take violent exception.

Dr. Hampel who directs the teaching distinguished himself by his ability to remember names. He recounted genial stories of his years at Harvard, of his experiments on the nictitating membrane of the cat, of his travels to Beirut, of his experiments on the nictitating membrane of the cat, of how he came to N. Y. U. as visiting professor and stayed like the Man Who Came to Dinner, of his experiments on the nictitating membrane of the cat . . .

PHYSIOLOGY



DR. WILLIAM P. ANSLOW



DR. LAWRENCE G. WESSON, JR.



DR. JACK HARNES



DR. COLIN M. MACLEOD
Chairman

for the duration. That he succeeded as well as or better than his belabored colleagues we can all appreciate now, and we regret we did not follow his example. After two long days the lab. was a bedlam in which the discerning eye could classify the assembled lunatics into several distinct categories:

There was the type in the corner hovering over his mouse, fondling it, and whispering pet names into its ear. In his hand was a book "On the Care and Feeding of Mice." He would occasionally read a few lines, glance again at the mouse, and, reassured it was not showing signs of illness, he would pet it more. His was a twenty-four hour vigil.

There was the type who sat at his desk carefully scrutinizing the colonies on his 28 blood agar plates. He was searching for an organism he had lost, i.e. one he had seen on his original gram stain but not subsequently. Periodically sighting a suspicious colony, he would stain it and transfer it to one of the 60 fresh agar plates he had prepared. Labelling the plate carefully, he made another neat notation in his large notebook.

There was the type who had already discovered 12 organisms. No one knew exactly what he was up to now. The logical thing seemed to be to try discarding some of them, and perhaps this was his intention; but every half-hour he would shout, "My God, another one" and then mutter something about how someone on the faculty was conspiring against him.

Every few minutes one of the crew would dash a plate to the ground, rise with a frenzied stare, cry out "I can't take it any more," and wander off into the night. The fascination of this routine was such that he would return in three hours completely dishevelled, with an alcoholic breath and a glazed, fixed look of determination.



DR. ALWIN M. PAPPENHEIMER

THE BACTERIOLOGY course lasted for an entire trimester. In it we were exposed to a great deal of material. We learned how to gram-stain and what the various microbes look like. Dr. Adams spoke on immunology, Dr. MacLeod on the pneumococcus, and Dr. Pappenheimer on diphtheria. The latter gentleman very sweetly induced us to part with some of our blood for the "sake of science." But all these happenings were as nothing compared with the "bac-tee" unknown—by far the major event of the course.

The reactions of the class to the unknown varied greatly. There was one fellow (name not to be mentioned) who made a gram stain of his unknown, looked at it for two minutes, wrote down what he thought he observed, and took off

MICROBIOLOGY



DR. L. ROYAL CHRISTENSEN



DR. MARK H. ADAMS



MISS NORMA C. STYRON



DR. EFRAIM RACKER





DR. SEVERO OCHOA
Chairman

DR. SEVERO OCHOA has headed the department for only a few years and has endeared himself to the students in this short time. Although he is a brilliant scientist, it is not for this alone they love him. There has always been much talk about methods of improving student-faculty relationships, and of the suggestions offered many have been nebulous. Dr. Ochoa, however, has himself put into effect one very concrete means of cementing these bonds. Instead of slinking off into the faculty's private water closet as most faculty members are wont to do, he stands right up among the students. Of a more efficacious method to unite student and faculty into one harmonious, happy family we cannot conceive.

Dr. Richard C. deBodo delivers the majority of lectures in the course. A dignified, erect figure with a magnificent abundance of silver hair, his pet subject is digitalis and its mystical dromotropic, chronotropic, inotropic, and batmotropic properties. Dr. deBodo's penchant for subjecting the coccygeal vertebrae of members of the family Canidae (dogs) to various forms of mechanical pressure is of course too well known to merit more than passing mention.

The Pharmacology Department is further distinguished by the presence of the Nobel laureate Dr. Otto Loewi — with whom our contact was unfortunately restricted to two lectures. In these sessions Dr. Loewi, with his bow tie, modestly discoursed on the autonomic nervous system, Life, Love, and how easily he won the Nobel Prize.



PHARMACOLOGY



DR. OTTO LOEWI



DR. SARAH RATNER



DR. SEYMOUR KORKES



DR. RICHARD deBODO



DR. WILLIAM C. VON GLAHN
Chairman

CONSIDERED by many the most important course in the entire medical curriculum, pathology was certainly one of the most difficult. Without it, the second year would have been less strenuous and less informative.

At lectures almost everyone in the department is awarded the chance to expound. Dr. Von Glahn, more familiarly known as The Archbishop, preaches pontifically on the evils of rheumatic fever. Dr. Wilens, one of the best of lecturers, discusses the pathogenesis of arteriosclerosis. Dr. Hall presents very comprehensive pictures of hemochromatosis and carcinogenesis. But our class was favored by the debut of Dr. Leon Sokoloff. Speaking on emboli and thrombi, he had undoubtedly accumulated all available knowledge—theoretical and otherwise—on this subject and was faced with the

dilemma of imparting all of it in the space of one hour. Slightly frisky at the gate, Leon broke with the gun and quickly outdistanced the most expert note-takers who were forced to throw up their pens in despair. Fortunately he decided to be more exclusive in his later lectures and modified his tempo accordingly.

The laboratory was the scene of countless hours spent learning disease through a one centimeter hole. This became fairly dull and the practice of retiring to the hall for sociable smokes grew popular. By the end of the year prolonged smokes lasting two hours became the rule. Merry chatter could always be heard outside the laborious lab. We awaited the 12:30 slide demonstration daily, and our only concern was the remote possibility of being chosen as the unfortunate one to describe the slide to the class. Always the saddest of experiences, this session amounted to memorizing the order of the slides of the day and reciting by rote the textbook descriptions. Book-reviewed by W. C. Von Glahn, Anderson's *Synopsis of Pathology* was our bible for finals. We predict it will long outlive its condemnation by The Archbishop as heresy.



DR. SIGMUND L. WILENS



DR. LEWIS D. STEVENSON

PATHOLOGY



DR. JOHN W. HALL



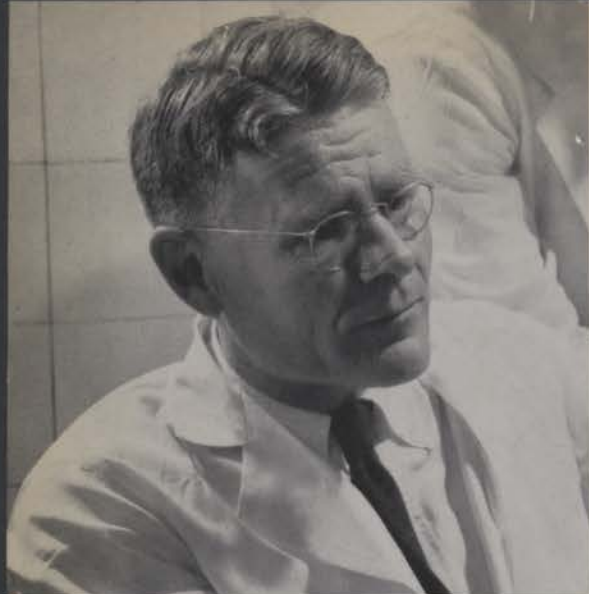
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DR. MARVIN KUSCHNER



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DR. L. EMMETT HOLT, JR.
Chairman



DR. ROBERT WARD



DR. HARRY BAKWIN



DR. EDITH M. LINCOLN

MOST OF US retain keen memories of our two months on Pediatrics in the third year. This is largely due to the fact that we could play with our patients and at the same time be exposed to a faculty that was genuinely interested in teaching. Apparently those whose nerves were steeled to the bawling of infants were also patient with the questions of raw clinical clerks. A large segment of our Class has therefore desired to convey its appreciation to the Department of Pediatrics and its house staff of 1948-1949.

Dr. Holt who heads the department is an eminent man in the world of pediatrics. As students on ward rounds we were impressed with his modesty and willingness to learn from his subordinates. Drs. Ruth and Harry Bakwin have developed the management of children and parents into a polished art; and who will forget Dr. Nemir with her forceful clinical approach and dramatic lectures?

We who heard our first diastolic murmur with Drs. Baldwin, Kuttner, or Glück will always remember their instructive cardiology sessions on F-7. Many of us learned the elements of physical diagnosis of the chest with Drs. Lincoln and Kirmse on F-4. And then there were profitable conferences, ward rounds, and lectures with Drs. Worcester, DeVito, Dancis, and others.

In the fourth year clinic we were fledgling physicians under Dr. Krugman's expert guidance. This indeed was a taste of office practice.

PEDIATRICS



DR. SAUL KRUGMAN



DR. THOMAS KIRMSE



DR. JOHN OSBORN



DR. ARTHUR W. CHUNG



DR. JANET BALDWIN



DR. ROSA LEE NEMIR



DR. ANN G. KUTTNER



DR. ROBERT BARRETT



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DR. ELAINE P. RALLI



DR. MARGARET H. TEWKSBURY



DR. JOSEPH E. CONNERY

THE VALUE of the three month clerkship in medicine depended almost entirely on the particular attending and house staffs thrust upon the student. At this notably impressionable stage in his development the clinical clerk's differential diagnostic acumen was already patterned. Those who were disciples of parasitologists routinely considered *Ascaris* infestations in all cases of dyspnea, and an alarming proportion of our classmates left the third year convinced that all illness could be traced to that malicious organ—the kidney. Thus, merely by observing various students making diagnoses, a list of the clinical faculty could be compiled. Of course this excluded those gentlemen who never appeared for conferences and those who mumbled soporifically to themselves on ward rounds.

A more grateful tribute is perhaps indicated for those who did manage to indoctrinate us so thoroughly. Starting from the top we salute Dr. William Tillett. There are some members of our class who have actually seen him—apart from his rare but excellent lectures. Much speculation surrounds his apparent seclusion. Perhaps it is merely that during the course of his experiments Dr. Tillett becomes enmeshed in a web of fibrin and must lie a prisoner until he can create enough streptococci to lyse the net.

Many other physicians of note helped crystallize our attitudes toward internal medicine. Dr. Ludwig Eichna is both an impressive man and a lucid lecturer. Drs. Goldring and Chasis will be remembered for their successful destruction of all existing theories and therapies of hypertension. Dr. Elaine Ralli, the grand lady of the department, enlivened the third year with her spirited sessions. And there will be warm personal as well as pedagogical memories of Dr. de la Chapelle, that extraordinary couple Dr. Tewksbury and Dr. Connery, astute Dr. Sherry, and young Jerry Lawrence.

