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# Legionnaires' Disease: An Overview

By Robert A. Press '73

In 1947, an organism was isolated from a sick guinea pig that had been inoculated with blood from a patient with a febrile respiratory disease. The organism did not grow on various bacteriologic media, but was a gram negative rod. It was stored for the next 30 years, when it was discovered that another gram negative rod, also difficult to grow on conventional media, was responsible for an outbreak of pneumonia at a Philadelphia American Legion convention in 1976. The results of DNA relatedness, cultural, and serological studies have shown that the 1947 and 1976 organisms are one and the same species, recently named *Legionella pneumophila*.

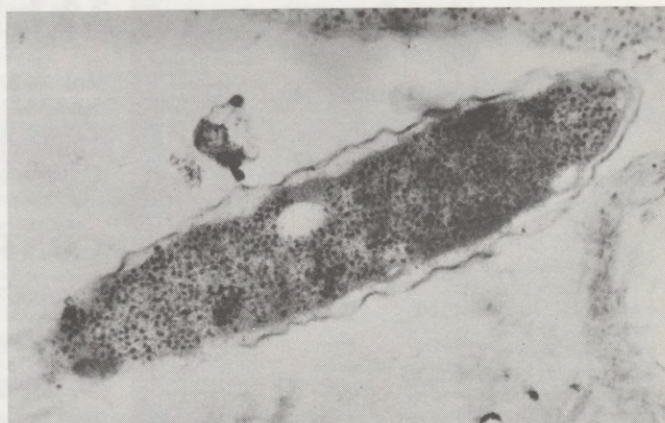
What is this strange bacterium that seemed "new" in 1977, but actually has been around for at least 30 years? Why did it go unrecognized for so many years and, even in an atmosphere of national concern in 1976, was not pinpointed as the cause of the Philadelphia outbreak for at least six months? What type of disease does it cause, and how many of us have been exposed to it and suffered illnesses as a result of such exposure? Some of these questions can now be answered, and others should be answered in the not-too-distant future.

Over the summer of 1976, 182 people in Philadelphia, most of whom attended an American Legion convention at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, became ill with fever, cough, and often X-ray-proven pneumonia. Most were hospitalized, and 29 died. Their illnesses usually began with headache, myalgias, malaise, cough, chills, and fever (often as high as 103°F). Cough was non-productive at first in most cases, but later in the course of the illness was associated with mucoid sputum. Some patients became confused or obtunded, some developed abdominal pain and/or diarrhea, some had pleuritic chest pain, and some were plagued by renal failure. In those who developed pneumonia, the latter was poorly marginated in X-ray appearance at first, but later went on to become lobar and often bilateral. The pace of progression of the disease—from flu-like onset to death—was often quite rapid, sometimes within a period as short as a week. Deaths were secondary to respiratory failure or shock.

Physical examination on hospital admission was usually remarkable only for fever, tachypnea, and rales. A relative bradycardia was sometimes observed. Abdominal tenderness and depressed mental state were not uncommon features.

Laboratory examination revealed moderately elevated white blood count, high erythrocyte sedimentation rate, mild liver function abnormalities, and sometimes abnormal renal function tests (often associated with elevated creatine phosphokinase) and/or low serum sodium.

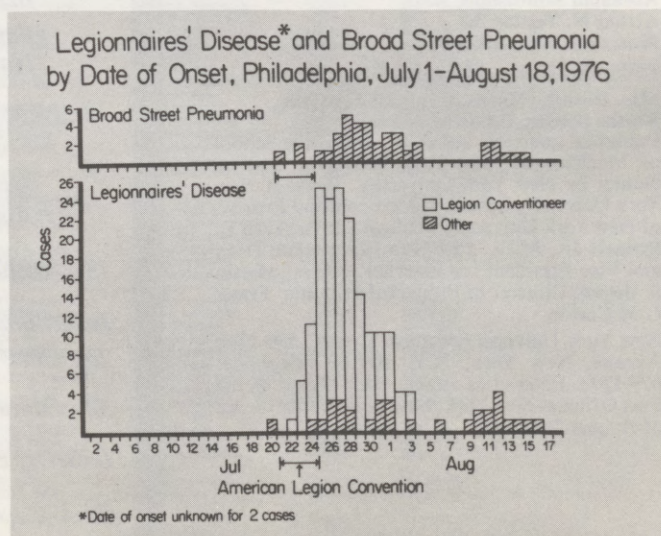
Most of us still remember the uproar following the Philadelphia outbreak. All known bacteria, rickettsia, chlamydia, and viruses were investigated as possible etiologic agents. One factor that seemed to favor a non-infec-



Electron micrograph of thin section of Legionnaires' disease agent in the yolk sac of an embryonated hen's egg. Note undulating outer membrane. Approximate magnification: 119,500 X

tious agent was the lack of secondary cases, i.e., all affected individuals seemed to have a common exposure and did not catch the disease from one another. Sabotage was suspected at one point, and toxins were sought but not detected.

The delay between the outbreak in 1976 and the identification of "Legionnaires' bacillus," *Legionella pneumophila*, in 1977, stemmed from the unusual growth and staining characteristics of the organism. The bacterium requires iron and other supplements for growth on conventional media. Even with these, it grows slowly on plates, with small colonies appearing after 5-10 days. Furthermore, it fails to take up tissue gram stains in paraffin-embedded formalin-fixed lung tissues. Therefore, autopsy specimens from affected individuals showed no organisms in the lungs until a modification of a special silver stain usually used for spirochetes was employed—the Dieterle silver impregnation technique. Extracts of the lungs of patients who succumbed were found to cause peritonitis in guinea pigs when injected into their peritoneal cavities. When extracts of the spleens of these animals were inoculated into embryonated hens' eggs, large numbers of organisms could be isolated.



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Once the causative organism was isolated, it could be used to detect antibodies that were induced in response to an infection with it. Furthermore, it could be inoculated into animals, causing an antibody rise in their sera, the latter then serving as a source of antibody to the agent. Fluorescein conjugates of these antibodies could be employed to stain tissue specimens and even sputa of infected individuals in an effort to identify the organism rapidly.

Identification of Legionnaires' bacillus ushered in a period of rapid accumulation of information regarding the agent and the spectrum of disease for which it is responsible. Many previous outbreaks of pneumonic illnesses for which no etiology had been determined were found by serological criteria to be caused by Legionnaires' bacillus. More such outbreaks have occurred since the famous American Legion convention, including one in New York City's garment center last summer. In addition, at least 500 sporadic cases have been reported in the United States, most in the Midwestern and Eastern states.

It has become clear that the serious pneumonias in the Philadelphia outbreak probably represent only one end of the spectrum of disease caused by *Legionella pneumophila*. In fact, the agent can cause an acute febrile illness characterized by fever, headache, myalgia, and malaise lasting less than a week. An outbreak of such an illness occurred in Pontiac, Michigan in 1968. This mild form of the disease may in fact be the rule, since antibodies to the bacterium in the general population, indicating previous exposure, can be detected in 30 percent of individuals in some locations. Most such individuals have no history of pneumonic illness.

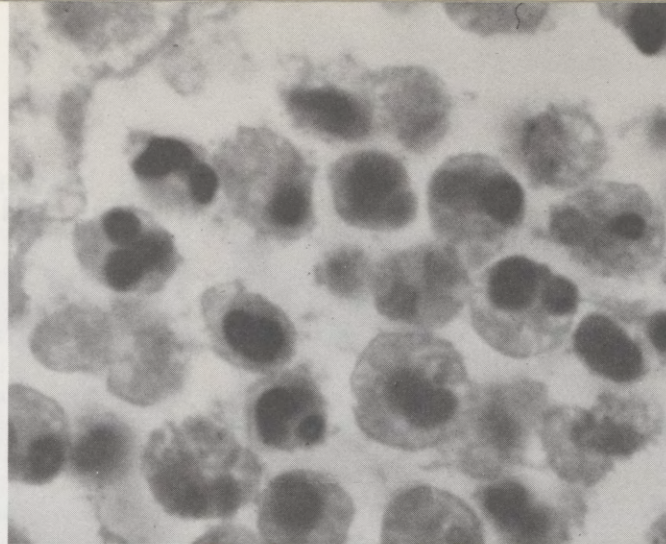
Some statements can now be made with assurance. The disease is probably worldwide in distribution and is likely airborne in transmission. Outbreaks have usually occurred over the summer and fall months, and air conditioning systems have been implicated in the spread of the organism in many instances. *Legionella pneumophila* has been shown to survive in distilled water for at least two months and in tap water for a year, and is likely widespread in nature.

Males seem to be affected by the severe form of the disease about three times more often than females, although this may be a reflection of increased exposure. The peak-age incidence is around 55 years. There seems to be a predilection of the severe form for smokers and immunosuppressed individuals. This severe pneumonic form has an incubation period of 2-10 days and a fatality rate of about 16%. The mild form may only have a 1-2 day incubation period, as was the case in Pontiac.

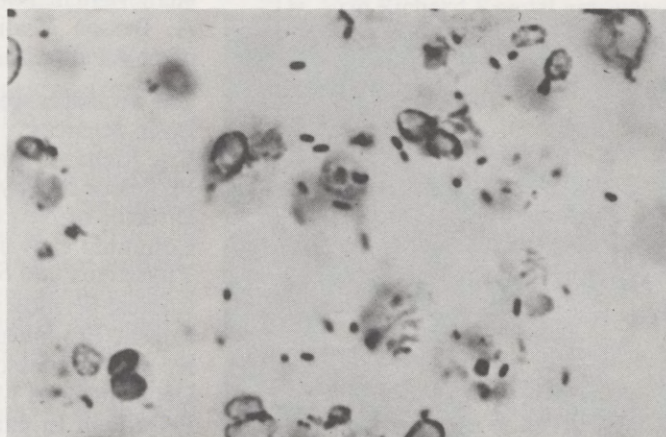
Besides its peculiar staining and growth requirements, the organism has an unusual fatty acid composition, with a large percentage of branched-chain fatty acids. This may prove useful in its rapid identification by gas chromatographic analysis.

The only tissue in which the bacillus has been demonstrated in fatal cases has been the lung. It has also been isolated from pleural fluid and demonstrated rarely by direct immunofluorescence of sputum smears. Pathologically, the inflammatory infiltrate in the lungs is largely limited to the alveoli, with little if any interstitial changes. There is usually an abundance of organisms in the alveoli, often within macrophages.

Definitive diagnosis can be achieved by three methods. The first—and the only one helpful acutely in guiding therapy—is direct immunofluorescent staining. Demonstration of the organism in lung biopsy material, sputum



Hematoxylin and eosin stained lung section of a patient from whom the Legionnaire's disease agent was isolated, showing intra-alveolar exudation of macrophages and polymorphonuclear leukocytes. Legionnaires' disease agent not stained. Approximate magnification: 500 X



Same area of lung shown above but stained with the Center for Disease Control's modification of the Dierterle silver impregnation procedure. The Legionnaires' agent is evident as black staining rods in both intra- and extra-cellular sites. Note the small, blunt, pleomorphic intracellular and extracellular bacilli, which stain brown to black against a pale yellow background.

smears, or pleural fluid is a rapid although not yet widely available method for establishing the diagnosis. Culturing the agent from the lung or pleural fluid may confirm the diagnosis, but is not useful therapeutically due to the slow growth-rate of the bacterium *in vitro*. Similarly, demonstration of a fourfold rise in antibody titer to the agent, to a level of at least 1:128 (i.e., antibody present in serum diluted 1:128) is useful only in retrospect. A single convalescent titer of at least 1:256 is presumptive evidence of recent infection. Seroconversion often takes at least 3 weeks. It should be noted that at least four serotypes have been isolated. These do not all cross-react, making serodiagnosis more complicated.

Practically speaking, most diagnoses must be made on clinical grounds, and treatment should be initiated accordingly. The current drug of choice is erythromycin. A dose of 1.0 gm every 6 hours has been recommended, with intravenous administration preferred. However, 0.5 gm every 6 hours orally seems to be sufficient in most cases. Three weeks of therapy is suggested, since relapses have been reported with shorter courses. In refractory cases, rifampin should be added to the regimen.

Many issues regarding Legionnaires' disease are still unresolved. Chief among these is the true incidence of the entity.

## Medical Alumni Weekend

The highlight of Alumni Weekend was the presentation of the Solomon A. Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Awards. Saul J. Farber, '42, dean for academic affairs, who is Frederick H. King Professor of Internal Medicine and chairman of the department of medicine and chairman of the awards committee, paid tribute to Dr. Berson, saying:

"Solomon A. Berson '45 was a genius of our times. A graduate of our School of Medicine, he was the undisputed father of radioimmunoassay,



Howard Richman '53, chairman of the Alumni Day Committee.

a most original, imaginative and truly the most important discovery in endocrinology of all times. Many other basic science and clinical disciplines have made enormous progress as a result of his discoveries. Despite renown and world acclaim, he remained the true physician—humble, dedicated, and immensely productive. Too early in his life, did fate overcome him.

From this year on, our Alumni Association will memorialize his name, as a result of the inspiration of Dr. Irving Graef, by awarding our coveted Achievement Awards as The Solomon A. Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Awards."