Finally there will always remain a fond precordial twinge for Drs. Kossmann, Berger, Redish, Brumlik, and Rader; an arthritic ache for Dr. Bunim; and for Dr. Vogl a tearful tracheal tug.

MEDICINE



DR. CLARENCE E. DE LA CHAPELLE



DR. BERTHA RADER



DR. CHARLES A. R. CONNOR



DR. LUDWIG W. EICHNA



DR. CHARLES E. KOSSMANN



DR. ARTHUR C. De GRAFF





DR. WILLIAM GOLDRING



DR. HERBERT CHASIS



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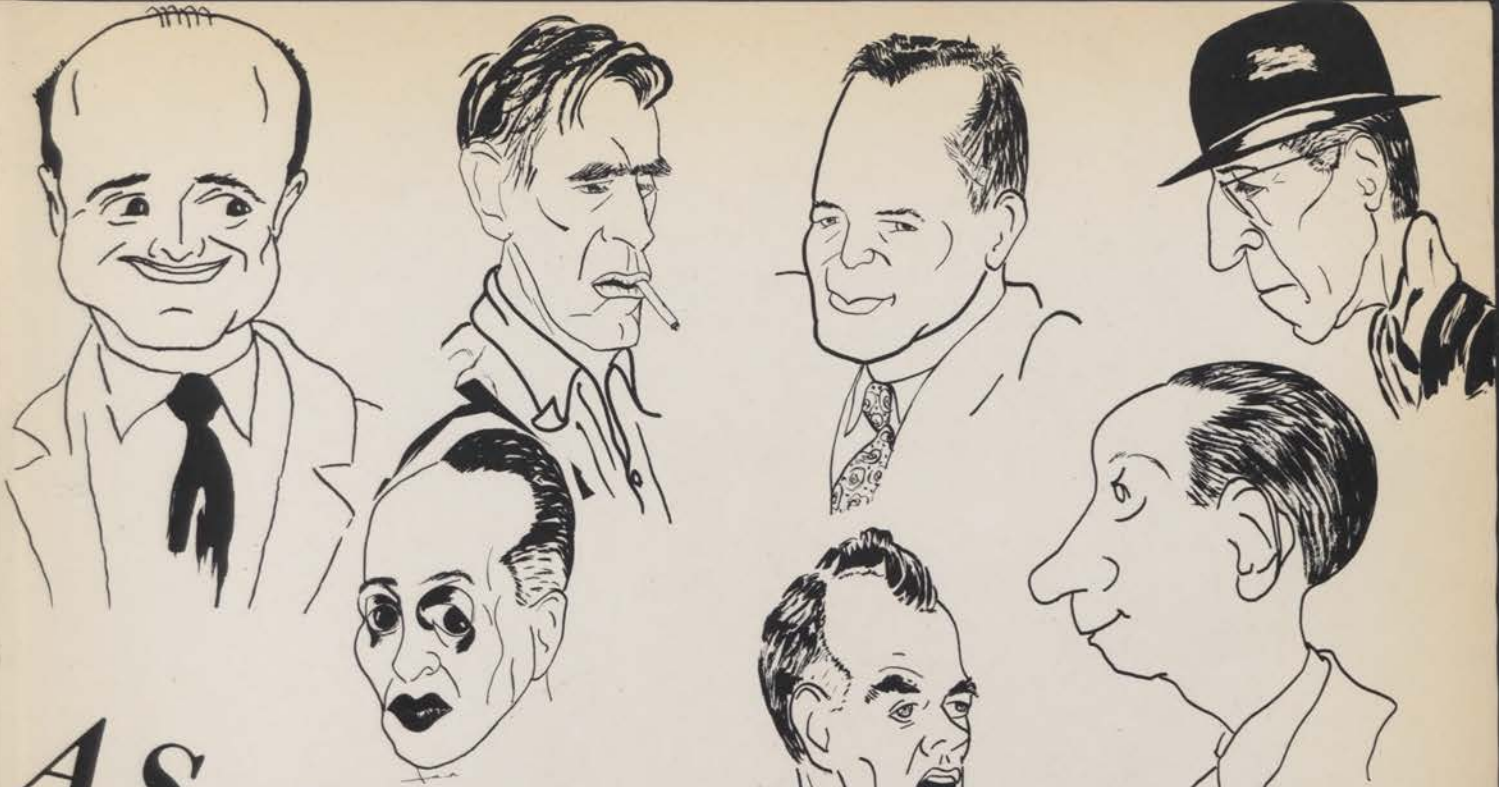
DR. JULIUS SACHS



DR. HIRSCH R. LIEBOWITZ



DR. EUGENE CALVELY



AS WE SAW THEM...





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SURGERY



DR. JOHN H. MULHOLLAND
Chairman

WEARING armor of plaster and splints, Dr. Siris descended upon us weak sophomores forcefully and repeatedly. This proved a good omen of things surgical, and we were left immobilized.

Next came our third year with dramatic presentations in a hallowed amphitheatrical setting. These mimicked quiz programs in which there were many more questions than answers. The clerkship with the everpresent suspense of the O.R., fracture room, wards and laboratory followed in due order. Dr. Kutisker displayed his wisdom and pedagogic traits in the Saturday morning seminars. Dr. McCarthy quietly and unassumingly assigned his students short talks on such fine points as the "Surgery of the G. I. Tract." Attendings made rounds when convenient and each discussed his topic of special interest or ability, e.g. "Intestinal Peristalsis" or "Changing pH of Gastric Juice." And who can forget the pranks of Dr. Doubilet and his magic weapon for pancreatic assault?

Dr. Standard was the bearer of all our ideals in surgery, and his rare visits provided unaccustomed wisdom and humor. Of Drs. Stillman, Mahoney, and Winkley we can only recall bones, X-rays, casts, and potassium solution. Next to finding veins on the wards, our finest hours were spent in the O.R.—scrubbing, pulling, peering, and cowering to the commands of Drs. Boehm and Daniels. Garbed in green gown and face, we at last experienced the naive excitement of assistant surgeons. We saw much and learned little.

The acme of the clerkship came with our final, informal chat with Prof. Mulholland. We trembled for fear the Colonel would ask us to prove the germ theory of infection. But we passed on to the fourth year clinics where in four concentrated weeks of travel and variety we learned what to study for National Boards.

Few of us plan on surgery as a career.



DR. HENRY DOUBILET



DR. SYLVAN STILLMAN



DR. IRWIN E. SIRIS



DR. JOHN A. LAWLER, JR.



DR. W. ROSS McCARTY



DR. MEYER J. KUTISKER



DR. HUGH S. MARAY



DR. HENRY H. BALCH



DR. BENJAMIN G. P. SHAFIROFF



DR. SAMUEL STANDARD



DR. JOHN M. CONVERSE



DR. MAX P. COWETT



DR. JESSE W. MAHONEY



DRS. BOEHM AND DANIELS



DR. WILLIAM E. STUDDIFORD
Chairman

CHIEF of obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. William Studdiford is a man of encyclopedic knowledge with a private repertoire of cases of all conceivable disorders in the specialty. He also chortles vigorously under his breath and possesses an adequate baritone humming voice which reverberates down the F2-G2 corridor. One of the most eminent in his field, he is an extremely active lecturer—pacing back and forth in front of the blackboard an average of one hundred forty-seven times in ninety minutes.

Also well known to us from third year lectures is Dr. Heaton whose entertaining sessions and unique position as school medical historian have made him one of the best loved of the faculty. Who will forget the harried look on his face when he grabbed his coat and dashed out during his lecture on Ectopic Pregnancy

after word had come to him of a patient's imminent delivery. "Hope this one isn't ectopic!" he cried as he ran through the door. But most of all we will remember Dr. Heaton as a prophet of light valiantly maintaining his independence amidst the dogma of obstetrical conferences in the fourth year.

Other members of the department include Dr. Reich who violently assured us in the third year that "delivery is the supreme crisis in the life of a woman" and whose mannikin lectures attempted to prove his point. Dr. Boyd strove vainly to make pathology interesting, but the important issue was to pass the slide exam. Our school may not breed obstetricians, but we leave our training with full confidence in diagnosing pregnancy from a positive A-Z test.



DRS. CLAUDE E. HEATON, JOHN H. BOYD, EDWARD STANTON



DRS. LEONARD ROTH, IRWIN WELLEN

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY



DR. MELVIN L. STONE



DR. MORTIMER D. SPEISER



DR. JOHN R. GREGORY



DR. WILLIAM A. DICKSON



DR. WILLIAM FILLER



DR. ARTHUR M. REICH



DR. S. BERNARD WORTIS
Chairman



DR. SAMUEL BROCK

OUR MAIN interest in neuropsychiatry was not the subject matter — which the faculty succeeded in making pedestrian and prosaic — but rather in the race of giants who people the Thirtieth Street Building.

In the fond hope that some of us may eventually metamorphose into this Gargantuan mold, the Faculty Board exposed us to these men early in our course. That we were not to pay attention to the contents of their lectures became evident at first sight. The choice of lecture hall provided us with a clue, for it was designed essentially for re-experiencing the delicious torpor of the womb—dark, warm, and comfortable. The method of delivery confirmed our opinion, for it seemed deliberately repetitious, droning, and monotonous. The material itself—the snatches of it we caught before slumber—never competed in our preconscious with sealing wax or cabbages or kings.

But the lecturers! Dr. S. Bernard Wortis, with boyish smile and the last stray lock of thinning hair gyrating ceilingward, was really not three feet taller than we. Dr. Morris Bender, the reformer, we expected to see one day in a 10-gallon hat explaining the comics to the kiddies or driving the “bookies” to cover. Dr. Herman, with a wily expression on his shiny red face, remained enthroned in his office under a severe portrait of The Master or quietly amused on the platform by our boorish indifference. We also met Dr. Frosch who tells the best jokes on First Avenue; Dr. Stern, the Pantagruel of this Rabelaisian ensemble; Dr. Laretta Bender who uses little children for tops; Mrs. Oppenheim whose diabolical inkblots proved our worst suspicions about those technicolor dreams of ours . . .

We were let loose on the wards and met patients whose symptoms were only a bit milder than our own. Some of our attending psychiatrists aroused in us strong positive transferences — the lovely Dr. Yarrell, for one.

A few of us spent leisurely months on electives or sub-internships in Psychology. A few are in cocoons awaiting metamorphosis.