### The awardees were:

#### Basic Sciences:

Eric Richard Kandel '56  
Professor of Physiology and Psychiatry  
Director of Neurobiology and Behavior  
Columbia University College of  
Physicians and Surgeons;

#### Clinical Sciences:

Eugene Braunwald '52  
Hershey Professor and Chairman  
Department of Medicine  
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and  
Harvard Medical School;

#### Health Sciences:

William Neill Hubbard Jr. '44  
President, The Upjohn Company

The afternoon session also featured a talk by Dr. Isaac Asimov, noted scientist and author. Dr. Asimov was named an honorary alumnus of the School of Medicine.

The chairman of Alumni Weekend was Howard Richman, of the Class of '53, associate professor of clinical surgery. His co-chairmen were: Martin L. Kahn, of the Class of '63, associate professor of clinical medicine, and Jerome Zuflacht, of the Class of '42.

The morning program, conducted by the Post-Graduate Medical School, was entitled "Cancer Today and Tomorrow." It featured talks by faculty members and alumni.

The program was divided into two panel discussions. Members of the first panel were: H. Sherwood Lawrence, of the Class of '43M, professor of medicine and co-director, NYU medical services; Matthew N. Harris, M.D., professor of clinical surgery; Robert Silber, M.D., professor of medicine; Alfred W. Kopf, M.D., professor of dermatology; Ronald B. Herberman, of the Class of '64, chief of the laboratory of immunodiagnosis of the National Cancer Institute, and Bernard D. Goldstein, of the Class of '62, associate professor of medicine and environmental medicine.

Members of the second panel were:

**George J. Todaro '63**, chief, Laboratory of Viral Carcinogenesis, National Cancer Institute; **Stuart F. Schlossman '58**, professor of medicine, Harvard Medical School, Sidney Farber Cancer Institute; **Robert S. Schwartz '54**, professor of medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine; **Herman N. Eisen '43M**, professor of immunology, Center for Cancer Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and **Dr. Vittorio Defendi**, professor and chairman of the department of pathology at the School of Medicine.



Past President Certificate is presented by Dr. Bernstein (left) to Ira J. Laufer '53.



Dr. Isaac Asimov, featured speaker.

## William N. Hubbard Jr. '44



Dr. Hubbard and Dr. Bennett before the start of the afternoon program.

“Dr. William Neill Hubbard, Jr., received his undergraduate degree from Columbia College in 1941, completed his basic medical science work at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, and his clinical science studies at our School of Medicine, where he obtained his M.D. degree in 1944. Following the completion of his house officer training at Bellevue Hospital, he joined the faculty of our department of medicine as the John Wyckoff Fellow in medicine. Simultaneously, he was appointed assistant dean and, in two years, associate dean, a position in which he served with great distinction from 1953-1959. From New York University, Dr. Hubbard was lured to Ann Arbor, where for 11 years he was dean of the University of Michigan Medical School, professor of medicine, and director of the medical center. In 1970, he joined The Upjohn Company as vice president and general manager, Pharmaceutical Division. He has been president of The Upjohn Company since 1974.

These most impressive accomplishments in positions of leadership resulted from the combination of unique qualities of a brilliant organizer; a dedicated medical educator; a student and scholar of the forces of society on medical education and practice; a therapist who is an incisive and imaginative predictor of the future needs of patients; and a corporation executive who successfully blends the needs of industry with societal and ethical responsibilities.

While serving in the dean's office of this School of Medicine, Dr. Hubbard planned and directed the construction and move of the School of Medicine from old quarters, which had been

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## Eugene Braunwald '52



Dr. Braunwald receives plaque from Dr. Farber.

“Dr. Eugene Braunwald is twice the product of this University, having received his A.B. magna cum laude in 1949 and his M.D. degree from the School of Medicine in 1952. He received his clinical training at Mount Sinai and Johns Hopkins Hospital. His illustrious research career started in the laboratory of Dr. Andre Cournand at Bellevue and in the National Heart Institute in Bethesda. Recognized very early as a leader in clinical and investigative cardiology, he was advanced rapidly from 1958-1968 in succession to chief, section cardiology; chief, cardiology branch; clinical director, National Heart and Lung Institute of NIH. In 1968, he was appointed professor and chairman, department of medicine, University of California, San Diego; and in 1972, Hershey Professor of the theory and practice of physic (medicine) at Harvard Medical School and head of the department of medicine and physician-in-chief at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

Physiologist, physician-internist *par excellence*, he introduced a new era of dynamic, productive equilibrium between clinical cardiology and the laboratory. He brought the laboratory to the bedside and succeeded in revolutionizing the concepts of normal and disordered physiology of the heart and the circulatory system. New modes of treatment rapidly developed so that today the treatment of cardiac disorders hardly resembles the methods in use before the Braunwald era. And the advances in medical treatment developed by Dr. Braunwald led to great advances in clinical pharmacology and the surgical correction of diseases of the heart and blood vessels. Hemodynamics became the parlance at the bedside of

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## Eric R. Kandel '56



Dr. Kandel addresses the alumni.

“Dr. Eric Richard Kandel graduated with honors from Harvard University in 1952 and from our School of Medicine in 1956. Following an internship in medicine, he trained in psychiatry at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center, then embarked on a career in research in neurophysiology at the National Institute of Mental Health; at the College de France, Paris; and at Harvard Medical School. In 1964, he joined the faculty of Harvard. In 1965, he was appointed associate professor, and soon thereafter, professor of physiology and psychiatry at the School of Medicine. In 1974, he moved to Columbia, where he was appointed professor of physiology and psychiatry and director, Division of Neurobiology and Behavior, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Very early in his brilliant career, Dr. Kandel was recognized as the foremost leader in the study of behavior as a physiological process, and he rapidly made contributions that led to great advances, which began to bridge the gaps between physiology and psychiatry. With unusual scientific vision and clarity of thought and imagination, he chose the invertebrate *Aplysia californica* with its relatively simple nervous system as his experimental animal. From studies on the abdominal ganglion, he manipulated the effector systems controlled by the nervous system—somatic-motor, visceral-motor, neuroglandular and neuroendocrine—to establish an integrated system resulting from various behavioral responses. A large body of knowledge resulted, which he has synthesized into very perceptive concepts of the neuronal organization related to complex behavior and into neurophysiological mechanisms related to behavioral modification.

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## Dr. Hubbard

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occupied for as long as 50 years, to the then-new quarters.

As a result of his leadership, our School not only made a geographical change, but we achieved a great leap forward, bringing us into the era of modern biological research in medicine.

He was an equally strong, imaginative and effective leader and educator during his tenure at The University of Michigan.

Dr. Hubbard's talents are multiple: a lecturer who is sought after by educational institutions, medical societies, staffs of hospitals, regulatory agencies and foundations; a highly respected consultant and advisor whose talents are sought by state and Federal governmental agencies, and by national organizations; and a business executive who is elected to boards of some of our largest productive and enlightened national and international corporations. He has made many significant contributions to the scientific literature and to the scholarly journals concerned with medical education and medical ethics.

William Hubbard has served with distinction in positions of responsibility in the Association of American Medical Colleges, The W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the National Fund for Medical Education, the National Academy of Sciences and the Macy Foundation. Among his many governmental appointments, he served as Regent of the National Library of Medicine and chairman of its Board of Regents.

A most distinguished innovator in medical education and more recently in the research and production of pharmaceuticals, he has combined his unusual talents as a physician, organizer and administrator to make highly significant contributions to the health sciences and to the health needs of people throughout the world."

## Dr. Braunwald

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medical students, house officers, physicians, surgeons, and nurses.

In addition, disciplines that require professionals with special competence in the care of patients with heart disease have developed as a result of the innovative, imaginative advances made by Dr. Braunwald and those who have followed his lead.

The annals of cardiology contain the many very special contributions of Dr.

## Dr. Kandel Responds

Dr. Farber, Dr. Bennett, Dr. Press, Dr. Asimov, fellow alumni:

I feel deeply honored to receive the Solomon A. Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in Basic Science. I must confess however, that I also find it awkward—somewhat inverted—to accept an award from NYU. I instinctively feel that it is I who should be giving this school an award.

I had the privilege of being at NYU at two different times in my life and at two very different times in the history of the school. Each time I benefited enormously, although in different ways. I first came here in 1952 as a medical student. At that time we still used the old and rather dilapidated Medical Science Building (on the west side of First Avenue between 27th and 28th Streets). University Hospital was then almost ten blocks away on Second Avenue and 20th Street. It also was not a model of modernity!

I came to medical school eager to do psychiatry. Something in my Viennese origins and in my readings in history and literature at Harvard drew me ir-

resistably to psychoanalysis, and it was this interest, not love of science, that turned me to medicine. I saw the basic courses of the first years of medical school as a rite of passage—one that I hoped might be transient and painless—toward a very different end. But somewhere along in the second year—between Hausman's course in neuroanatomy, Ochoa's brilliant lectures in pharmacology, and the remarkable presence in microbiology of some of the pioneers in molecular genetics, MacLeod, Adams, Pappenheimer, and Bernheimer—I began to see an excitement in biological science which I had never seen before. And you know how it is with the fascination of biology. Once it takes hold, the infection rapidly becomes chronic, and one tends not to develop immunity. Once I saw the beauty of good biological research, I was never quite the same. And the clinical experience, particularly the excitement of Tuesday night cardiac clinics—the contacts with Farber, Eichna, Vogel, Kossmann, and

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Braunwald in myocardial infarction, disorders of the cardiac valves, especially the aortic, and congenital heart disease, notably idiopathic hypertrophic aortic stenosis. The important fundamental parameter of myocardial oxygen consumption in the human was most recently introduced by our awardee, an advance that has great promise in the physiology and pathophysiology of the heart.

Brilliant researcher and physician, author, lecturer, consultant, great teacher and leader in internal medicine, he has devoted a good deal of his energy to the service of the academic community. He is co-editor of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine; and among the many prestigious positions and offices he has held are president of the American Society for Clinical Investigation; president of the Association of Professors of Medicine, and now, board of visitors of Rockefeller University. He was elected to the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine."

## Dr. Kandel

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These visionary concepts have impli-

cations that all agree will lead to the fundamental understanding of abnormal behavior, a highly significant milestone in the establishment of a new and exciting biological basis of psychiatry.

A most unusual and very effective teacher and leader, Eric Kandel has established a group of highly productive researchers whose contributions are spread widely in the most prestigious publications of world science.

Among his published contributions are four books on the cellular basis of behavior and the biological characteristics of learning.

An editor, member of the best among scientific societies, consultant to the NIH, member of the President's Biomedical Research Panel, he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

Eric Kandel is a dynamic physician-scientist who, with unusual vision and imagination, opened new vistas of research. He is most highly respected by the national and international community of researchers and clinicians in many disciplines of biology and medicine, a role model *par excellence*, and a loyal and dedicated alumnus."

## Honorary Membership in Medical Alumni Association Presented Posthumously to Dr. Irving Graef.

Mrs. Irving Graef and John W. Graef '65, receive Honorary Alumnus plaque from Dr. Farber.



The following is the text of the resolution prepared and read by Saul J. Farber '42, naming Dr. Graef an Honorary Alumnus of the School of Medicine.

"Dr. Irving Graef's association with our School of Medicine spans a period of 50 years. Dr. Graef graduated from Cornell University Medical College in 1926, received his training in medicine and pathology at Michael Reese in Chicago, and joined the faculty of this School of Medicine in 1929. Starting in medicine as an assistant in medicine, where he excelled and where he demonstrated a great capacity to understand and teach the basic causes of disease, he was encouraged to accept a joint appointment in medicine and pathology. In a very short time, his capacity for leadership became evident, and within two years, following his joining the department of pathology, he became director of laboratories, and soon thereafter, associate professor of pathology. For a decade, he was the senior member of the department of pathology, and was in charge of teaching pathology to our medical students. A brilliant organizer, a gifted teacher, one who demanded the best in performance from himself, his colleagues, and his students, he taught and trained a generation of physicians; many have since excelled in medicine and pathology.

WW II gave him the opportunity to respond to a challenge to his scientific and patriotic dedications. He served as a Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army. He returned to NYU, having decided to change his major interest, and he devoted his unusual talents and energy to the study of diabetes and to the practice of medicine. He returned to the

department of medicine, where he was a great teacher and a dedicated, devoted, and unusually capable attending physician from 1946 until his last illness. From 1929 until 1979, he was one of us.

In the department of medicine, he was the role model who stood out among his peers. Professionalism, thoroughness, always understanding what there was to be known about disease states, always striving for the ultimate in scholarship, always remembering that the prime element at the bedside, in the examining room, in the consultation room, and at the other end of the telephone, was the patient in need. These were his hallmarks, and these were the characteristics so many emulated.

Dr. Graef made many important contributions to pathology and internal medicine through his publications. He collaborated with Homer Smith in some of the early work concerning the juxtaglomerular apparatus in the etiology of hypertension. He made significant contributions to the endocrinological relationship in diabetes. He made significant contributions during WW II to the effects of noxious agents, including nitrogen mustard. He was one of the first to describe the clinical characteristics and the pathology of the cardiac lesions in rheumatoid arthritis.

He had an unusual social conscience and a driving determination to carry out what he felt was the social responsibility of physicians. Through foundations and private philanthropy, he strove to and succeeded in making opportunities available to the disadvantaged. He headed many important committees with unusual success.