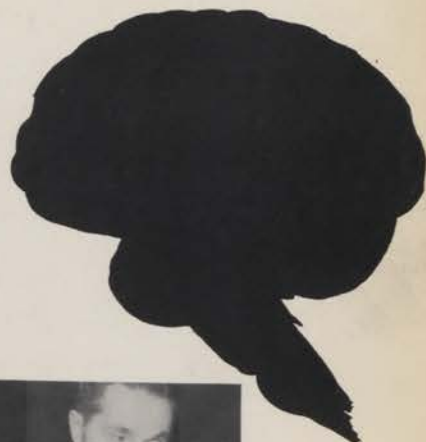
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DR. MORRIS B. BENDER



DR. JOHN FROSCH



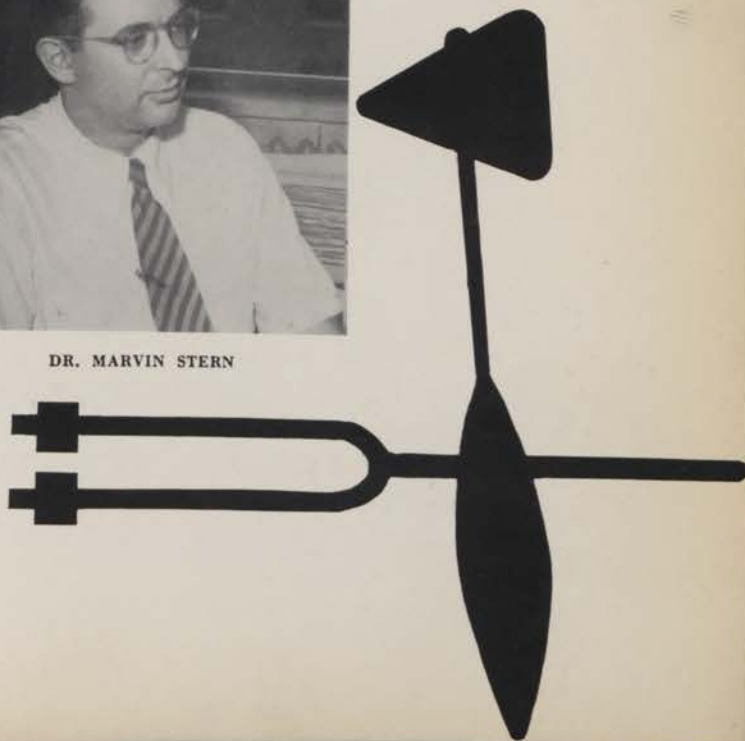
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DR. MARVIN STERN





DR. HENRY E. MELENEY
Chairman



DR. HARRY MOST



DR. DONALD V. MOORE

A MULTITUDE of tentacles infiltrating the four years, the octopus of Preventive Medicine clutched us in biostatistics, epidemiology, parasitology, industrial medicine, a clerkship in practical preventive medicine, and lectures on the difficulties of a physician.

But let us give justice its due. Dr. Meleney and his department are sincerely interested in the student's welfare and are continually striving for improvements in teaching. This was well exemplified by the questionnaires in which we were asked to rate the various constituents of the fourth year clerkship.

In our first exposure—Biostatistics with Dr. Luykx—we derived an appreciation both for those who appreciate the intricacies of the statistical method and for the lovely nether members of Miss Chizik. Epidemiology moved very slowly. Industrial Medicine practically dragged. Parasitology with Drs. More and Most was a delightful course in which were presented the sinister and exotic tropical diseases and the manifold techniques of stool examination. As a result, malaria and kalaazar are routinely suggested by some bright clerks in differential diagnoses, and a good history includes asking the patient very suspiciously, "Have you ever been out of this country?"

The senior clerkship under Dr. Mortara proved very instructive. At last we became acquainted with the N. Y. C. transportation system, the slums of the Lower East Side, and such places as the Sanger Sex Clinic and meat packing houses.

The fourth year lectures were intended to clarify certain basic issues in medicine. While the intention was excellent, the effect was perplexing. One week we were advised to become general practitioners, and the following week the many advantages of specialization were explained. The virtues of socialized medicine were extolled, and later it was shown as an unmitigated evil. Research was viewed as the ideal field of endeavor for the young physician, and then we were warned to avoid the life of a researchist. And so this continued—increasing our already vast store of confusion.

The one consoling feature in the fourth year was the establishment of weekly movie picture showings in Wyckoff Lounge. Sponsored by the department, the topics varied from typhus control in the U. S. to race prejudice in the world.



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IT IS SAID that our school pioneered in the field of Physical Medicine. This is probably true.

Unfortunately, our recollection of the details of this course has faded into the dim past. There was an inspiring first lecture by the fabled Dr. Rusk. This charming gentleman was prevented, alas, from paying further attention to us by his manifold duties. We are sorry to have had so little contact with one of the few men in medicine who have actually opened up a new field. It is a satisfaction in itself to be able to claim such a man for a member of one's faculty.

After that, our mind draws a blank. There were lectures, to be sure, but the editors of the *Violet* have been unable to find any student who admits to having attended them.

Our acquaintance with Physical Medicine was made on the wards. So it should be!



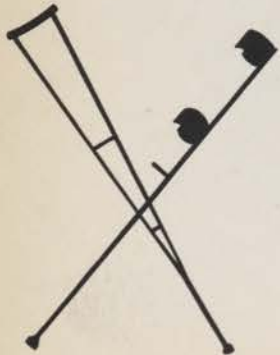
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YOU WERE introduced to Dermatology and Syphiology when Dr. Combes began the first of a series of twelve lectures on the subject. You were told of a host of terms, descriptions, and disease entities by a battery of competent spokesmen. You became cognizant of the delicate shades of difference between macule and papule, crust and scale. ("You", in this case refers to the non-bridge-players who stayed awake). Lectures by Thomas were vivid, being delivered from a great height and in tones stentorian. Naturally, the spoken word and impressions born thereof faded with the passage of time. What you needed was visualization—so you took an elective!

In the clinic you saw things. You saw the patient almost in a lather with concern for the herpetic lesion of the lip but quite nonchalant about the stony-hard mass in the left breast. Perhaps you saw your first chancre here. You learned of x-radiation as well as Burrow's solution and Lassar's paste. You noted how utterly non-specific skin therapy could sometimes be. There was tinea versicolor, easy to treat; pityriasis rosea with its herald spot; acne vulgaris, the bug-a-boo of bobby sockers. Then there was Landy, an experienced and learned man who said, "Always do a darkfield", and who, being contemptuous of L.P.'s, always did C.P.'s.



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Raise the voltage, greater penetration;
Lack of breast, increased illumination,
LAO reveals the bifurcation.
Apical lesion in tuberculosis,
Apices clear in silicosis,
In chronic disease expect fibrosis,
Study ribs for exostosis.
Pagets' disease may broaden pate,
X-ray film is not a plate!
Film the hands in Sarcoid of Boeck,
Ulcer revealed by barium fleck.
Metastatic lesions are often bony,
Dinner for all, and all on Tony.

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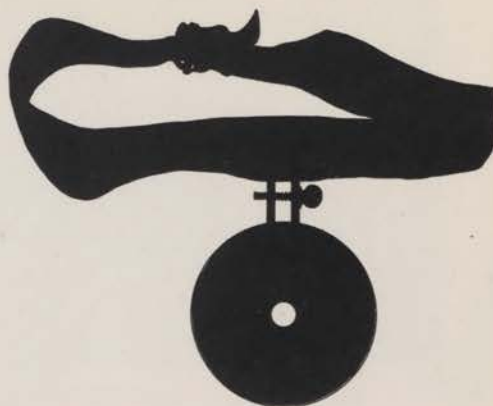
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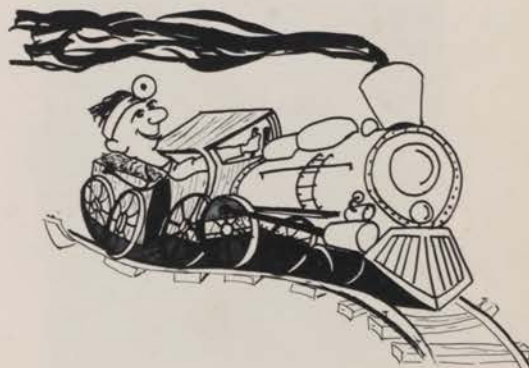


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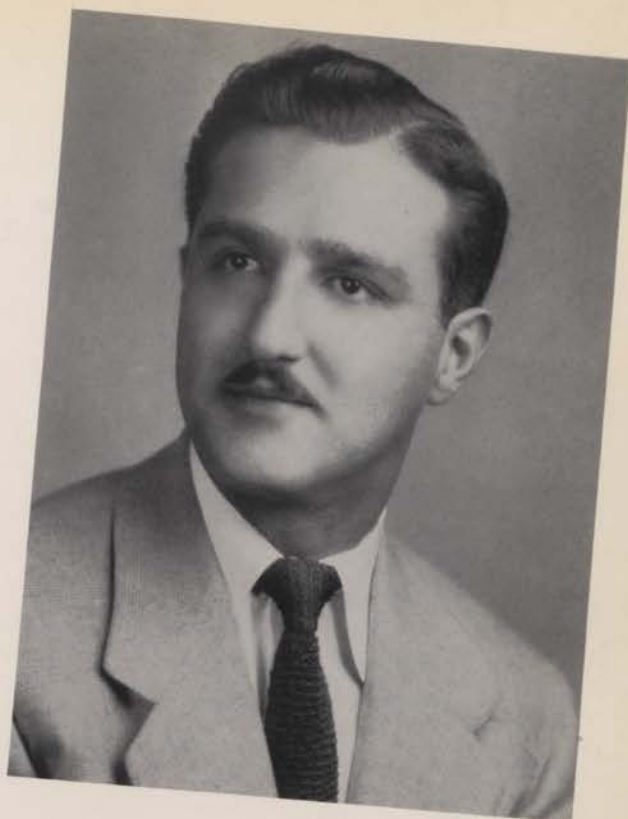