While always demanding excellence

for himself, he recognized excellence and particularly genius in others. Very early in the career of Solomon Berson, Dr. Graef recognized the genius in Dr. Berson, a student and graduate of our school. He developed a deep friendship with Sol Berson, encouraged him, and with him, followed his massive accomplishments in the development of radio-immunoassay and in uncovering the great mysteries of endocrinology that led to so many new findings and developments in the biology of medicine and in patient care. He was deeply saddened by Dr. Berson's untimely death, and by the policy of the Nobel Committee not to award the Nobel Prize posthumously. Irving Graef, true to his personality, to his commitment to excellence of the highest order, established the Solomon Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Awards of our School, which we are privileged and honored to bestow today for the first time.

The Board of Governors unanimously voted to award Dr. Graef, a very distinguished member of our family for 50 years, and the father of our alumna, Dr. John Graef, Honorary Membership in our Alumni Association and to bestow upon him the distinguished designation, Honorary Alumnus. And, we are saddened that he passed away before we had the privilege to present him with this honor. We are privileged to present this honor in his name to his wife, Mrs. Gretchen Waterman Graef, who was Dr. Graef's tower of strength and was the role model he emulated, and who has been more than an equal partner in the many achievements of Dr. Irving Graef and his family."

# Class of 1968: The First Decade

by RICHARD KRUGMAN '68

There was a history course I took back in the early sixties. Eric F. Goldman taught it. It dealt with American history and one of the books we read was *The Crucial Decade-and After* (to the surprise of no one it was written by Eric F. Goldman.). Goldman's crucial decade was 1945-55, a time when America was recovering from the strain of World War II, and coming to grips with its position as the World Power.

The analogy here isn't bad (if you will permit a bit of editorial comment). Some of us remember the period of the mid-sixties in the same light as some veterans remember the war. But whether you perceived it as a struggle or not clearly the ten years following it were crucial to all of us. For two dozen years we heard how important it was to be a "doctor." So we ground through high school, college and medical school, and on that rainy day in May, 1968, we made it—only to find that we had been prepared only for a residency, and were not yet ready to do something with our lives.

This past decade, then, has been the sorting out period. We all were stamped and postmarked the same day, but we had different zip codes, and the service took a lot longer to deliver some of us than others. Nevertheless, if you assume for a moment that the sample who responded to the call for information last year is random (which it isn't, but stick with me anyway), then we can draw some tentative conclusions from what came in.

At the end of June, 1978, I sent out a note to all classmates on record in the New York University Alumni Office

asking for information for this ten-year report. I predicted a 30% response. I was wrong. It was 27% (including me). Twenty-eight people wrote, but included information about five others, so I now have "data" on 34/128 in our class, even though it is a year old when published.

Slightly less than half (16/34) are in private practice; 14/34 are in academics; two are back in a residency or fellowship; and one each in the Federal system and industry. There are ten internists (although 9/10 claim subspecialties) ten in surgery or the surgical subspecialties (four ophthalmology, three urology, two orthopedics, one general surgery); six in pediatrics—all in academic centers, interestingly enough; three in psychiatry; three in radiology and one each in pathology and OB/GYN. Geographically, and alphabetically by postal code, the 34 are located in: AZ (2), CA (4), CO (2), CT (5), DC (1), FL (1), MA (3), MD (2), NJ (3), NY (6), TN (1), TX (2), VA (1), and WI (1).

Eighteen reported present marriages with a yield of 48 children (includes the Drs. Rosenfield, who are married to each other, as two). Twenty-two reported board certification in something or other, but since my note asked for "information," the only conclusion one can reach is that those who thought it important enough to write, selected what was important to them to write about. Two wrote while recuperating from surgery, and more than that number chastised me for not including their prior communications in the Quarterly. To *that* group, all I can say is

you missed it—either because you didn't get the issue it appeared in, or because you didn't read the issue you either got or didn't get. In any event, I've passed on the most recent addresses to the Quarterly that I have from this mailing.

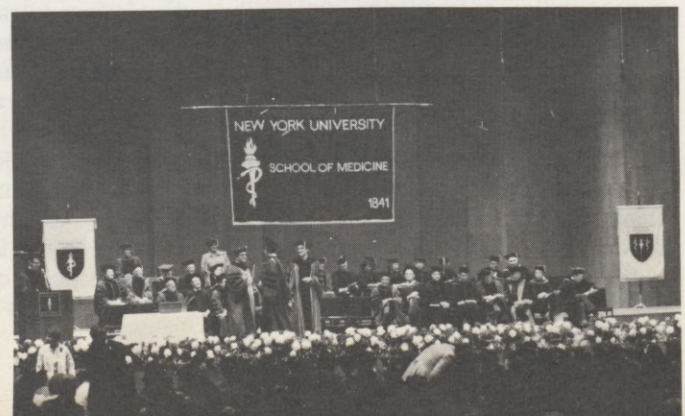
With little data, then, and a generally small sample to choose from, what can be said about the Class of 1968? Well, at least 25% of us are functional enough to respond to a call from the past. Presumably, many more than that are functional in their present, but are either too pressed or not motivated enough to care to link with the past. Of this sample 33/34 appear to be doing well. One has been convicted of Medicare/Medicaid fraud. That two have begun mid-career course corrections, and five others alluded to having changed course earlier in the decade is a testimonial to the ability of the 1967 Committee on Admissions to identify the right people—i.e., those who didn't know what they wanted to do. Actually, that bit of facetiousness is unwarranted. My guess is that these mid-life course corrections are a sign of normal growth and development, and we all go through it one way or another.

It also can be said that at least a quarter of us are happy. I'll divulge the details in the '68 column in the rear of the Quarterly (although we are moving forward at an alarming rate) during the coming issues. In the meantime, I am encouraged that we have had nine of our class turn out at our tenth reunion. That is up six from the fifth and at this rate our 25th should be fun.

The 138th Last Day Exercises of the School of Medicine were held on June 7 at Avery Fisher Hall of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.



John C. Sawhill, Ph.D., president of New York University, and Ivan L. Bennett Jr., '69 (Hon.), dean and provost, presented each graduate with a leather embossed folder containing the Doctor of Medicine degree. The platform party included the deans, department chairmen and faculty and alumni parents of members of the class.



## LAST DAY EXERCISES FOR THE CLASS OF 1979

The 138th Last Day Exercises of the School of Medicine were held on June 7 at Avery Fisher Hall of Lincoln Center.

Addressing the members of the Class of 1979 were: Dr. John C. Sawhill, president of NYU; Ivan L. Bennett Jr. '69 (Hon.); Peter Goodfield, '79, president of the graduating class and Joseph H. Press '41, president of the Medical Alumni Association.

Dr. Sawhill stated: "I believe that each of you, in his or her fashion, intends to dedicate his life to those who are in pain. And this, in my judgment, makes you the best we have." He concluded: "This is the last occasion on which this group will be assembled all together. This is the best chance you will ever have to show your appreciation to your parents, your teachers, and your classmates. I know you will remember this moment always, and wherever you go."

Dr. Press recalled that many great advances had taken place in medicine since his graduation 38 years before: "Advances were being made very rapidly in clinical medicine. Electrocardiography, in its relative infancy, was accelerated by the appearance of the precordial lead. Sulfonamides had just taken their place in therapeutics as the first in an ever-increasing list of antibacterial agents. As a medical intern in 1942, I recall persuading an executive of the Pfizer Corporation to release a supply of hard-to-get penicillin, which was under Federal Government regulation and generally unavailable for civilian use, to successfully treat a critically ill sixteen-year-old boy with meningitis. Again, in 1943, I recall the excitement of being involved, as a medical resident, in the successful treatment of the first seven consecutive cures of subacute bacterial endocarditis reported, a dis-

ease almost invariably fatal at that time. The Rh factor was emerging as an important revelation. Anesthesiology was progressing rapidly, making feasible surgical procedures never before envisioned as being possible. I must say that I wish I could fully share with you the excitement that lies before you in your futures in this fascinating profession."

He expressed his gratitude to the School for giving him "the opportunity to enter this most exciting field of endeavor," and invited the graduates to join actively in the work of the Medical Alumni Association, which he said is "dedicated to the task of helping to make it possible for generations of young men and women to have the same opportunities that you and I have been fortunate to have, in a medical school with a standard of excellence second to none."

Dr. Bennett noted that Last Day Exercises mark "both an end and a beginning." He observed: "This marks your *last* day as students and your *first* day as full-fledged members of the medical profession.

"This transition, of course, is symbolic only. You have been a part of our profession since you first began to care for the sick. And, if we have judged your qualities correctly, we know that you now realize that a member of our profession must remain a perpetual student if his knowledge is to grow in proportion to his responsibility.

"We have done our best to prepare you for this day.

We believe that you will, in the words of Maimonides, fulfill your duties—that you are ready for your vocation."

Dr. Goodfield summarized many of the concerns of medical philosophers and practitioners, saying: "The physician must maintain controlled empathy,

compassion, patience and flexibility in avoiding the pitfalls of depersonalization and dehumanization. Simultaneously one must remain humble regarding one's limitations and be willing to seek consultation when needed. No patient's welfare should be jeopardized due to delusions of professional or personal omnipotence. The art of human relations must be carefully integrated with the science of medical progress. Yet, in treating the total patient, which encompasses both the soma and the psyche, the potential for fulfillment is unique and virtually infinite."

He noted: "In our present society, no longer is it adequate to merely play the role of physician in its traditional sense. Members of the medical field must also respond to increasingly frequent and vociferous expressions of disapproval by the public and the government. And not only must we respond—we must beware. The essence of medicine is unfortunately not immune to subversion by political considerations. Virtually every instance of governmental intervention in health care delivery, both in the United States and abroad, has resulted in generally widespread dissatisfaction by both physicians *and* patients. Certainly no one will deny that deficiencies do exist at present. But unless we as physicians become vastly more active in the areas of legislation and regulation, many shared ideals will inevitably be marred by the efforts of those who are well meaning as well as by those who are not."

Copies of the full text of the addresses are available in the Office of Public Information, New York University School of Medicine, 550 First Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016. (212) 679-3200, Ext. 3028.

Daniel Z. Aronzon, M.D., assistant professor of clinical pediatrics, receives the Best Teacher Award from Peter Goodfield, M.D., president of the graduating class, at the dinner dance for the class at the Plaza Hotel on May 29.



(Left to right) Peter Goodfield watches as Dean Bennett receives annual contribution from the Parents Association of the School to underwrite the dinner dance. Dr. Jerome C. Klein and Dr. Melvyn L. Weiner, chairmen, made the presentation at the dinner dance.



## ALUMNI NEWS NOTES

### Marvin Stern '39 is Alumni President

Marvin Stern '39, who is Menas S. Gregory Professor of psychiatry and executive chairman of the department at the School of Medicine, has been elected president of the Medical Alumni Association.



Dr. Stern's entire professional life, with the exception of his military service from 1942 to 1946, has been devoted to the School of Medicine and Bellevue Hospital Center. After graduation he served as an intern and resident in medicine, and fellow in psychiatry here, and he has continued his association with the School—taking on increasing responsibilities for the governance of the department and its services to the community. He is also associate director of psychiatric services at University Hospital. He serves as consultant to the Veterans Administration Hospital as well as Brookdale and Cabrini Medical Centers.

Dr. Stern's special research interests have been in the problems of altered brain function and behavior in association with varied drug responses and metabolic diseases. He has written a number of papers about LSD psychosis, and has devoted detailed study to disorders associated with alcohol abuse.

Dr. Stern is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi. He was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, honor medical society, and served as its counselor from 1954 to 1956.

He holds certification in psychiatry from the American Boards of Psychiatry and Neurology, and has been an

assistant and associate examiner since 1948.

At the School, he has been active on the curriculum committee, the pre-clinical and clinical examining board, and the committee on medical student evaluations.

He is a member of numerous professional associations, including the American Psychiatric Association, of which he is a Life Fellow; the New York Society for Clinical Psychiatry, of which he was President in 1964; and the New York Academy of Medicine.

### Barbara Fish '45

Barbara Fish '45, professor of psychiatry at the Neuropsychiatric Institute of the University of California, received the eighteenth UCLA Woman of Science Award. The author of over sixty professional papers, Dr. Fish has focused much of her research on the study of biological antecedents of schizophrenia and severe psychiatric disorders in infants and children. She has followed these same individuals continuously from birth to the present time, twenty-five years later. Dr. Fish is also clinical coordinator of the clinical research center for the study of childhood psychosis in the mental retardation/child psychiatry division and is developing the neuroendocrine and psychopharmacological studies of autistic and psychotic children who are admitted to the center.

Dr. Fish is an adjunct professor, child psychiatry, at the School of Medicine.

### Richard B. Nolan '45

Richard B. Nolan '45, has been installed as president of the 6,500-member New York County Medical Society. Dr. Nolan, who was president-elect during the past year, succeeded Dr. Richard N. Pierson, Jr. The installation took place at the County Medical Society's 174th annual meeting.

Dr. Nolan is chief of surgery at Beekman-Downtown Hospital and

consulting thoracic surgeon at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary; St. Vincent's Hospital, Staten Island; and St. Agnes Hospital, White Plains.

A longtime member of the New York County Medical Society, Dr. Nolan was also chairman of the Society's committee on public relations for several years.

### Gustav J. Beck '44

Gustav J. Beck '44, on April 24 was appointed director of the newly established institute for environmental and occupational medicine at Lenox Hill Hospital. The institute has been designed as an interdisciplinary unit in the department of medicine, which will combine clinical medicine, research and teaching activities.

Dr. Beck will be responsible for clinical evaluation, diagnosis, therapy and rehabilitation of patients with diseases related to their environment or occupations, as well as preventive aspects of industry-related diseases. Dr. Beck is presently also chief of the pulmonary laboratory at Lenox Hill.

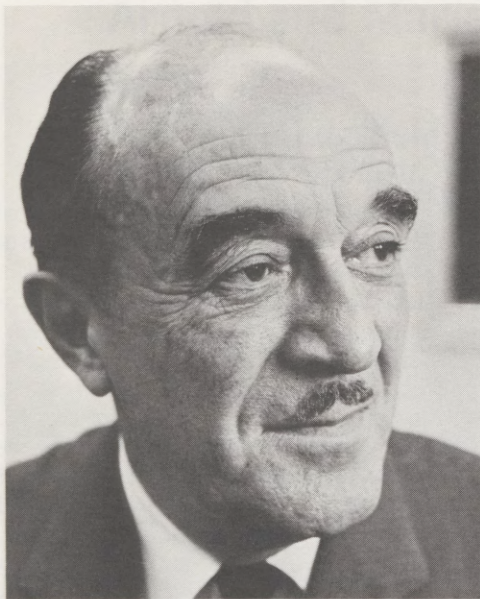
The institute will conduct epidemiological studies into the incidence of disease-producing hazards. Research will also be done into the part played by genetic factors in environmental disease and into possible environmental or occupational causes of diseases of unknown etiology.

### Edward C. Franklin '50

Edward C. Franklin '50, professor of medicine, director of the Irvington House Institute and head of the Rheumatic Diseases Study Group, has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences. He is one of 60 new members recognized for "distinguished and continuing achievements in original research."

Dr. Franklin's laboratory has made significant advances in furthering our understanding of immunologic phenomena in disease and has delineated several new disease entities.

Dr. Franklin is active in both clinical and research areas. He was president in 1974 of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, one of the most coveted honors in American academic medicine.



Dr. George Armstrong

## George Armstrong Dies at 79

George E. Armstrong, M.D., former director of the Medical Center, and former Surgeon General of the United States Army, died at his retirement home in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, on June 19th.

Dr. Armstrong was at NYU from 1955 to 1969, and under his direction the Medical Center grew into a multi-million-dollar complex. He presided over the construction of the William B. and Cele H. Rubin Hall of Residence, Alumni Hall, University Hospital and the Research Pavilion of the Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Dr. Armstrong was born in Lawrence County, Indiana, in August 1900. He received his A.B. (1922), M.D. (1925) and an Honorary Doctor of Laws

Degree (1952) from Indiana University. He was commissioned in the United States Army in 1925, immediately after graduation from medical school. He held a number of positions of responsibility in military medicine culminating in a four-year term as Surgeon General of the United States Army (1951-1955).

Upon retirement as director of the Medical Center, he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by NYU.

Dr. Ivan L. Bennett, Jr., dean and provost, said of Dr. Armstrong, "He was a rare administrator who brought to his work a warm understanding of people, plus a wit and optimism which were unique."

## Jerrold A. Kram '70

Jerrold A. Kram '70, is currently a pulmonary specialist at Providence Hospital in Oakland, CA. On February 4 an article in the *Oakland Tribune* described Dr. Kram's work with hyperbaric treatment which was used to save the life of a fireman, Chris Heath, whose lungs had been filled with deadly gases.

Dr. Kram referred the unconscious firefighter to Peralta Hospital to receive prompt treatment in a new hyperbaric oxygen pressure chamber.

Inside the chamber's acrylic tube, which contained pure oxygen at pressure greater than that of the earth's atmosphere at the earth's surface, about the same as at an ocean depth of 45 feet, dramatic changes began to happen inside Heath's body. After a second two-hour session in the chamber Heath's head had cleared and the wheezing had stopped. Dr. Kram says that hyperbaric treatment facilitates the removal of deadly gases such as carbon monoxide and cyanide from the red blood cells. The treatment also decreases fluid build up in the lungs such as in Heath's case which had caused his wheezing.

Dr. Kram says that hyperbaric treatment can be used for various maladies such as inhibiting or stopping the spread of the bacteria that cause gas gangrene. Dr. Kram additionally suggests its usage in many head injuries, reducing swelling and getting more oxygen to the affected areas.

## Felix T. Rapaport '54

Felix T. Rapaport '54, professor and deputy chairman of the department of surgery at the Health Sciences Center of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, was invited by the University of Paris, France, to preside at the XIVth Annual Conference of France-Transplant and of the Association of Volunteer Blood and Tissue Donors of France, last January 19. This meeting was organized under the auspices of Professor Jean Dausset, titular Chair of Experimental Medicine of the College de France, and director of the laboratories of immunohematology of the University of Paris.

During this meeting Dr. Rapaport received the Gold Medal of the City of Paris, awarded by His Honor, Jacques Chirac, Mayor of Paris. Dr. Rapaport also received the Gold Medal of the Societe d'Encouragement au Bien.

Dr. Rapaport's citation for these awards is a result of a series of historic collaborative Franco-American studies in transplantation. These studies began in 1963 when Dr. Rapaport was professor and director of the transplantation and immunology division at NYU Medical Center.

It is estimated that the joint NYU surgical team composed of Drs. John Marquis Converse, Philip R. Casson and Dr. Rapaport, performed over 1,500 skin allografts during a period of approximately 14 years. The results helped to provide the basis for current concepts in human tissue histocompatibility.

## Ira J. Laufer '53

Ira J. Laufer '53, assistant professor of clinical medicine, and director of the department of medicine at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, has been elected president of the New York Diabetes Association. He has also been appointed assistant editor of *Diabetes Forecast*, the journal of the American Diabetes Association. Dr. Laufer is president of the medical board of Cabrini Health Care Center and director of its diabetes service.

## Saul J. Farber '42 and Martin S. Begun

Saul J. Farber, '42, dean for academic affairs, who is Frederick H. King Professor of internal medicine and chairman of the department of medicine, and Martin S. Begun, vice president for external affairs and associate dean, have been named to the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University.

The Board of Governors is an international body which meets annually, approves the University budget, draws up plans and the budget for development, and approves the establishment of new faculties, schools and specific institutions.

Tel Aviv University, founded in 1953, is located in Israel's largest population center. The campus has more than 35 buildings equipped with modern laboratory and study facilities. The University maintains a large central library as well as a number of specialized faculty libraries.

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

### Frank G M Corbin is Public Information Director of NYU Medical Center

Frank G M Corbin, former deputy director of the New York City Office of Economic Development, has been appointed director of public information at the Medical Center, it has been announced by Martin S. Begun, associate dean and vice president for external affairs. He succeeds Herbert Kadison who retired at the end of 1978.

Mr. Corbin is currently an adjunct associate professor at Fordham University, teaching courses in advertising and public relations to both graduate and undergraduate students.

Mr. Corbin was a founding principal

of Burke & Corbin Associates, Inc., an international public relations organization. He also headed Corbin Communications Counsel, which served a range of corporate and non-profit clients.

A graduate of Fordham University, he has maintained close ties with that institution, serving as a special counsel to the University in addition to his teaching responsibilities. He was awarded the "Bene Merenti" Medal following two decades of teaching and the "Alumni Achievement Award in Communications" in 1975.

### Medical Center Board Cites Herbert Kadison

At its June 5th meeting, the Medical Center Board passed the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Medical Center Board notes the retirement of Mr. Herbert Kadison as Director of Public Relations and wishes to express its recognition and appreciation for his nearly two decades of exemplary service to the Medical Center in the area of Public Relations. The Board is gratified to note that Mr. Kadison, in retirement, will remain in close touch with the Medical Center and hopes that his knowledge and counsel can be drawn upon for many years to come."

### Dr. Kandel Responds

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Brumlick—only reinforced these new values. These experiences made me feel that the most important task for medicine—even more important for a new and relatively primitive field like psychiatry than for other areas of medicine—was the acquisition of new scientific knowledge. Thus, NYU not only educated me; it changed my values, and gave me a new and totally unexpected perspective. So, while I entered NYU to become a private practitioner of psychoanalysis, I left to become an academic psychiatrist interested in what the biology of the brain can teach us about mental function. Specifically, I wanted to learn how the brain produces behavior and, in turn, how it is modified by experience.

The next few years were essentially an apprenticeship for this new career. After internship I spent three years at the N.I.H., learning cellular neurophysiology and doing research on the hippocampus, that part of the mammalian brain thought to be involved in memory. I then took a residency in psychiatry at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center at Harvard and continued on there in a junior faculty position, doing full-time research.

My second stay at NYU was during 1965-1975, when I served on the faculty in physiology and psychiatry. The

medical school had changed greatly. A whole complex of new and comfortable buildings had replaced the dreary ones in which I had studied. A new University Hospital was in place on campus. There was even more scientific fervor than before, with outstanding people in medicine, immunology, cell biology, and biochemistry: Lewis Thomas, Lawrence, Stetson, Uhr, Franklin, Benacerraf, Greene, Ochoa, to name only a few. But the fundamental values of the school were unaltered; there was always a deep respect for people and the same love of science. This was a marvelous decade for me: years of rewarding collegueship and of protected scientific productivity. It was here that I began work in the three areas on which I continue to be involved: 1) the principles that determine the patterns of interconnections between nerve cells; 2) how different patterns of interconnections determine different categories of behavior; and 3) how the patterns of interconnections are altered by learning.

So, while the first time I was here I was nurtured as a student, the second time I matured as a scientist. I have often thought how fortunate I was to have been here not once, but twice, and to have benefited so enormously from the spirit of inquiry and the sense of congeniality that characterize this great medical school.

## ALUMNI NEWS NOTES

### Augustus L. Baker '40

Augustus L. Baker '40, has been named president-elect of the Medical Society of New Jersey.

Dr. Baker will be inaugurated at the next meeting of the Society's house of delegates, in April, 1980.

Dr. Baker has been a member of the medical staff of Dover General Hospital and Medical Center since 1947. He served as president of the medical staff from 1960 to 1962, and was chairman of the department of surgery also at that time.

He was president of the Morris County Medical Society 1959-1960.

Born in Dover, Dr. Baker attended local schools and graduated from Newark Academy. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University.

He served a rotating internship at Mountainside Hospital, Montclair, and a residency in general surgery at French Hospital, New York City, and a fellowship in general surgery at Lahey Clinic, Boston.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons, and a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery.

## Arnold and Marie Schwartz Health Care Center Opens



### Co-operative Care

Co-operative Care is a program for mobile patients that combines health education with clinical care during the last few days of the patient's stay in the hospital. In some cases such as extensive pre-operative workups, the program can also be used for direct admissions.

On transfer to the unit, the patient is accompanied by a "care partner," a family member or friend, who stays with the patient and also participates in the program. The cost of the program for both patient and partner is about 40% less than one patient day in University Hospital.

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Arnold and Marie Schwartz Health Care Center on March 22, from left: Joseph A. Califano Jr., then Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; Ivan L. Bennett Jr., '69 (Hon.), dean and provost of the Medical Center and Dr. John C. Sawhill, president of New York University.

The dedication of the new Arnold and Marie Schwartz Health Care Center on March 22 was the highlight of a series of special events that included a press conference, two dinners in the Co-operative Care dining room, and three Sunday afternoon open houses for Medical Center personnel and friends.

The formal ceremony at which then HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano, was the featured speaker was preceded by a brief ribbon-cutting in the lobby of the new building, attended by approximately 150 Medical Center officials, guests and members of the press.

"I am here today for two reasons," Mr. Califano said at the outset. "First, because of Dr. Bennett, who on every occasion when I have asked him to come help me with difficult problems at HEW has done it . . . and second, because this center demonstrates what we can do to both enhance quality—which will be done here as patients are educated to taking care of themselves—and to reduce costs."

At 11:00 a.m., a standing-room-only audience listened to Mr. Califano's major address in the Alumni Hall Auditorium, in which he linked the dedication of the new building to an announcement about "Phase I" of the President's forthcoming national health plan.

"I have come to celebrate a new and imaginative institution in the nation's health care system," he began.

Calling the Medical Center "one of the finest in the world," he praised the administration for its success in holding cost increases to 6.6% over the past few years. He added that the Medical Center is not only leading in the effort to restrain costs but also in the effort to lower costs by changing the nature of the system.

Mr. Califano broadly outlined expectations for Phase I of what the President hoped would become a national health plan to provide every American with coverage for "basic services."

"Only when we contain unnecessary costs in the health care system can we responsibly seek to implement necessary new health benefits," Mr. Califano said. Then he added, "What we are trying to achieve nationally is brilliantly illuminated in the facility we dedicate today."

Dr. Cahill and Mayor Edward I. Koch also addressed the audience.