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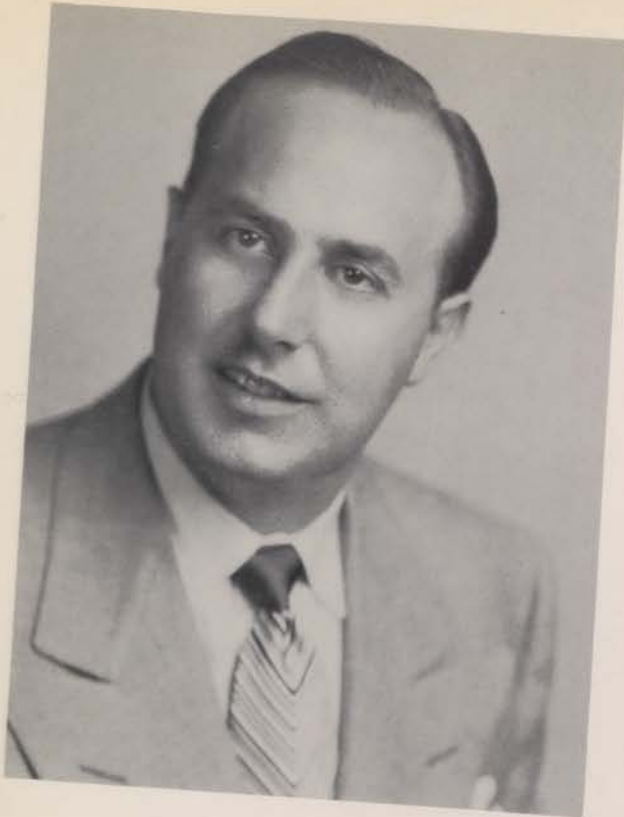
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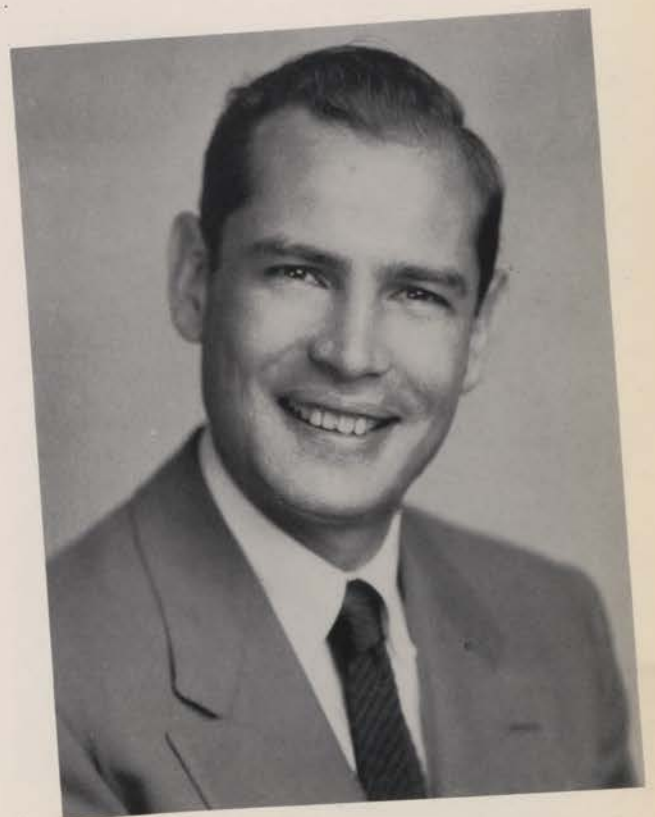
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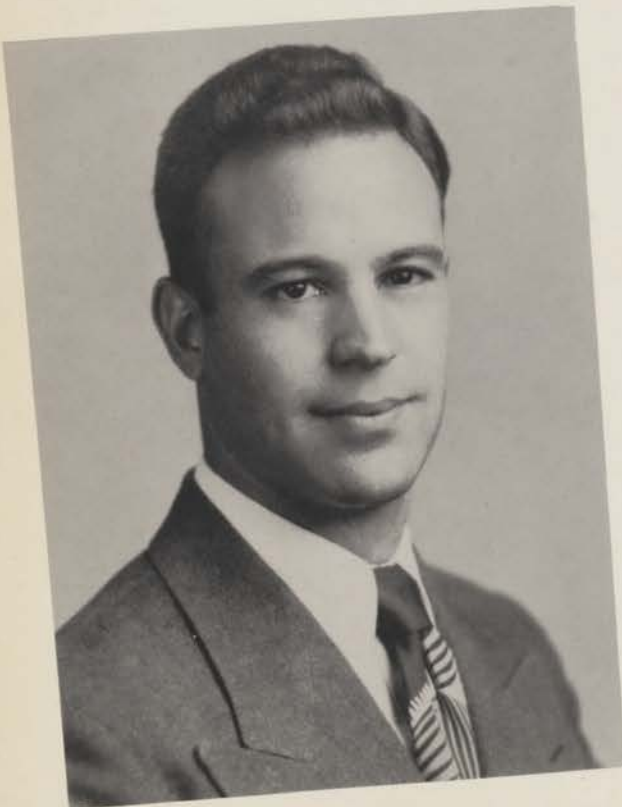
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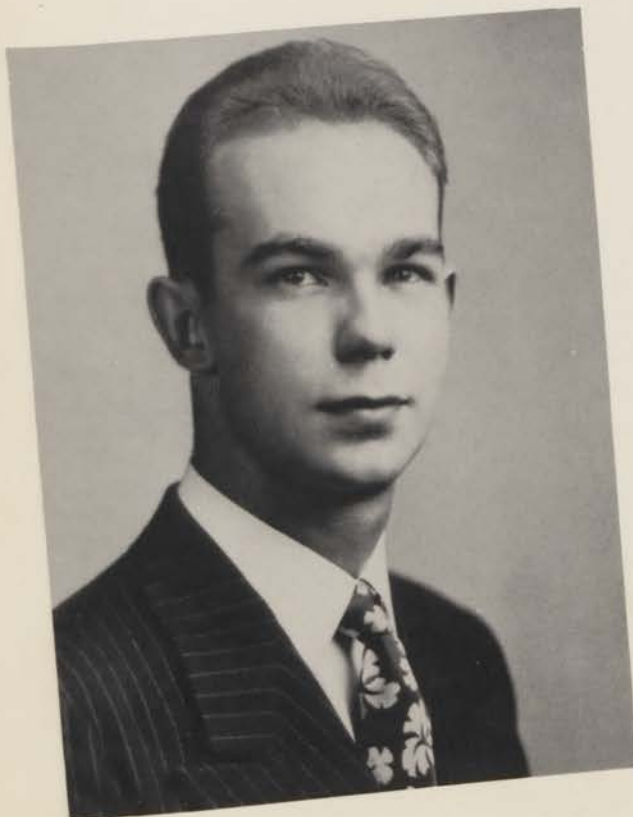
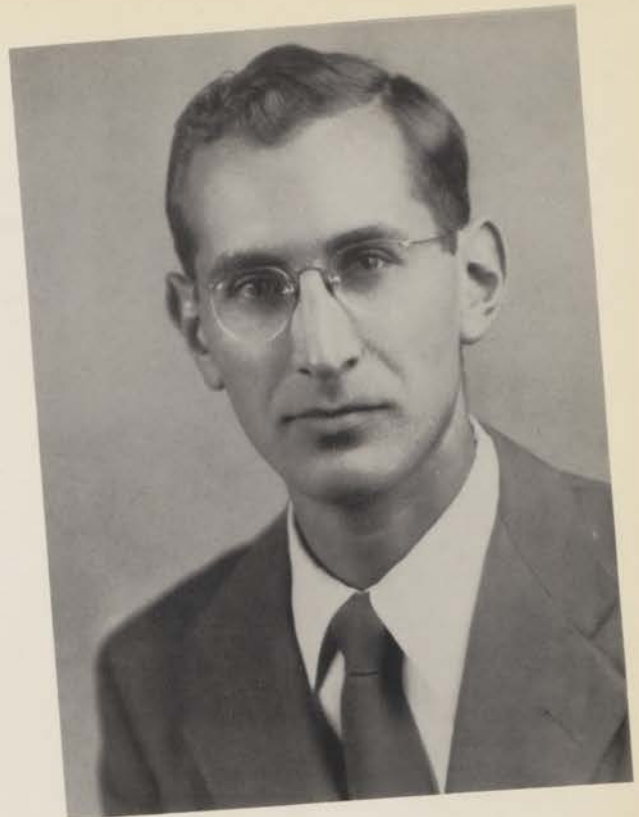
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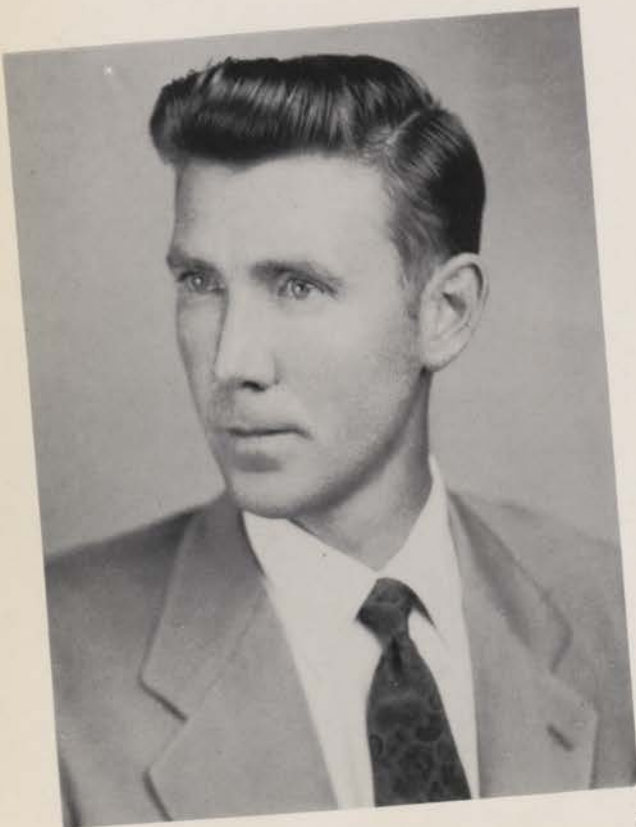


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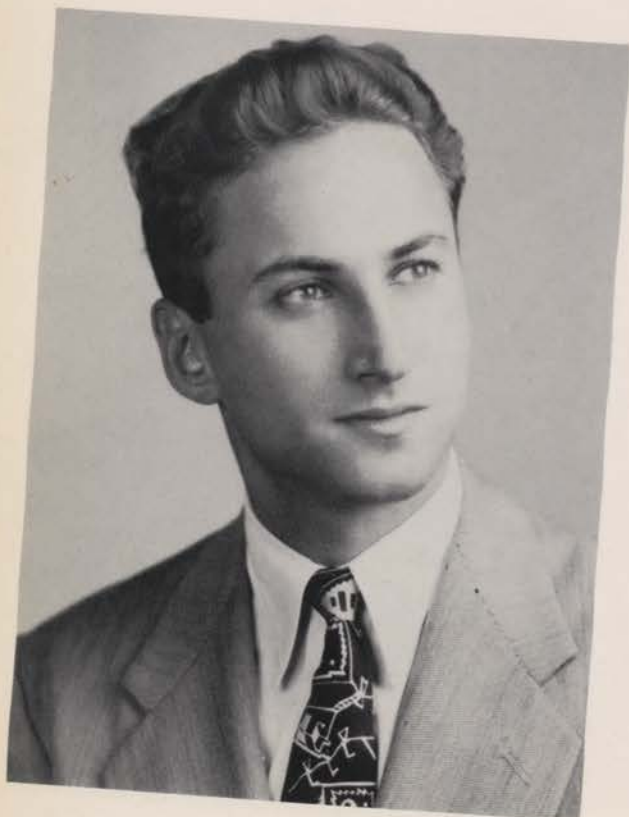