"Like spring," Dr. Cahill said, "this center offers new signs of life. It offers convincing proof that we need not confine our thinking to the accepted wisdom of the past which taught that 'more is better.'" He called the new health care center "a model for the nation as

well as the state of what can be accomplished when we allow the promise of the future to shape our thinking."

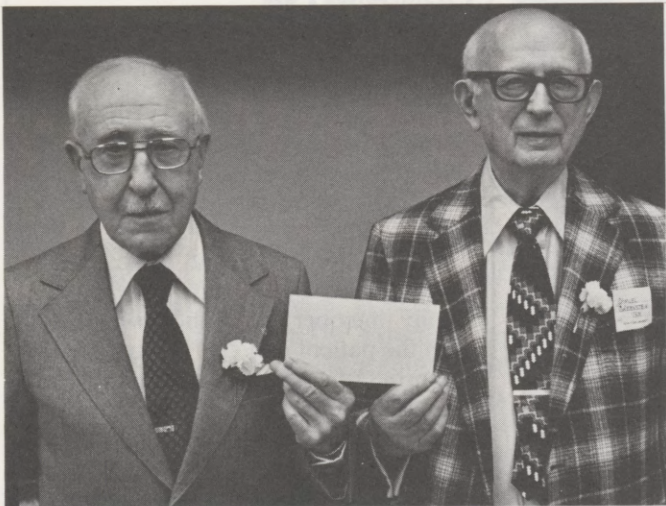
In commenting on the Co-operative Care program, he said it "recognizes that the patients' needs do not always require the high-technology environment of the acute care hospital. It also allows for a more personal level of service than is possible in the acute care atmosphere."

Dr. Cahill presented an executive chamber document from Governor Carey making March 22 "New York University Medical Center Day."

With both city and state governments seriously concerned about surplus hospital beds, Mayor Koch addressed this subject directly. He said there was no inconsistency in dedicating the new building and also talking about reducing beds. "A significant part of the problem is that hospital beds are often not of the type most needed," he said.

"Because of the city's continuing fiscal crisis, we have to make certain that health care dollars are used in the most effective and efficient manner possible." Referring to rising Medicare and Medicaid rates he said "the new Co-operative Care unit will certainly be watched with great interest by those wanting to provide quality care at the lowest possible cost."

# Alumni Weekend Class Photos



'13—Sidney Levey and Samuel Greenstein.



'15—Morris T. Koven and Mrs. Koven.



'19—Erma and Alexander Cameron.



'21—Irving Seinfeld.



'22—Clarence E. de la Chapelle, Lester Breidenbach, Adam S. Borst, Bella and Manuel F. Kalina, and Jane and Isaac Skir.



'24—Herman A. Metz, Perry Katzen, Paula Seiler and the late Walter Levy.



'25—Sidney Grossman.



'26—Harriet and Adolph F. Bien, Arthur Alexander Knapp and Dorothea Landesman.



'27—William Director and Jack A. Yager.

'29—First Row (Seated): Valeria S. Posner, Sophie T. Berner, Arthur M. Tiber, Josephine Dalven, Erma Baum, Theodore Baum, H. Easton McMahon, Joseph Dalven, Meyer Bloom, Mrs. Meyer Bloom, Mrs. Bernard Hecht, Bernard C. Hecht, Anthony Rottino, Lewis B. Posner.

Second Row (Seated): Mary Bolden, Mira Raisman, Lucille Feuerstein, Estelle Stein, Harriet Groopman, Mary Anna Ferraro, Augusta Block, Rose Abramson, Mildred Lief, Anna Marra, Lucille Horn, Nell Older.

Third Row (Standing): Herbert Berner, Henry Laven, Ruth Laven, Joel V. Bolden, Victor Raisman, Benjamin L. Feuerstein, Milton J. Eisen, Helene Mathiasen, Alexander Stein, Samuel F. Groopman, Louis R. Ferraro, Nathan Block, Arthur Abramson, Lawrence H. Lief, Alfred F. Marra, Benjamin Horn, Laurence C. Older, Elias D. Lawrence.





'30—Seated: Max J. Halperin, Jacob M. Leavitt, Adolph Posner and Mary M. Thomson. Standing: Ross J. Maggio, Herbert Chasis, Mrs. Grant and Maurice D. Grant and Leon Ross.



'31—Frederick Sheer, Sidney P. Cohen, Anne and Benjamin Bender, Albert M. Schwartz and Edgar H. Bates.



'32—Seated: Esther Swiller, Mrs. Stein and Max H. Stein, Mollie Freireich and Elda Glotzer. Standing: Samuel L. Swiller, Irving Ocko, Leonard B. Goldman, Theodore J. Edlich, A. Walter Freireich and Soloman Glotzer.



'33—Seated: Victoria Soloway, Adolph R. Berger, Allen H. and Mrs. Warner. Standing: Bernard J. Pisani, Mrs. Dasher and Samuel Dasher.



'34—Seated: Jean Pakter Bachman, Mrs. Frankel and I. Fred Frankel and Greta and Marvin D. Linick. Standing: Arnold L. Bachman, Mrs. Kulick and Morton Kulick, Abraham Gootnick and Alexander R. Hersh.



'35—Seated: David and Dorothy Bernstein, Sadie Rubenstein and Lillian Hersh. Standing: Seymour Goldgraben, Samuel M. Bloom, Samuel E. Schwartz, Jacob Greisman, Peter Berman, Alfred Berman, Leo Rubenstein and Joseph H. Hersh.



'36—Seated: Alexander J. Terrin, Max Braitman, Helen Marshall, Marge Yablonsky, Carolyn Silberman and Grace A. Altenau. Standing: Louis E. Marshall, Sylvia and Harry D. Fein, Henry J. Gureasko, Max S. Yablonsky and Arthur Koff.



'37—Herman S. Kremer, Thomas F. Foley, Leon M. and Beatrice Weiss.



'38—Seated: Doris and Maxwell Spring, Irving M. and Babette Riffin, Philip H. Sechzer and Alice Charlton. Standing: Bernard A.G. Weisl, Olga Frankel, and Jack Lisman and Alex Charlton.



'39—Seated: Evelyn Apogi, Walter E. and Mary Boehm, Gerry and Louis Wolfe, Libby Stern and Toni Unger. Standing: Paul N. Unger, Mortimer Iger, Hylan A. Bickerman, Mrs. Shoor and Maurice N. Shoor, Elias H. Gerchick, Irving Abelow, Stanley Lane, Lillian Batlin, Leonard L. Richheimer, Seymour Zuckerman, Marvin Stern and Seymour W. Meyer.



'40—Seated: Alice Aronson, Sylvia Sachs, Eileen Mackler, Myra Palmer and Patricia C. Donovan. Standing: Julius J. Sachs, Allan R. Aronson, Oscar Greene, William Mackler, M. Leon Tancer, Benjamin N.H. Kagwa, Marvin L. Blumberg, Manuel L. Blumberg and Manuel Rodstein.



'41—Seated: Phyllis Kenigsberg, Lillian Weiss, Harriet Goldman, Grace Kaye, Barbara S. Parker and Abba A. Messe. Standing: Samuel Kenigsberg, John D. Van Zandt, Alvah M. Weiss, Bertram Charap, Joseph H. Press, Abe A. Goldman, A. Stanley Kaye, Walter I. Spinrad, Bernard M. Teschner, Mortimer H. Dubovsky and Elias Savitsky.



'42—Seated: Stephen H. Leslie, Selma Smith, Dorothy Frew, Saul J. Farber and Charles Polivy. Standing: Herbert M. Simonson, Jerome Zuflacht, Louis S. Smith, William J. Frew, Milton Lowenthal and Harold S. Cole.



'43D—Seated: S. Arthur Swenson, Naomi de Sola Pool, Gladys and Bernard Redner. Standing: Daniel H. Adler and Abraham Schlossman.



'43M—Seated: Arthur and Hope Miller, Charlotte Marken, Naomi de Sola Pool and Milton Bankoff. Standing: Irwin Weiner, Paul Bookstaver, Harold W. Grossman, H. Sherwood Lawrence, Herman N. Eisen, Abraham Schlossman.



'44—Seated: Leo Orris, Norman Alisberg, Ephraim M. Katz, Estelle R. DeVito and Edith S. Sheppard. Standing: Julius Hoffman, William N. Hubbard Jr., Robert Brown, Alvin Mund, Seymour L. Halpern, Morris Schaeffer and Carl A. Smith.



'45—Frank Gerold and Bertha Rader.



'46—Francis X. Moore, Virginia Connolly Mitty and William F. Mitty Jr.



'47—Lewis Schachne, Natalie Aronson, Babette and Ira S. Rubenstein and Eugene V. Calvelli.



'48—Lucille and Samuel B. Lerman and Jerome and Ethel Krant.



'49—Barbara Goldstein, Dorothy Hershkowitz and Anita Sternberg. Standing: Herbert Goldstein, Jay Hershkowitz and Sylvan J. Hershey.



'50—Seated: Harry Kolson, Esther Weisfogel, Jacob and Evelyn Weissman. Standing: Richard Lipkin, Martin Lipkin, Norman B. Schell and Coleman H. Rosenberg.



'51—Lionel A. Rudolph, Salvatore Aiello and Perry Berg.



'52—Eugene Braunwald, Lillian Robbins, Janet O. Jeppson, Phoebe F. Rosen, Alan Davidson and Edwin S. Robbins.



'53—Ira J. and Barbara Laufer, Helen A. DeRosis and Howard Richman.



'54—Seated: Bernard J. Sivak, Arthur Hecht, Barbara Cox, Gloria Shafer, Rochelle Hirschhorn, Karen Laband and Vivian Falk. Standing (1st row): Robert H. Burger, Garrison L. Sobel, Sabin S. Levenson, Gerson A. Jacobson, Bernard B. Levine, Teresa Jacobson, Stuart H. Bartle, Warren M. Cox III, Pauline G. Hecht, Nathaniel Shaffer, Kurt Hirschhorn, John Baum, Donald Feldman, Thomas G. Argyros and Stuart Falk. Standing (2nd row): William D. Drucker, Gerard M. Lehrer, Gerald Weintraub, Aaron G. Meislin and Manfred M. Laband.



'55—Seated: Marvin S. Eiger, Harvey S. Moser, Ray and Natalie Gordon. Standing: Barry M. Josephson and Charlotte R. Colp.



'56—Paul Finkel, Martin Finkel, Elaine Finkel '60, Eric R. and Denise Kandell, and Lawrence R. Ross.



'57—Richard M. Schisgall, Burton S. Sklarin, Rochelle Hirschhorn, Kurt Hirschhorn, Leonard S. Beier and Edward H. Axelrod.



'58—Alan M. and Sara Levine and Henry Tulgan.



'59—Herbert S. and Micheline Levowitz, Judy Goldberg and Edward L. Amorosi. Back row: Ivan P. Goldberg and Michael M. Baden.



'60—Charles H. Debrovner, Elaine Finkel, Martin Finkel '56, and Paul Finkel.



'61—Murray J. Berenson.



'62—Bernard D. Goldstein, William V. Zussman, Gilbert P. August, John A. Herman and Irwin Sharkey.



'63—George J. Todaro, Norman C. Charles, Martin L. Kahn, Stanley D. Handler, Malcolm H. Weinsaft, Anthony J. Grieco and Matthew A. Tolchin.



'64—Robert J. Heilen, Andrew M. Milano, Nira R. Silverman, Rita G. Wallsh, David S. Scotch and Ronald B. Herberman.



'65—Howard M. Shapiro, Arthur and Terri Lebowitz, Joel P. Silverman, Arthur S. Cohn and Paul L. Goldiner.



'67—Arthur H. Weintraub and Ralph I. Lopez.



'68—Albert A. Reff, Bruce M. Hyman, Kenneth G. Noble, Chaim B. Reich, Allan A. Horland, Bennett S.J. Pallant and Henry I. Lipner.



'69—Steven L. Dubovsky, John I. Hochman, Ann Dubovsky, Benjamin E. Lesin and Howard L. Schneider '76.



'75—Isaac S. Herschkopf, Colin S. Schaeffer, Jonathan B. Sands and Stephen S. Wender.



'76—Marvin Den and Douglas E. Faig.



'79—Joshua D. Warach and Peter Goodfield



Students—Felix Shamash '81, Steven Arkin '81, Bessie Ayvaliotis '81, Lisa Sclafani '82, Nina Bhardwaj '79, and Andrew Jaffe '81.

# Class Notes

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'18 Joseph Eidelsberg  
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Rossmoor  
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Your class agent writes: "The ranks grow thinner, as I report the passing of two more classmates—**George Bonnefond**, Whitesboro, N.Y., and **Benjamin M. Eis**, NYC. The writer "begs" for letters from classmates, with information of their activities."

'19 Herman Behrens  
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Jersey City, N.J. 07307  
Percy Rubinstein  
4045 Baltimore Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA. 19104

'20 Bernard Seligman  
160 Ocean Avenue  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225

'21 Victor Knapp  
505 Second Avenue  
Asbury Park, N.J. 07712

'22 Abraham B. Tamis  
169 East 69th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10021

'23

'24 Walter Levy  
12 East 88th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10028

'25

'26 Arthur Alexander Knapp  
23 East 74th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10021

Generally good news is accompanied by a degree of bad. This time we have only good news—very properly for a fine class.