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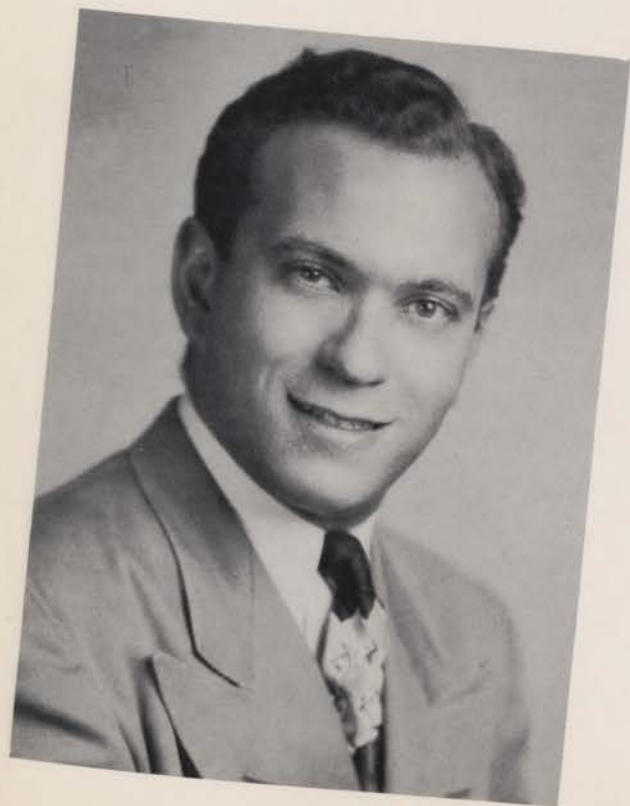
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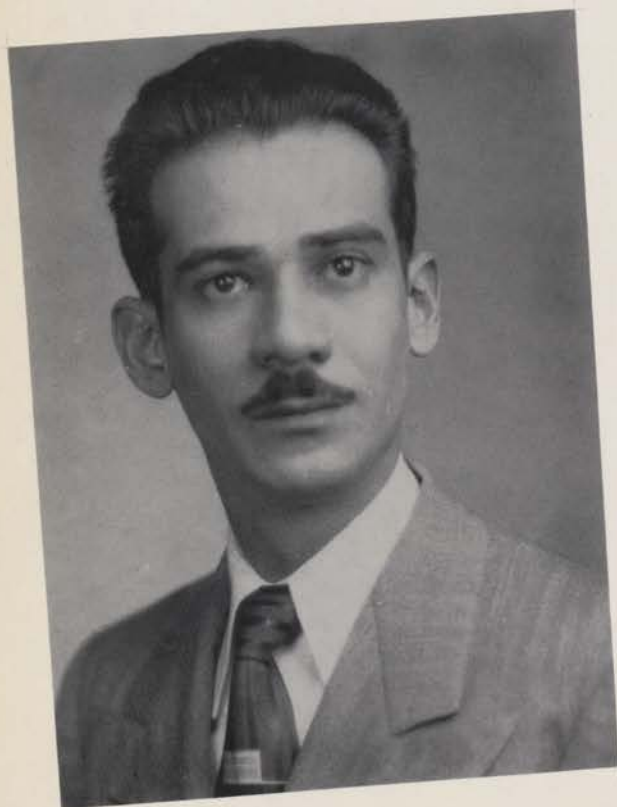
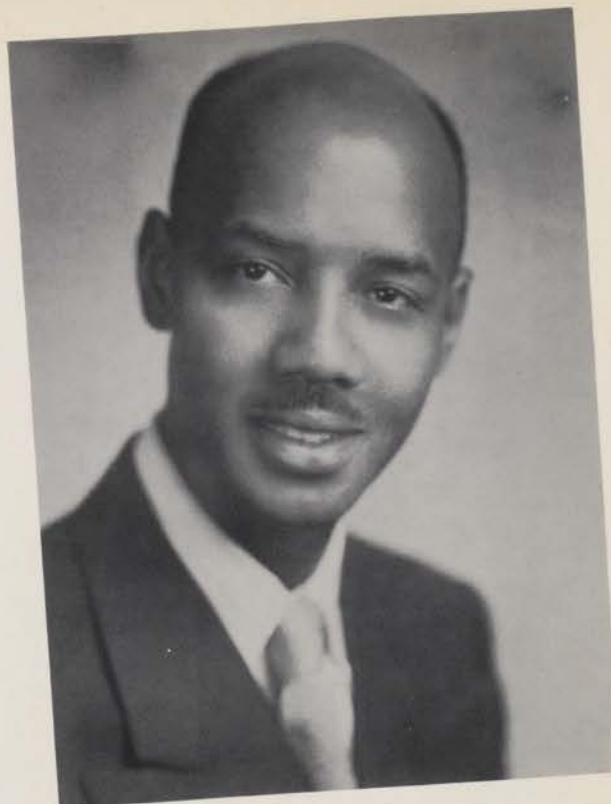
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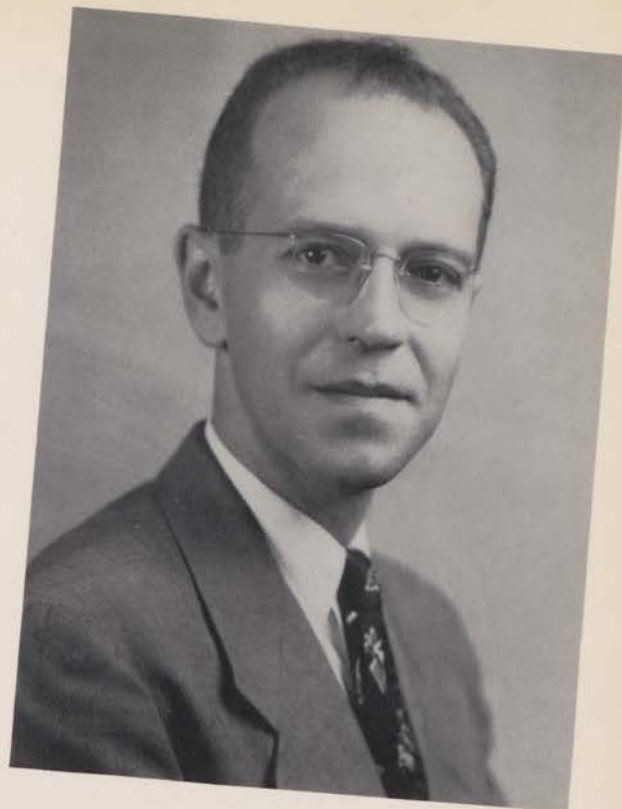


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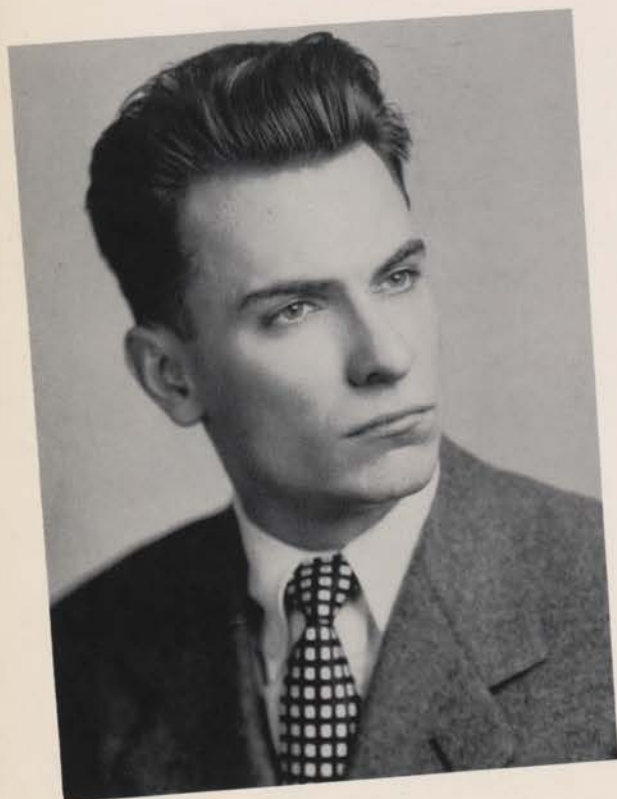
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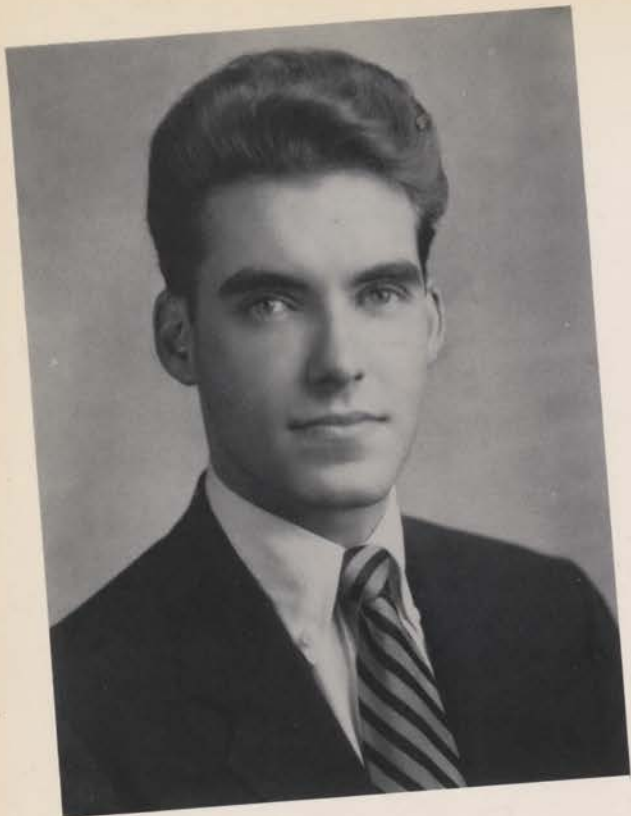


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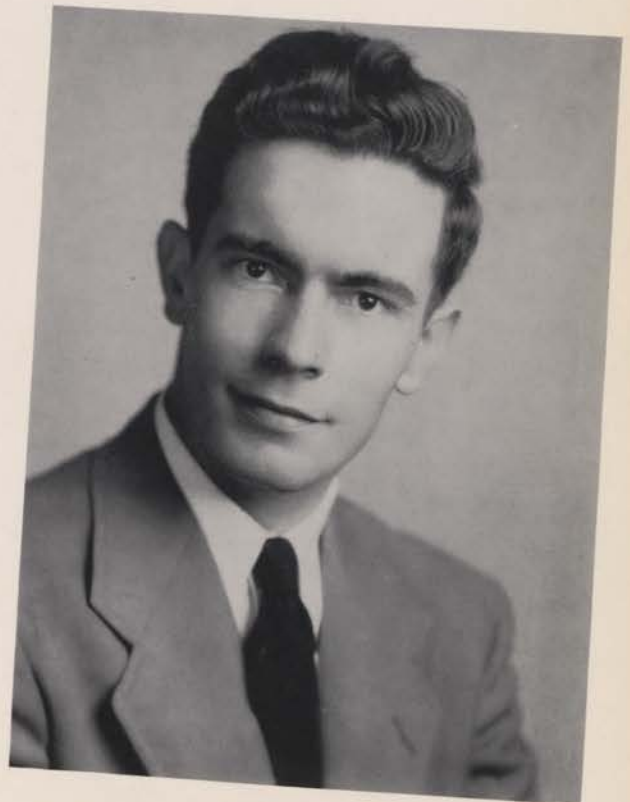
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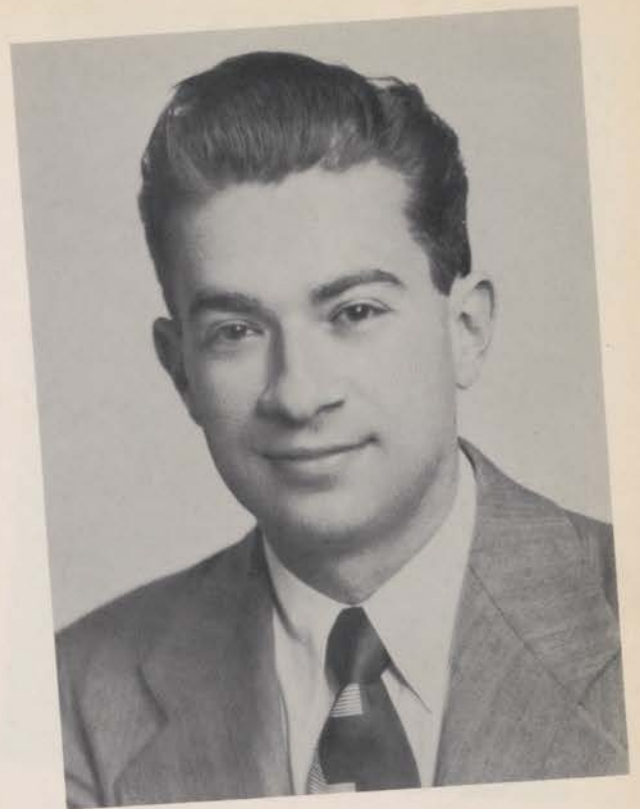
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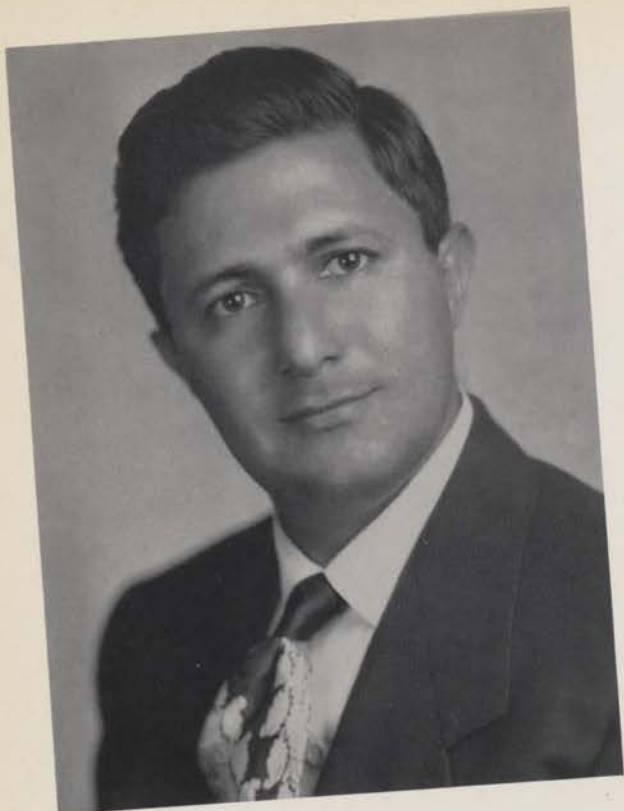
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TO THE CLASS OF 1925:

The *Medical Violet* was created by you. This year marks its Silver Anniversary, as represented by the silver cover of our yearbook. We want to commemorate this event, and thank you for establishing a tradition we are proud to follow. Our only wish is to follow your footsteps in our future careers. We need no better model.

THE CLASS OF 1950

Go You and Do Likewise

by MORRIS WEINTROB, M.D.

President of the Class of 1925



It seems but yesterday; yet today we are the 25th Anniversary Class and must seem *oh so old* to the current crop of graduates! As we look back over a quarter of a century, we are proud that ours was the class which founded the *Bellevue Violet*, the 25th descendant of which now honors us with special mention.

Those of us who had the good fortune to attend our 25th anniversary dinner, some coming from distant points, bowed our heads in silent remembrance of the ten per cent of our classmates no longer able to answer an earthly roll call. Then we relived the joys and heartaches of our student days and, as is the time-honored custom, scanned bald pates and compared graying locks as proudly we displayed snapshots of sons and daughters. And tall were some of the tales we told of what the passing years have brought us.

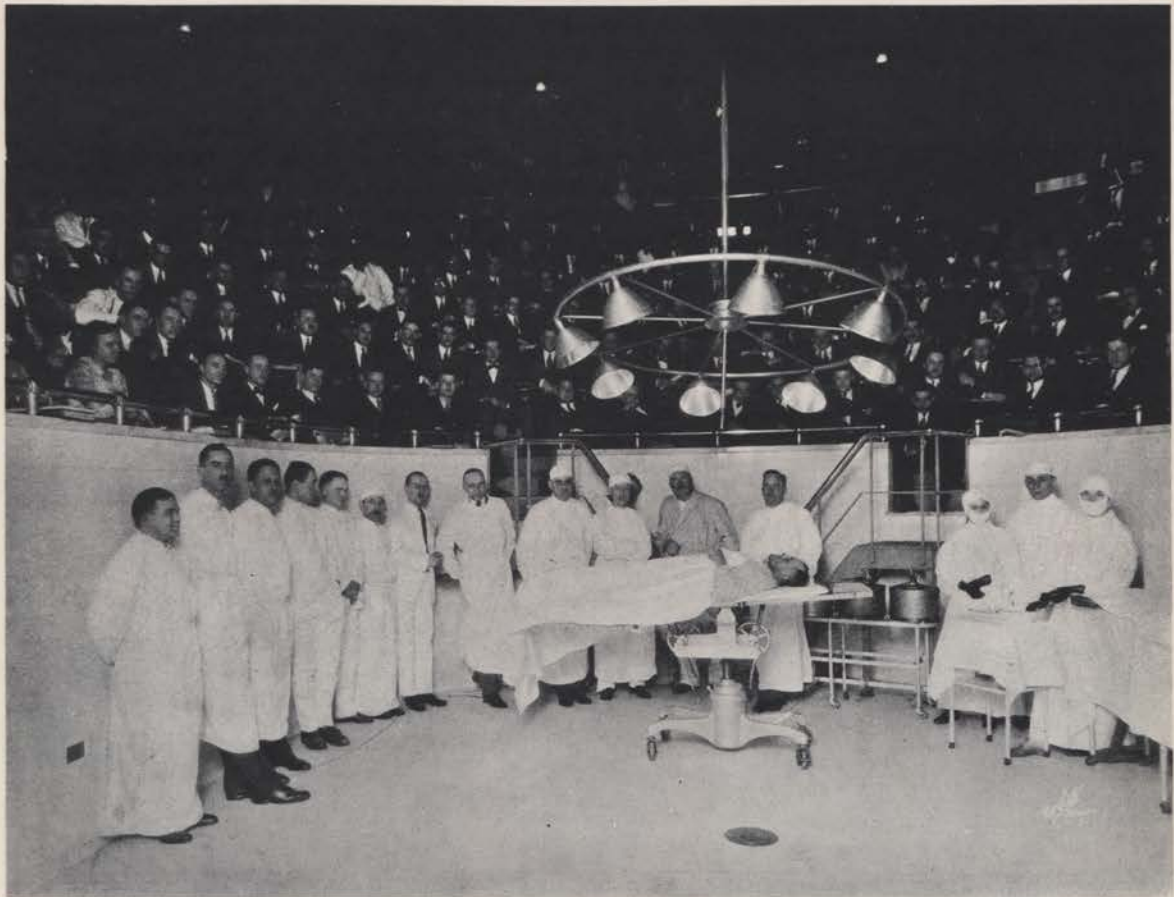
Samuel A. Brown, our beloved and respected dean, was recalled as he was when we were neophytes in 1921, and when he saddled us with the responsibilities of graduates in 1925. There was talk of those other greats in our faculty who have carved their niche in medical history. All subscribed to Dr. Brown's comments in the 1925 *Bellevue Violet* wherein he said: "In the profession of Medicine, one may consider success from a standpoint of human service, scientific preeminence or the accumulation of wealth. The physician who now claims our attention must combine all three of these elements, and by far the most important of the three factors being the first." We of 1925 have tried to live up to the finest traditions of that idealism which has made medicine the honored profession it shall always be.

Knowing that a doctor goes but a short way if he goes alone, most of us have worked zealously in the interests of our profession by playing a part in the deliberations of organized medicine. And realizing that doctors are men of culture owing a debt to society, we have accepted community, civic and political responsibility as every good citizen does . . . for the doctor, after all, must be a man among men! Many of us have found time to contribute to the scientific and lay literature and number the more aesthetic arts of painting and sculpture among our avocations.