Many pleasant missives from classmates have been received. All of them handwritten and lengthy. Nothing but happy times are noted by all. It would take too much space even to outline all of them, so we will be content to mention a few this time and continue in the next issues.

**Currier McEwen** continues "very busy" with patients and traveling in areas of Maine for rheumatologic consultations. Currier's three daughters are happily ensconced in Saudi Arabia and New York, which provides Currier with good reason to enjoy traveling. His son, Ewen, is at Case Western Reserve Medical School, a chip off the old block! A family gathering in South Harpswell, ME,

## Note:

Class agents are needed by those classes indicated below by a blank space next to the year of graduation. If you would like to undertake the responsibilities and explore the new opportunities for contact with your fellow alumni and the School that the job entails, please call (212) 679-3200 ext. 3028 or write me c/o NYU Medical Quarterly 550 First Ave., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016.

Ira J. Laufer '53, Chairman,  
Class Agents Committee

was a happy one. With all, Currier has become international for his horticultural eminence. He received The Memorial Plaque of The British Iris Society.

**Kate Freeman Miller** finally sold her Stony Brook home and is enriching Florida society with her permanent presence. Two sons are in medicine. All grandchildren are doing well.

**May Chinn**, a distinctive classmate, had a splendid complimentary write-up in *The New York Times* recently. It surely was interesting reading. Mae deserves a lot of credit.

**Mitchell Benedict** is ever the pleasant person, taking life in good stride. Florida is his retired home, but during "the off season," he travels up North. This year, however, he is planning a trip to South America. Helen and Mitch wish you all the best of everything.

**Stanley Hall**, the ambitious one, is now the retired gentleman in Ridgefield, NJ. His hobbies are gardening, bridge, and golf. Sounds enjoyable, Stan.

It was nice to see **Adolph Bien** and his wife at the recent Alumni meeting. Adolph's compensating philosophy is to keep active and happy.

Continue your love of life.

'27 William Director  
67 Park Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10016

'28 Irving L. Schmierer  
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'29 Joseph Dalven  
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Brooklyn, N.Y. 11204

**A. Anthony Acampora** was unable to be with us on our 50th anniversary class reunion due to health problems, but he sent his best wishes and all of us at the reunion dinner were delighted to see the color photo which was sent to us in lieu of his physical attendance. The consensus was that he looks great, and the class returns its salute to a wonderful classmate.

**S. William Hoff**s was unable to come East from Los Angeles for medical reasons, but sent his warmest regards. Two sons are psychoanalysts, and he has six grandchildren.

**James A. Shannon** moved to the Cascade Mountains and therefore could not be with us, but he specifically sent his best to all his classmates.

**Theodore Baum** writes that he is in reasonably good health; has been living in Rome, N.Y.; and recently celebrated his 44th wedding anniversary. He and his wife attended Alumni Day and our class dinner. It was great to see them.

**Nathan Block** and his wife, Augusta, were also on hand. He is still doing pathology three days a week. His son, Paul, is chief cardiologist at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Beach, NJ. Nathan boasts of nine grandchildren.

**Meyer Bloom** and his wife were with us on our big party night—they came from Johnstown, PA. Meyer still doing his internal medicine and has five associates. The Blooms have three daughters and seven grandchildren.

**Louis Ferraro** and his wife, Mary Anna, moved to Richmond, VA., where he will do some part-time teaching in pathology. They made it to the Alumni Day activities and enjoyed the class dinner in the evening.

**Henry Laven** retired after many years with the Veterans Administration in Brooklyn. He finally settled down in San Diego—to get away from our winters. He and his wife, Ruth, arranged their visit back East to coincide with our 50th anniversary class reunion and Alumni Day. After visiting with their many relatives and friends, they will go back to San Diego, which they love.

**Elias Lawrence** has also officially retired and has moved to El Paso, TX, which he writes he "finds to be a lovely area with wonderful climate." He, too, came a great distance to be with us for the day and evening reunion.

**Helena Mathiasen** spends six months in Florida with her sister during the winter and six months in her home in Poughkeepsie. She finds it physically difficult to come to New York, but, as she said, she wouldn't miss our 50th anniversary and did manage to be with us at the School for lunch and the afternoon ceremony.

**Victor Raisman** has remarried and is very happy. He is still practicing medicine. Vic and his lovely wife, Mira, came to the Alumni luncheon and afternoon ceremony. They also joined us for the evening.

The other classmates who participated in Alumni Day at the School but couldn't be at our dinner were: **Antonio Rottino** and **Lawrence H. Lief**, with his wife. The following additional members also joined the warm, nostalgic celebration dinner, which everyone called a great success: **Arthur Abramson**, **Michael Bender**, **Herbert Berner**, **Joel Bolden**, **Milton Eisen**, **Benjamin Feuerstein**, **Samuel Groopman**, **Bernard Hecht**, **Joseph**

**Hillel, Benjamin Horn, Alfred Marra, M. Easton McMahon, Carmine Melore, Larry Older, Lewis B. Posner, Jerome Rauch, Alexander Stein and Arthur Tiber.**

Almost all of us were accompanied by our wives and, naturally, the ladies gave the occasion the festive touch. All in all, we had a most rewarding reunion, which will be long remembered.

However, we would have been remiss to forget those who are no longer with us. While their names were being read we stood in solemn silence to reflect upon and remember the forty-nine class members who have passed away. The list included:

**Henry Taterka**, who died April 17—less than a month before reaching our 50th anniversary reunion, which he had planned to attend. Henry was a gentle and talented human being. He was one of the New Jersey contingent during the hectic years at the college, and it was easy to see the hallmark of a gentleman. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Blanche, and his family.

**'30** Bernard M. Zussman  
40 North Pauline St.  
Memphis, TN 38105

I was deeply distressed to read about Sidney Rubinfeld's death in the *Medical Quarterly*. It had been my custom before going abroad each year, to call Sidney and talk over a few things that were of mutual interest, usually having to do with the Class of '30. However, this past October, I did not speak to Sid, so I have been out of touch.

I can not think of any alumnus more devoted to *Alma Mater* or more dedicated to his class responsibilities. In his professional life, Sid Rubinfeld was an exemplary teacher, scientist and practitioner—in his personal life he was always modest, thoughtful and compassionate.

At our last class reunion, the 45th, Sid prophetically remarked, "We don't have many more years and I don't know if there will be a 50th reunion." Perhaps he had a premonition.

I would like to think that Sid would enjoy having his class '30 go on same as before, and am therefore offering to take up the class agent's responsibilities, if no one has been appointed yet.

[Editor's note: The offer was enthusiastically accepted by Ira J. Laufer '53, chairman of the the class agents committee]

Perhaps I can carry on the work that Sid has accomplished for so many years, and we can still have our 50th class reunion after all."

**'31** Harold Brandaleone  
116 East 63rd Street  
New York, N.Y. 10021

**'32** John Groopman  
103 East 75th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10021

**'33** Bernard J. Pisani  
170 West 12th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10011

**'34** Joseph Chess  
1625 Ditmas Avenue  
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Your class agent wants to remind you that "45 years have now elapsed since we were graduated and, following our usual custom, we expect to have our five-yearly dinner in the fall. All survivors are expected to attend. Details will reach you in ample time."

Meanwhile, you are urged to send me detailed biographical data so that the information may be included in the next *Medical Quarterly*. Here is a sample: **Joe Chess** still practices internal medicine in Brooklyn. His wife, Edith, is a clinical psychologist. His five children include Shelley, married to a lawyer in Mamaroneck; Leslie, married to an Ob/Gyn in Norwalk, CT; son, Jeremy, doing ophthalmology in Norwalk; son, Cyrus, completing a dermatology residency at Metropolitan Hospital; and son, Quintus, a resident in pathology at New York Hospital. Joe has five grandchildren so far and expects many more.

Joe is an avid antique and fine arts collector and invites anyone with similar interests to visit him and enjoy a memorable tour.

**Sig Siegel** is director of surgery at Terrace Heights Hospital. His wife, Phyllis, is executive director of UJA Federation. Son, Steven Andrew, is associate professor of law at DePaul Law School, Chicago; and son, Mark Alan, is serving his third term in the State Assembly where, among other duties, he is a member of the Health Committee. He will be glad to help any of us with any matters that fall within the scope of the State Assembly Health Committee.

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Observing members of the Class of 1929 being honored on their Golden Anniversary on Alumni Day this year, several of our classmates mentioned a closer anniversary—our 45th. Sentiment seems to indicate that this reunion would be appropriate. If enough people favor it, such an undertaking is feasible. A planning and arrangements committee would have to be formed, and a chairman would have to be found. A previous arranger, **Sam Bloom**, said that he could not act as chairman this time, but that he would be willing to be a consultant and adviser.

How do you feel about a 45th Anniversary get-together, as on previous landmark years? Would you volunteer for the committee? Are you willing to act as chairman? Have you any ideas or suggestions? Please let me know as soon as possible. And while you are at it, how about a few news items?

**David Bernstein** was back on the dais again on this Alumni Day, this time pinch-

hitting for the president of the University Alumni Federation in making various presentations. Dave is still active in plastic surgery, a recent publication in *ORL* being "Rhinophyma in Tuberous Sclerosis." He is a proud grandpa again, the latest being Jason Asher Young. He was born to daughter, Helen, who is a crystallographer at Philadelphia Cancer Institute of the University of Pennsylvania. Her husband, Peter, is a microbiologist, but might be considered a macrobiologist, since Jason weighed in at 8-4.

**Alfred Berman**, who is still going strong in College Point, missed the Penn Relays this year. He brought his son, Peter, who is an attorney in the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, Second Department. Peter was impressed by the camaraderie of the occasion.

**Samuel Bloom** has moved to a new office—55 East 86 Street. He says he has cut down a bit.

**George Brown** and Jeanne are no longer living in a private house in Riverdale. They are actually moving to an apartment house condominium just north of Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville. George says he has retired completely, but a part-time job in October (after the season at Marlboro, VT) might attract him—no methadone clinic, thank you! George has built a fiberglass-lined canoe in collaboration with his son, Richard. Richard, a sailing camp alumnus, is a June graduate of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. His next big step is getting married ten days later to a member of the Class of '80 at Einstein. After that, they will go to Cleveland. Richard is going into residency in pulmonary diseases at Case-Western Reserve. Margaret has completed her prescribed courses at Einstein and will take her electives in Cleveland, besides a month in Paris and a month on an Indian Reservation. Hilary, George's daughter, is an architect in New York, after working in London.

**Al Fleischner** is still an ardent golfer. His son, Richard, is a well-known earth sculptor, besides working in other media. His latest commission is at the Social Security Administration Building in Baltimore.

**Seymour Goldgraben** is chief of medicine at the VA Hospital in Perry Point, MD. He is assistant professor of medicine at Hopkins. He greatly enjoyed his November trip to the Orient with the World Medical Association.

**Joseph Hersh** also says he is cutting down a bit. He reports that his son, Stephen, has been asked to put together the first Division of Child Psychiatry at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington. He is now living in Chevy Chase.

**Milton Lieberthal** is medical director at Merrell-National Laboratories in Cincinnati. His picture has appeared on some of the "detail" literature. He is the co-author of an authoritative volume on portal-systemic encephalopathy (PSE), also known

as hepatic encephalopathy or hepatic coma.

**Tony Pisani** has moved from New Jersey and lives right near his office. He is still very busy at nearby St. Vincent's.

**Max Scherzer** has joined the grandfather ranks. He still looks forward to his round of golf.

**Sam Schwartz** is a more experienced grandpa. His oldest granddaughter, Sara, is entering college this fall. His son, Stanley, '71, is the head of Infectious Diseases for the city of Tulsa, OK.

**Carolyn Silbermann '36**, reports that her son, Frank Silagy, was staying with her when he was on electives at the North Central Bronx Hospital Emergency Room as a student at Einstein. He is leaving Einstein to finish his last year at Tufts, joining his wife, Martha, who is the activist president of the Student Council. Daughter, Marilyn, is on an NIMH grant in applied psychology at the VA Hospital, Boston. Son-in-law, Steve Albert, taught music at Smith College and at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. His latest composition, a chamber music piece for six, was performed at Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center on March 21 and received very favorable reviews.

**Jack Greisman** is still at Roosevelt and St. Clare's in internal medicine. His son, Stewart, '81, is transferring to Yale to join his wife, the former Lisa Babitz, a classmate from college at Cornell. Daughter, Lisa, Brown '77, worked for the VA in Manhattan for a year and is to enter law school. His wife, Leah, is assistant to the dean of social sciences at Hunter College.

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It was good to see the following classmates on Alumni Day: **Max Braitman, Lou and Helen Marshall, Max and Margie Yablonsky, Harry and Sylvia Fein, Al Terrin, Carolyn Silberman** and **Grace Altenau**. The course given was enlightening and educational; and we enjoyed listening to Isaac Asimov, who gave an entertaining and interesting speech.

Several months ago I had the unexpected pleasure of visiting with **Eugene Greenwald** and his wife at their home at White Meadow Lake, NJ. Gene is now semi-retired. He asks to be remembered to everyone. My son, Bob, is starting his practice in endodontics in Succasunna, NJ., and is living at White Meadow Lake.