Yes, twenty-five years have flown by. For you whose glances are forward these seem a lifetime, but to us who have lived them they have passed with the speed of a bird in flight. As we look back we can, with pardonable pride, say that we have kept faith with countless sons of Aesculapius who have preceded us. We have pitched our course by the highest stars and tried our best to live up to the Talmudic admonition: "*Thou hast entered the city; abide by its customs.*"

To you who are someday to become members of a 25th Anniversary Class we say: "Go you and do likewise."

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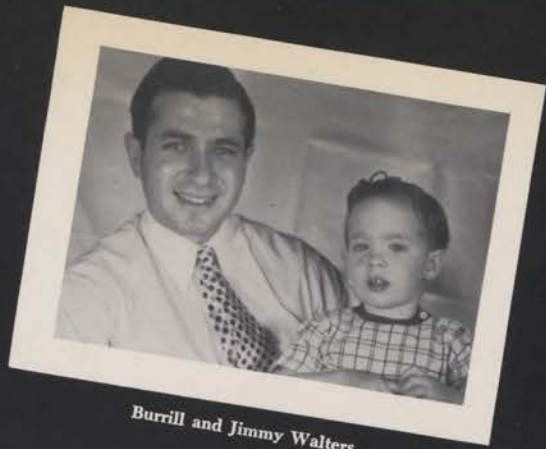


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Baffled by Beer

In September, 1946, we were young, quavering, and inexperienced. We know not what to expect. We looked desperately to the faculty to tell us what was to come. We hung breathless on the words of any of its members who would do so. That the faculty did not pass up this opportunity to mold the pliable freshmen to their liking was soon seen.

Dr. Pick delivered his inspiring "beautiful lady of medicine" speech in our very first class. He promised that if we would devote ourselves whole-heartedly to the field of medicine, it would be very worthwhile. We were to look on medicine as a charming woman. If one paid this lady the full attention she deserved, the rewards would be those which only such a woman can return to a faithful admirer. The majority of the class felt that if the pleasures of medicine were of this sort, they were all for it, and they would begin to devote themselves immediately.

Dr. Pick's lecture was thus not without effect. The single event that had the greatest influence on the outlook of the freshmen, however, was unquestionably the senior-freshman beer party. Truly this was a wonderful idea, meeting your professors over a glass of beer, becoming better acquainted, mutually exchanging ideas, and thus improving student-faculty relations.

Arriving at Wyckoff Lounge, one observed the following: Scattered throughout the vastness of the lounge were various faculty members, each surrounded by a sea of eagerly upturned faces, each holding forth on some subject. Every time the professor finished his carefully thought out and well chosen sentence, the sea of faces would be seen to nod, and only the more dextrous students were able to avoid spilling beer as their heads bobbed.

The freshmen seemed enchanted. The casual observer might have said the faculty did all of the talking, but this would be taking much to superficial a viewpoint. For it was in the concord of minds, the harmony of thought, the meeting of ideas, as manifested by the students agreeing with whatever the faculty said, that this party proved itself a success.

Then, the speeches began. The details have long been forgotten, but who will ever forget their tenor—that we were now graduate students—that the faculty understood we were human—that we should attend the theatre and opera with regularity and devote much of our time to the cultural side of education. These would broaden our personalities, and make us better physicians—medical school was more than just memorizing huge tomes, etc. etc., culminating in the famous lines of Dr. Heaton, "Don't let the Bastards get you down" (speaking of the faculty, of course).

What with the beer and the friendly speeches which showed what appeared to be true sympathy for the plight of the lowly student, the freshmen stumbled out to First Avenue, cast aside any ideas they may have had of pouring through *Gray's Anatomy* every night, envisaged themselves in full dress at the Metropolitan Opera House learning how to become doctors, and were thoroughly drunk.

What happened to us in the first year is now a matter of record. It is much too recent and painful a memory for us to go into any detail here. We shudder when we think back to how, after those lovely, friendly speeches . . . biochemistry, brown envelopes, surprise examinations, biochemistry, not knowing about finals until the last day . . . Ugh!

The Great

The faculty of our school can at times be clever. Make no mistake about that. Do not be misled by mere superficial appearance. Let all those who require further convincing pay close heed to the following tale.

The students entering their sophomore year in 1947 were a completely altered group. Gone was the guilelessness, naivete, and trustfulness they possessed as entering freshmen. In its place was a sly, cautious craftiness—for the few vacation months failed to dim the terrible memory of being mercilessly crushed underfoot by the Biochemistry Department. This year the faculty could preach all they wanted about how valuable was the acquisition of “culture” for the future physician. They could ‘talk their heads off’ about the pointlessness of intensive studying, learning facts one would soon forget. They could stress the unimportance of grades and the importance of leading well-balanced, gentlemanly lives. The faculty could, in short, do or say anything they d . . . well pleased. But the second year students were not going to be undone by this kind of unctuous talk, for they remembered—they remembered the first year and biochemistry.

The faculty were morose, disgruntled. All the joy in life was gone now that they were unable to rip into an unprepared, helpless group. (Alas! This group was always prepared.) They sipped their gin in silence. They quarreled amongst themselves, and bickered with their wives. The situation grew intolerable . . . and so the “Great Scheme” was evolved.

Slowly and with infinite pains, the faculty sought to regain the confidence of the student. During the first trimester they gave him pharmacology and neuroanatomy. This meant many



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free hours, an afternoon off, and no Saturday classes. "Go out and have a good time" the faculty seemed to be saying. "Go to the opera, the theatre, the ball game in your free hours. Have a good time."

But the profound psychological effect induced by biochemistry was not to be eradicated so easily. The students were wary. They prepared their work. They read the books, paying particular attention to the unassigned chapters and to the footnotes.

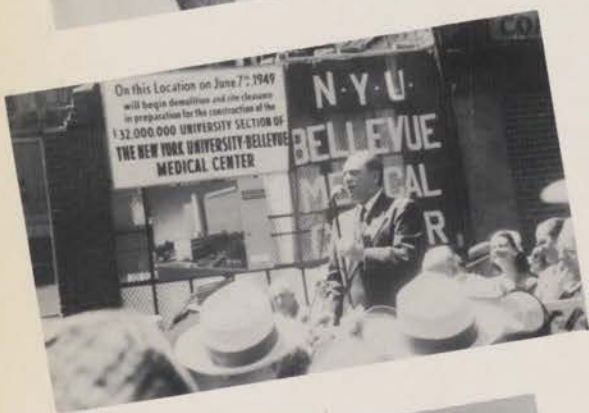
The plan continued. Dr. Bergmann presented simplified lectures in neuroanatomy. He spoke for ten minutes and then would repeat the subject matter twice more to make sure we understood. Dr. Harman strove to be especially amusing. Dr. Kennard gave incomprehensible lectures, but she was sweet, oh so sweet about it. She realized she had presented her subject poorly, and it *was* such a difficult subject to grasp. No one really understood it, and it really didn't matter as weren't we the best class she ever had—the first in many years in which no one had flunked the practical.

Soothed and comforted, the student's wounds were beginning to heal. He was growing less cautious, he was almost happy. In short, he was falling prey to this demoniacal conspiracy.

Dr. Hampel was extremely pleasant. He played games with revolving chairs. He showed us his prize collection of trick cats. Dr. deBodo would go around pinching dogs' tails to entertain us. Nothing, you see, was too good for the pleasure of the second year class.

Aware that their disciples were faltering, the faculty played their trump card—Otto Loewi and his speech on how he won the Nobel Prize. It was not a question of brains. No, he—Otto Loewi—did not use brains. It was not a ques-





tion of knowing a great deal. No, he—Otto Loewi—did not know a great deal. It was simply that he had awakened one night with an idea. A perfectly ridiculous idea, you understand—one that he would have immediately discarded in the clear light of day. But, drugged by sleep, he went directly to the laboratory and set up the experiment that won the prize. This was the way Nobel Prizes were won.

The students were completely charmed by this story. So this was the way it was done. Why study?

And so the insidious scheme triumphed. The scholars were contented by the restful hours of lecture. They relaxed their vigil and entered the second trimester in a carefree frame of mind.

The faculty gathered in dingy cellars. They swilled their gin merrily. "Now is the time," they chortled, "Now is the time to strike. Content, are they? We'll show them!"

Then came the first lecture of the second trimester. Instead of the light, amusing material to which they had become accustomed, the Sophomores were confronted by the tall, erect figure of Prof. William C. Von Glahn. He presented a somber, depressing discussion on somatic death. In painfully vivid terms he conveyed the color and stench of gangrene. No more pleasantries. The new mood was thus ushered in.

The plot shifted to high gear. One by one we were summoned to the front of the pathology lab. to be stultified in describing slides to our classmates. We were given a slide to identify. It can now be revealed that what appeared to be a solid pink blotch was indeed a solid pink blotch which the pathology department ingeniously thought of calling diffuse *splenic amyloidosis*. The instructors were warned, never,

never to mention epidemic meningitis to their students. Then it was used as a question in an examination.

"Thought they were getting away with something," cackled the faculty, "Ha, ha, ha! They sleep too much, that's the trouble." And so steps were taken to insure our not sleeping—the most successful of these being the bacteriology "unknown." It was this that brought most cheer to the hearts of the faculty. It was somewhat difficult procuring untypable pneumococci, and they had to send to Africa for staphylococci growing in chains. But they enjoyed spraying penicillin on the agar and changing the labels on the anti-sera bottles.

"What subject have you discussed least, Dr. Stevenson? Tay-Sachs Disease? And you've never covered its pathology? Well, ask it on the exam, and be sure to call Amaurotic Family Idiocy so the buggers won't know what it's all about."

"Finals are coming. I hear the students plan to study. Why give them a chance? Let's all give departmental exams right before finals, and we'll have them dizzy." The Pathology Department spoke up, "We'll give them 3 or 4 exams!" A tremendous burst of cheers arose for this department. They were hoisted on the shoulders of their confreres. Another bottle of gin was ordered. Several of the waitresses were soundly pinched.

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Clinical pathology, parasitology, medicine, pathology, pathology, pathology, bacteriology, pathology, clinical pathology, parasitology, pharmacology, more exams, endless exams. The student lay writhing—a pitiful sight. Oh! the National Boards.



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Falteringly the student entered his third year. He stumbled onto his first ward replete with microscope, stethoscope, hemocytometer, otoscope, reflex hammer, safety pins, ophthalmoscope, tuning fork, a wisp of cotton, tongue depressors, a little black book, and a sinking feeling in his belly. Efficient nurses in starched uniforms, mumbling, "p.r.n., stat., t.i.d.," whirled past him. He looked on in awe, uncomprehendingly, as the erudite resident told the interne that, "L.D.E.A. indicates L.B.B.B. when QRS in aVf has an upright deflection," and then rushed off to give some intracardiac streptokinase. The student was completely lost amidst the white efficiency of Bellevue Hospital.

The clinical faculty were well aware of the student's befuddled plight. And so all the departments gave to the clinical clerks the famous "third year pep talk," a typical example of which follows. (The students were eventually to hear this talk repeated many, many times.)

"I want to welcome you in the name of the . . . department."

"You are all to be congratulated for having successfully passed the preclinical barrier. Things are going to be different now. *This is clinical medicine.* You, as clinical clerks, play an important and responsible role in this hospital. We all work together here, and you are as important as anybody else. *You are a part of a team,* the therapeutic team. And don't feel that we know everything. We are all learning—we learn as much from you as you do from us. We all learn from the patient, and in Bellevue Hospital you have a tremendous amount of clinical material to learn from. And remember! We do not study symptoms, we do not treat diseases—we are concerned with *the patient as a whole.* And when you are doing the *minute* amount of laboratory work that we give you, don't look upon it as a blood count, a urinalysis

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or a specimen of feces—it is a part of the patient you are taking to the laboratory with you.”

Never having heard this speech before, the students were enthusiastic.

Impressed with his own importance, the clerk appeared on the ward at 1:45, eager to learn. “Oh boy! This is clinical medicine.”

He rushed up to his first patient and impetuously asked what the chief complaint was. “Go away, Sonny. Let’s not play doctor. I’m a sick man.” Somewhat abashed, he accosted the nearest attending, and inquired what next to do under such circumstances. “Don’t you know how to take a history yet? What have you done the past two years?” Rebuffed but undaunted, the clerk approached the resident who coldly ignored him and continued in sporting dalliance with the charge nurse. Nor was his luck any better with the interne who reproachfully mumbled something about discharge summaries and not bothering a busy man. Glancing about the ward, the clerk spotted his patient’s chart, and with a whoop of joy he pounced upon it. Whereupon a fourteen year old nurse ripped the chart from his hands, saying, “I have to enter a bowel movement. Why must you guys get in everybody’s way? Why don’t you do something useful—like taking this patient down to X-ray?”

Returning at 5:15, having spent the time waiting on line to get his patient x-rayed, the student was met by the wrathful interne. “Where the hell have you been? We don’t ask much of you. We only order essential lab. work! Now get it done before you leave.” Discovering a bulletin board he had not seen before, the benumbed clerk’s eye fell upon an enormous list, including three C.B.C.’s, four urines, three stools, a red cell fragility test, a T.N.C.C. form, and two acid-fasts. With a martyred look in his eye, he wandered into the lab., his home for the rest of the year.





Pyrrhic Victory

The clerkship in the past, the student entered the fourth year with a pardonable, blustery swagger. What vistas stretched out before him once the now foreseeable day of graduation arrived? What hopes and phantasies elevated him at this auspicious time?

First, of course, there was the small matter of internships to be taken care of, and on this subject, the faculty, as faculties are wont to do, lectured.

Dean McEwen—"There's no need to get upset. Ours is one of the finest schools in the country. Our boys all get good jobs."

Dr. Ryan—"All of you will end up with excellent positions. Don't apply to just good places, but only to the best places. If these don't come through, see me, and I'll get you what you want."

Dr. Mulholland—"There are 10,000 internships, and 5,000 of you. The hospitals are crying for interns."

Then followed the harrowing, interminable interviews: "What's the level of cobalt in the cerebro-spinal fluid, doctor?—and how would you fractionate the pineal hormones?" Biochemistry, the first bacteriology unknown, and one's first C. B. C. were hardly sufficient preparation for this ordeal.

And suddenly that dreaded night was on hand. Sleepless vigils, and the rejections slowly filtering through. At the break of day there appeared, with sly, triumphant grins, the clever group of students who had disregarded the faculties' advice and applied to twenty hospitals. Meanwhile the poor, simple creatures, foolish enough to pay heed to their professors, lay moaning with only the satisfaction of knowing that they had been rejected from the two best hospitals in the country.

After a few days the shouting was all over. Through some as yet inexplicable miracle, the students had succeeded in getting some fairly good positions and could settle down to the work of the fourth year.

As for the "work" of this year—a confused and fleeting montage—Obstetrics . . . catching slimy infants . . . holding the fundus . . . third degree lacerations. Gynecology . . . "I fell down on the ice, honest, doctor." Elective, and disappearing from sight for two glorious months. Various other non-descript courses which merely served to pass time, for the interest was focused on the forthcoming year of internship.

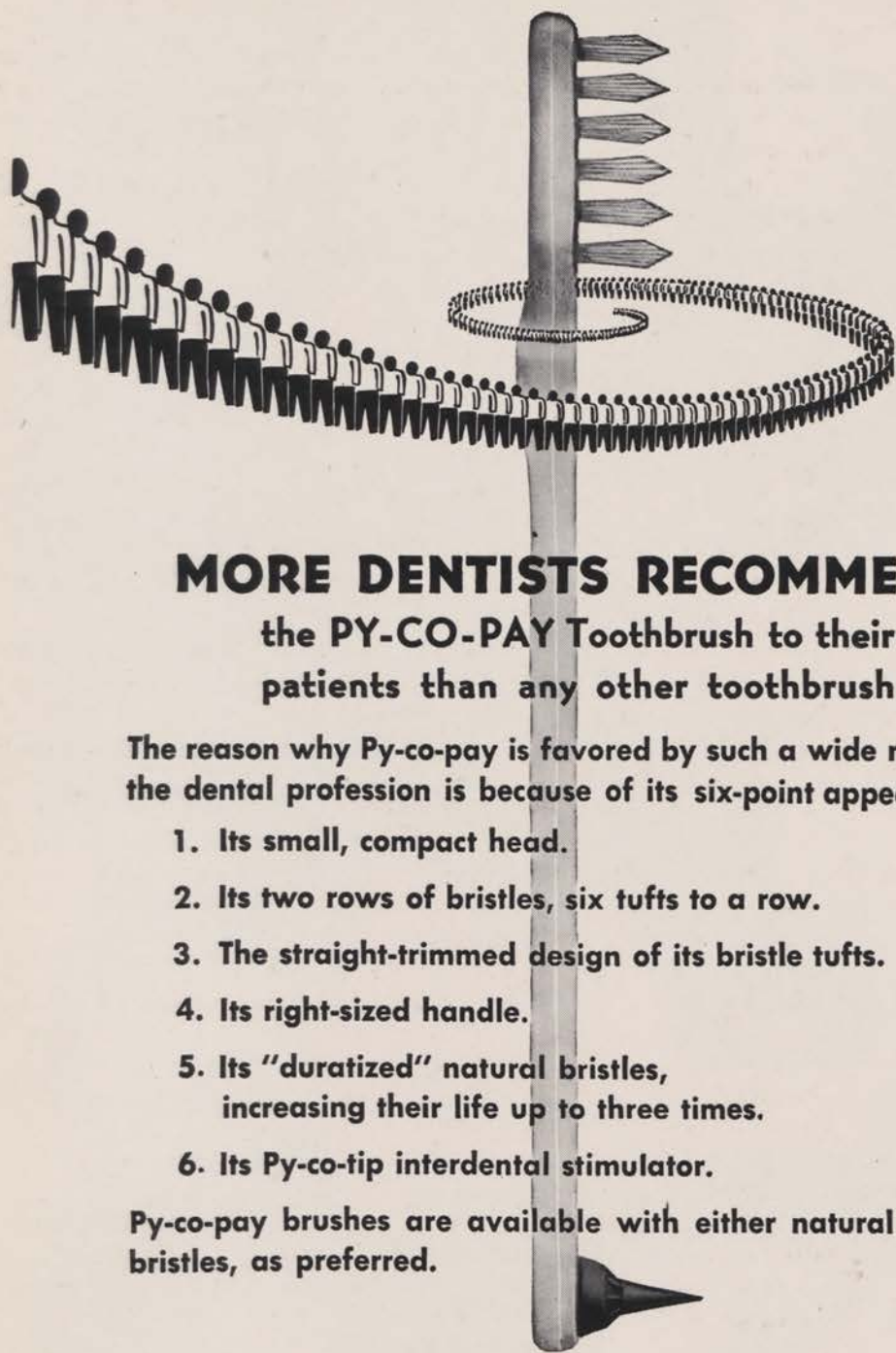
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Three days before graduation, the student received a phone call from the chief of the hospital at which he was to intern.

"Hello!—yes, this is Joe Bellevue . . . you're calling to welcome me to the hospital . . . Thanks! . . . What's that? . . . you treat your interns as human beings . . . you want them to be more than just doctors, and so you give them plenty of free time for outside activities . . . I see . . . you want me to realize that I am going to be a part of a team . . . and we treat all our patients as a whole . . . I shouldn't worry about residencies because all your boys get good jobs . . . I see . . . Thank you. Goodbye."

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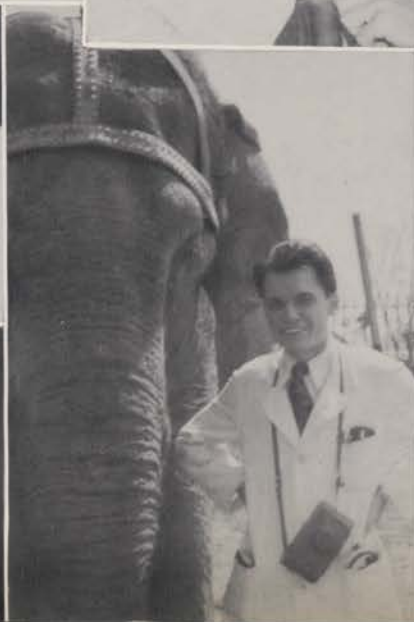
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Whose purse could hardly a nut afford.
But, through D.-ing, and C.-ing,
This magnificent Being,
Now maintains a yacht and a rudder for't.

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Seal of the Medical Student

A dashing pathologist named Hall
 Was invited to a fancy dress ball.
 According to rumor,
 He came dressed as a tumor,
 And invaded a girl 'gainst a wall.

The dean of our school is McEwen,
 And we're located near to the U. N.
 The faculty's bumbling,
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 But they tell us they're building a new one.

A sociable fellow named Harman
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 So he grew a moustache,
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I'm frantic for a cure.

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She turned her eye, let slip a sigh—
Then passed the spirochete.

Yes, I can thank her for that chancre,
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I was quite the fool—for her vestibule
Was a real menagerie.

Ah! Stick me full of needles,
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