Please send me news of your personal and professional activities.

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**Bernard Weisl**, altho retired from practice, lives in Rossmoor, NJ., and remains active in community and civic affairs. He has been named chairman of the Rossmoor Community Board.

'39 | Florence G. Liben  
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The class held its 40th reunion dinner at the NYU Club on May 12. It was very well attended and was a pleasant opportunity for us to meet with our classmates and their spouses. **Ely Lazarus** made the excellent arrangements, and we are all grateful.

A questionnaire was distributed for news summaries, but, as of May 23 (the deadline for this issue), only one reply has been received. I hope more of you will send news for the next issue.

**Stella Chess** writes in her reply that she and her husband, Alex Thomas, (both professors of psychiatry at NYU), are in the 25th year of a longitudinal behavior study. The most recent publication is a book, *Temperament and Development* (Brunner and Mazel, 1977). Stella and Alex are also doing a long-term study of multihandicapped children, who are now in their teens.

On a more personal level, Stella has many cultural interests and hobbies. She won two blue ribbons for her needlepoint at a County Fair. Stella and Alex have four children and three grandchildren (ages 9, 10, and 13). Two of their sons are in the medical field (one an M.D., the other a respiratory therapist). Another son is a lawyer.

**Murray Shoor** lives in California, where he practices as a chest surgeon. For the first time, he was able to coordinate a visit East to coincide with a class reunion. He and Annette have two sons, both M.D.'s in or completing their residencies. Murray and Annette issued a blanket invitation to classmates to visit if—and when—they are in the Los Angeles area.

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**Steven J. Stanowicz** was honored for his humanitarian work at the Greater Hackettstown (N.J.) Chamber of Commerce awards

banquet last October 11.

Dr. Stanowicz was lauded by Rev. Clarence W. Sickles, former vicar of St. James Episcopal Church and now director of the Health Village retirement community. Rev. Sickles revealed that Dr. Stanowicz is the anonymous practitioner behind the "helping hand" project, initiated 20 years ago by the St. James Episcopal Church. Dr. Stanowicz gave aid to the needy under the "helping hand" cover by placing a tiny classified ad which appeared in the Hackettstown Gazette. Dr. Stanowicz asked for nothing in return according to Rev. Sickles. Over the years Dr. Stanowicz received 1,500 letters in response to the ad, and he was able to offer free care to many of those in need.

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**Milton J. Freiwald '43**, was the subject of a Ripley's "Believe It or Not!" Under a drawing of an operating room, the item noted: "Dr. Milton J. Freiwald, an eye surgeon of Philadelphia, PA., as a U.S. Army doctor in World War II, removed from a soldier's right eye a machine gun's 12-inch spring and a steel rod 6½ inches long only 2½ inches of which projected outside the eye. In February 1977—31 years later—the ex-GI visited Dr. Freiwald and was found to have 20-20 vision and perfect health."

**Leonard E. Meiselas**, formerly executive associate dean and professor of medicine at the School of Medicine, Health Sciences Center, State University of New York at Stony Brook, has been appointed professor of medicine and dean of the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Sciences and vice president for health affairs at the City College of New York as well as special assistant for health affairs to the Chancellor of the City University of New York.

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A 35th class reunion was held December 16, 1978. Present were: **The Ed Comando's, Robert Sperry's, Maimon Leavitt, The Frank Simon's, The Abe Schlossman's, The Morris Tampol's, Ezra Greenspan, The Harold Mamelok's, Kenneth Gang, Irene Shapiro, The Sid Habers', The Ed Dipold's**. We had a great time—at a cocktail first, then dinner. Sorry you could not all be with us.

**Charles Willmarth** tried to make it but was prevented at the last minute by ill health—here's best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**Howard Wolf, Herbert Kayden, Omi Waife, Dan Kaplowitz, Joel Handler, Leo Weisharr and Sheldon Cohen** all sent best wishes for a happy reunion.

Sheldon G. Cohen was presented with the Distinguished Service award of the Wyoming Seminary of Kingston, PA., at its seventh annual Founder's Day Convocation held last September 25.

In 1972 he accepted an offer as consultant with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Bethesda, MD., where he now serves as director.

During his career Dr. Cohen has written 60 publications pertaining to his profession. He is a member of a dozen or more medical societies and serves on numerous boards and committees in the medical field.

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**Ellen Jiroudek** has been certified to practice in the medical specialty of Utilization Review and Quality Assurance by the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians. She is a Fellow of that Board and has been recertified as a Diplomate and Fellow of the American Board of Family Practice.

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'49 Jay Hershkowitz  
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'50 Gordon Q. Jonas  
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Alumni Day had a moderate representation this year. **Harry Kolson** came in from Erie, PA, where he is chief of head & neck surgery at the Veterans Hospital. **Esther Weisfogel Kaplan**, **Norm Shell**, **Coleman Rosenberg**, **Jack Weissman**, and **Marty Lipkin** were there during the day. I (Gordon Jonas) showed up late and went out to dinner with the Weissmans and Lipkins. We are planning our 30th reunion for next year on the evening of Alumni Day (evidently May 10, 1980). EVERYONE PLEASE RESERVE THAT DATE! It will probably be a dinner at a New York Hotel. Meanwhile, I hope you all will send me biographical material so everyone will know what is doing.

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Alumni Day is one of surprises. Who's going to come? By now, I feel an obligation and have begun to think that **Al Davidson** is becoming a regular. The number of classmates always appears to be the same, but the people are different. Last year, **Jon Uhr** came from Texas; this year, **Gene Braunschweig** from Massachusetts. Both, of course, were recipients of the Alumni Association's Achievement Awards. Are there any volunteers for next year so that our class can make it three in a row? Two other locals who appeared were **Jan Jeppson**, wife of Dr. Isaac Asimov, featured speaker of the day, and **Phoebe Rosen**, everybody's friend.

The luncheon, as usual, was one of the highlights of the day. Talk ranged from family life to professional experience, with the usual interspersing of jokes. Gene, who has been collecting honors, was one of the first recipients of the Sarasota Medical Awards for achievement and excellence. He is enjoying his life and work at Harvard and is ever-delightful. We were disappointed that Nina was unable to attend and, naturally, asked many questions about her. She is completing her second year of psychiatric residency at Tufts and will take her third in child psychiatry at Children's Hospital. Gene and Nina have raised three daughters. The oldest, 20, will be a senior at Johns Hopkins and is majoring in psychology. The middle one, 18, is completing her freshman year at Penn and is a pre-med. The youngest, 16, is still at home. Nina is planning ways of utilizing her surgical experience in conjunction with her psychiatric career and hopes to work with children who have surgical heart problems.

**Jan Jeppson** has been leading an exciting life. She has limited her psychiatric practice to permit her more time to deal with the multiple administrative chores attendant upon her position as director of training at the William Alanson White Psychoanalytic Institute of Psychiatry. In some of her spare time she writes. Her first novel has been published under the name of J.O. Jeppson. She has recently completed a second. Articles have also been published in *New York* magazine and the *Sunday Times Travel Section*. In her third career, she travels with her husband when he lectures and enjoys herself listening to his exuberant humor. Isaac, as we learned later in the afternoon, is one of the world's greatest standup comedians. Jan confided before his talk that she didn't have the slightest idea what he was going to say and, afterwards, was just as delighted with his free-flowing wit as was everyone else in the audience. She especially enjoyed his closing his address by singing a song of cloning and incest to the tune of "Home on the Range."

**Phoebe Rosen** also looked radiant and reported that she has been extremely happy

since she moved her psychiatric practice from Manhattan to the Throggs Neck section of the Bronx, where she lived when she was in medical school. Phoebe treats patients of all ages and has as much variety in the course of a day's work as it is possible for a psychiatrist to have. While we were reminiscing about the country-like atmosphere surrounding her home, she said the neighborhood is no longer recognizable, as buildings now surround her house. She finds all this not quite to her liking, but her sense of enthusiasm for life puts this change in the environment in its proper perspective. She also spoke of her brother's two children who are attending Rutgers in New Brunswick and are pre-meds.

**Alan Davidson** continues to work with metal in his spare time and has graduated from making small, beautiful, silver objects to making large, beautiful, silver objects and sometimes, when the ever-increasing cost of silver becomes a factor, he shifts to brass or bronze. He proudly spoke of his daughter, who has just completed her first year of med. school at Mt. Sinai, where Alan is on the faculty.

Briefly noted in passing is a conversation with **Jack Hirsch**, who reports that his oldest son will be graduating from University of California's law school at Davis. Jack and Gloria are pleased that their daughter-in-law is their son's classmate and are looking forward to attending the double graduation. Jack recently visited with **Fulton Taylor**, who lives outside Detroit, and said that both couples had a magnificent time.

To end on a personal note, **Marvin Stern**, professor of psychiatry at NYU and president of the Alumni Association, and I jointly edited the May 1978 issue of *Psychiatric Annals*, which focused upon urban psychiatry.

We hope that you have a pleasant summer and are looking forward to writing me notes about it, yourselves, and your family, to keep the column going for next fall.

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**Melvin H. Worth, Jr.**, was honored for his humanitarian activities at a reception at NYU for the UJA-Federation Joint Campaign on April 24.

Dr. Worth is director of surgery at Staten Island Hospital and clinical professor of surgery at Downstate Medical Center. He was director of the trauma service at Bellevue Hospital Center from 1966 to 1979 (*Medical Quarterly* Vol. 33, No. 2).

At the same event, a special award was presented to **Walter Levy '24**, who served as chairman of the Joint Campaign's overall Manhattan Physicians Division for eight years.

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As you know, the annual alumni weekend at the Medical Center took place on Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12. It was generally well attended and very interesting. It was great to once again chat with people I had not seen for many years. At the luncheon on Saturday I sat with some of our classmates and their spouses who brought me up to date on what they are doing:

**Ray Gordon** practices ENT in Staten Island. He has a daughter in college and his hobby is tending to his natural-gas wells in Pennsylvania—when he is not raising orchids in Staten Island.

**Marv Eiger** does pediatrics in the Village. He has a son at Harvard and a daughter entering Brown. He enjoys sailing in his leisure time.

**Barry Josephson** practices immunology in Yonkers. He is president of the Westchester Allergy Society and director of medical education at St. Joseph's Hospital in Yonkers. He has three children; the oldest is in the first year of college. His hobby is scuba and deep-sea diving in the Virgin Islands. At home he enjoys "bonsai," the Japanese art of dwarfing trees and plants.

**Charlotte Rappaport** lives in New York City and treats chest diseases. At Beth Israel Hospital she is in charge of the pulmonary lab and clinic. Her husband is a psychiatrist and they have two daughters. Charlotte has published extensively on sarcoidosis.

Also seated with us from the Class of '53 was **Ira Laufer** who last year was the president of the NYU Medical Center Alumni Association and who is now a member of the board. He is co-author of the book, "Diabetes Explained," an excellent book on diabetes, written for the patient. Another from the class of '53 was **Howard Richman** who was the chairman of the Alumni Day and very ably presided over the days' events.

I received a letter from **Doris Rapp** who practices pediatric allergy in Buffalo. Doris has already written two books, one entitled, "Allergy and the Hyperactive Child," and, more recently, "Questions and Answers About Allergy and Your Child".

**Arthur Drickman** resides with his family in Florida where he is board certified in pathology and recently certified in dermatopathology (possibly the latest of the "boards"). He has three daughters and hopes one of them will become a medical student at NYU.

As you are all aware, next year is the 25th anniversary of our graduation from medical school. We are planning a "gala reunion" in New York City. In the near future I hope to send out some questionnaires to get your ideas regarding the type of function you would like to attend.

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**Ira H. Friedman** writes "I am in private practice in surgery at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York where I am now attending surgeon and currently vice president of the medical board. I am also associate clinical professor of surgery at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. I have recently been elected to membership in the American Gastroenterological Association, Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, the New York Gastroenterological Association and the New York Surgical Society. My son, now 16 years old, is in his junior year at the Manhattan Hebrew High School and my daughter, 12, is in junior high school. I am active in various communal activities and am on the National Board of Directors of the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, as well as the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Locally, I am the cochairman of the Board of Directors of the Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim and have been cochairman of several Israel Bond Organization campaigns and was recipient of their annual award in 1977."

Also, several of our classmates are active at Beth Israel Medical Center: **Elliot Leiter** was recently appointed director of urology, **Myron Nobler** is chief of the radiation therapy department, **Leonard Weingarten** is active in private practice of gastroenterology, and **Sol Leibowitz** is in ophthalmology.

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**Gerald A. Gellin**—Gerry remains as active and busy as ever. In a recent communication, he indicated he is traveling to Washington, D.C., to present two papers. He is then going to visit his daughter, who is completing her first year at the University of Pennsylvania. A family reunion is planned with his parents in Miami Beach, and then back to San Francisco to complete the cycle.

**Henry Tulgan**—Henry was present at the annual Alumni Day this year. He is practicing cardiology in Pittsfield, MA. Two of his three children are in college.

**Maurice E. Shils**—Maurice is the director of nutrition at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and associate professor of medicine and attending physician at Cornell University Medical College. He recently wrote an article entitled "Enteral Nutritional Management of the Cancer Patient," which appeared in the March/April 1979 issue *CA-A Cancer Journal For Clinicians*.

**Harry Lieberman**—Harry is in a partnership as a pediatrician at Kaiser in Los

Angeles. Deborah is finishing UCLA in political science. Susi, now 17½, is graduating at the top of her class at Fairfax School and planning to enter a liberal arts college in the West. Willie, 14 years old, is involved with computers and advanced training at UCLA.

A.M.L.

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**Al** and **Marjorie Deutsch** live in Falls Church, VA. Al just completed a term as president of the medical staff at Alexandria Hospital, and Marjorie is coordinator of counseling at the Northern Virginia Women's Medical Center; she is also a Ph.D. candidate in counseling at American University in Washington.

Lisa, 18, their oldest, is a first-year student at the University of Virginia where she plans to major in psychology. Brian, 16, plays trumpet in the high school band, is a varsity tennis player and a member of the National Honor Society. Pamela, 13, and Tsyanie, 9½, round out the family.

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I saw only two classmates at this year's AAP/ASCI/AFCR meetings in Washington.

**Arthur Gottlieb** told me he was journeying to Australia for a mini-sabbatical during June, July, and August. He is going to the Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne, and is being sent by the National Science Foundation as part of their cooperative science program with Australia. He will be working with immunological suppression and immunoregulators. Marise and daughters, Mindy, and Joanne, will be going along. Art is still chief of the microbiology department at Tulane Medical School. Marise continues to be involved in cancer epidemiology, especially lung cancer. Mindy, 16, will be a senior in high school next fall and Joanne, a sophomore. Time flies! They still enjoy living in New Orleans.

**Fredda Ginsberg Fellner** had just attended the American Pediatric Society/Society of Pediatric Research meetings. She will be giving two papers at the diabetes meetings in Los Angeles in June. She keeps busy, running the largest pediatric diabetic clinic in New York (if not in the country), private practice, research, and running a household consisting of hubby, Michael, a dermatolo-

gist, and children, Jonathan and Melinda. She is also involved in a large collaborative study in childhood diabetes.

We had the pleasure of seeing Doctors **Farber** and **Lawrence** at the annual NYU cocktail party. It is too bad that more of the Class who are involved in clinical research are not attending these meetings—they are really very stimulating. This year's session on recombinant DNA was particularly exciting, giving us an intriguing view of the direction research in genetic diseases will take in the not-too-distant future.

Here, again, is my quarterly plea for news. The string has run out—if you want more columns, send me news *STAT!!*

M.M.M.—R.

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The card of inquiry has brought a number of replies. It's been interesting to read them, but I haven't been able to acknowledge them all. Given space limitations, it's going to take about a year to get them all into the *Alumni Quarterly*. The most unusual reply was from **Harry Roselle** who sent a copy of his book for children: "Harry the Hurricane—the Adventures of the First Boy Hurricane" (published in 1973 by Stewart Publishing Company, Box 295, Tenafly, NJ 07670). The book ends with the comment (after Hurricane Harry has gone north from the Caribbean) that "this is just the beginning!" but no word as to whether there are any more books out or on the way. Author information indicates that Harry, wife, Joan, and three children live in Tenafly, NJ, and he's in private practice of internal medicine in nearby Englewood. Other activities listed are publication of poetry and short stories—under a pseudonym—and, as a member of the association of church teachers, utilization of film making and drama as educational aids in religious studies. (I will remember a certain class movie years ago starring Harry, among others. Perhaps that started an avocation.)

**Dan Wachtel** sent a long letter. Following internship (Montefiore) and residency-fellowship in ophthalmology at NYU-Bellevue, he spent a devastating two years as head of specialty at a 1,000-bed hospital in Yokohama treating Vietnam war casualties and then returned to seek a quieter, less embittering life in general practice of ophthalmology in a small town in New Jersey—Bound Brook—where he is now "complacently content," but busy enough to take on an associate in July. He's still affiliated with NYU and teaches both there and at Rutgers Medical School and is on the staffs of three local hospitals, as well as Bellevue. Dan's wife became a specialist in Ikebana in Japan

(which I can find identified in no reference book right at hand); proficient enough to be invited to lecture on a Queen Elizabeth II cruise to France. Daughter **Debbie** (16), will shortly major in Hebraic studies at college, and **Marion** (13), is an avid equestrienne. Avocational interests, aside from serving on committees for his congregation, include playing the organ that dominates the family room.

I also had a letter from **Roger Hand**, currently professor of medicine and in the department of microbiology at McGill. When not working on DNA replication in mammalian cells and related professional duties, he's the left fielder on the league champion hospital softball team and writing verses of comic poetry, currently under review for publication. (I remember seeing a political limerick by Roger in the New York magazine competition a few years ago.) Wife, **Abby**, is a Ph.D. in human genetics and currently assistant professor of epidemiology at McGill. **Chris**, age 16, is about to go to college, and daughter, **Jessica**, 9, is in the French "emersion" program and "equally charming in French and English."

The longest reply I had was from **Phil Witorsch**, who also had news about three other classmates. (see below). It's easiest to quote directly from his letter. "I am presently in full-time, hospital-based, academic medicine at the Washington Hospital Center and the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Washington, D.C., where I have been for the past ten years. The Washington Hospital Center is an approximately 900-bed non-profit general hospital located in Northwest Washington, where it shares a campus with Childrens Hospital and the Washington Veterans Administration Hospital. It is a primary teaching affiliate of the George Washington University School of Medicine. The department of medicine of the Washington Hospital Center, of which I am a full-time member, has a large, strong, full-time staff and is actively involved in teaching programs including medical house staff, subspecialty fellows, and third- and fourth-year medical students from the George Washington University School of Medicine. . . . "At the Washington Hospital Center I am chairman of the Section of pulmonary and critical care medicine, director of the medical intensive care unit, medical director of respiratory therapy, and director of the pulmonary function laboratory. . . . "At the George Washington University, I have recently been promoted to professor of medicine. I am also co-director of the pulmonary fellowship training program, which is a three-hospital-based program (George Washington University Hospital, Veterans Administration Hospital, and Washington Hospital Center) with 8-10 fellows rotating through the three institutions.

"On a personal level, Joan and I have two children—**Beth**, age 14½, and **Jeffrey**, age 12. We live in Potomac, MD, which is a

suburb of Washington, D.C.

"I occasionally run into **Gil August**, who is full time in endocrinology at Childrens Hospital (I think that he is chairman of the section) and is also on the full-time faculty of the George Washington University. I occasionally see or speak to **Bernie Grand**, who is in private practice doing pulmonary medicine in the northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. Last summer we vacationed in Wellfleet, MA, on Cape Cod, where we spent some time with **George Cohen**. Since medical school, George has married (his wife's name is Susan), and they have two children, Lisa and Peter. George is in private practice in Boston doing internal medicine and rheumatology. He remains thin (something I have been unable to do) and has lost most of the hair on his head (I still have all of mine).

"As for outside interests, Joan and I are very actively involved in Marriage Encounter. For those who are familiar with it, they will understand what this is. For those who are not familiar with it, it is probably not what they imagine it is, and I will be happy to enlighten them. Between work, Marriage Encounter activities, and trying to spend enough time with my two typical teenage children, I do not have a lot of time for other activities, although I try to play tennis as often as possible. Joan and I enjoy traveling and have been on a number of interesting trips. Last spring we were in the Far East and visited Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok, and Penang."

**Harry Soletsky** wrote to say he's in private practice of cardiology in Connecticut, and recently became a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He's also director of health for his township. He's attending at Danbury Hospital, which has strong medical student educational programs, and on the clinical staff at Yale. He married a nurse, **Peggy**, whom he met while at Ohio State, and they have two children, **Stephanie**, 10, and **David**, 5. They're living in Brookfield Center, CT, and he invites anyone passing nearby to call.

In the next column I'll start with the post-card replies.

E.B.H.

'63 | A. N. Lieberman  
530 First Avenue (FPO)  
New York, N.Y. 10016

I was greatly saddened to learn of the recent death of **Jeff Rothman**. Jeff died in September, 1978. Jeff will always be remembered as a quiet, unassuming member of the Class, who was liked by all. As a physician, death is something we see and face everyday. But it is only in moments such as this that we see the finality of death.

There has been a lot of correspondence, and I will try to bring it up-to-date. **Dotty Ekery Denardo** wrote and extended best wishes for the year. Her husband, **Fred**, con-

tinues in the practice of oncology in El Paso, TX. Debbie, Rachel, and Laura Ekery are all growing and happy. **Stefan Stein** and I attended the Bot Mizvah of Stephanie Ellen **Kaminsky** in Orange, CT, in November, 1978. **David** is in the practice of internal medicine in Orange; and Shelley Schreiber Kaminsky has completed her residency in psychiatry at Yale, New Haven, and will continue as a staff member. **Tony Grieco** recently attended a meeting of the American College of Physicians in CA. He saw **Frank Mainzer**, who is in practice in San Francisco. Tony tells me that there are plans to form an NYU air mail club in California, with an annual alumni day event.

**Jay Liveson** is an assistant clinical professor of neurology at Albert Einstein and recently co-authored a book with Neil Spielholz entitled "Peripheral Neurology: Case Studies in Electrodiagnosis" that was published by F.A. Davis Company. Jay, after completing his residency, spent two years learning the techniques of electromyography and nerve conduction studies at NYU with Dr. Joseph Goodgold. **Matt Tolchin** and Joan had a boy, Benjamin, born on October 17, 1978. Matt is in the private practice of psychiatry in Manhattan and is an attending at Mt. Sinai, N.Y. Joan is in the private practice of psychiatry and is an attending in child and adolescent psychiatry at the N.Y. Hospital. **Malcolm Weinsaft** writes that having been in general practice in Brooklyn for 10 years (he was the first member of the class to go into practice) he has just completed a four-year residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Brooklyn, first in medicine, then in cardiology. Malcolm now opened an office at 133 East 73rd Street, Manhattan, for the practice of diagnostic echocardiography and cardiology. Malcolm is a cardiology consultant for the Strang Clinic, and is on the teaching staff at NYU. He makes rounds at the N.Y. Infirmary and at the Cabrini Health Care Center.

Your class correspondent was a guest speaker on "The Use of Dopamine Agonists" at the American Society of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics in Kansas City, MO, in March. I also presented a paper on "The Long-Term Efficacy of Bromocriptine in Parkinson's Disease" at the American Academy of Neurology in Chicago, IL, in April. I recently visited with **Jay** and **Elaine Protass**. Jay is professor of clinical radiology at the University of California in San Francisco. He is also on the staff at the Eden Hospital in Castro Valley, CA. He and Elaine live in Piedmont, which is a suburb of San Francisco. They have three children, Robert, 10, Jonathan, 9, and Laura, 4. We spent a most enjoyable evening at their beautiful and lovely home and thought of how long 16 years is and how far away 3,000 miles were from our graduation.

'64 | Andrew M. Milano  
F.P.O. 530 First Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10016

**Dick Kerber** writes from Iowa City "I continue to do academic cardiology at the University of Iowa where I am currently professor of medicine. I do research in both experimental echocardiography and in ventricular fibrillation and cardioversion. Linda continues to teach here in the history department where she is also professor and is currently completing her second book on the American Revolution and its aftermath. We have two boys."

**Ron Herberman** spoke on "Immune Surveillance and Immunotherapy" at the Cancer Symposium on Alumni Day. Ron is chief of the Laboratory of Immunodiagnosis at the National Cancer Institute.

Among those present from the Class at the Alumni Day festivities was **Nira Rubin Silverman** who is practicing dermatology in Derby, CT. Husband, Joel, is an ophthalmologist in New Haven. They have two girls, Miriam (13), and Sharon (11).

**Bob Heilen** and wife, Marie, were at Alumni Day as well. Bob is practicing orthopedics in Falls Church, VA, near Washington, D.C. He has been in touch with orthopedists **Fred Gordon** (Short Hills, NJ) and **Paul Fitzgerald** (Lynchburg, VA).

**Bob Boltuch** has gone into the private practice of radiology in the Cleveland area. He and wife, Chris, have two children.

At a recent gastroenterology meeting in New Orleans I ran into **Bernie Jaffe**. Bernie is leaving St. Louis to become chairman of the department of surgery at Downstate in Brooklyn. He will continue to do research on gastrointestinal hormones there. Bernie and wife, Marlene, will be living in Scarsdale with their two boys.

**Ilene Raisfeld** writes "I am glad to see that you are holding up the fort in regard to class news. I am now the director of the Division of Clinical Pharmacology, SUNY, Stony Brook, and have received the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Assn. Developmental Award in clinical pharmacology. Also am enjoying the single life!"

Have a good summer and please write!

'65 | Arthur S. Lebowitz  
614 Second Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10016

Alumni Day, 1979, and our representation nearly doubled to five attendees. Those of us who decided not to make the trip missed the best overall program of the past several years. An excellent morning scientific program, led by NYU faculty and alumni, was capped by a most entertaining discourse by Isaac Asimov.

Among those seen for the first time in a long time was **Paul Goldiner**. A few weeks before this meeting, Paul was named chairman of the anesthesia department at Memorial Hospital-Sloan Kettering in New York City. Our congratulations! (Is Paul our class's first chairman? Let's hear from other classmates.) Paul reports on **Alan Leff**, who

is practicing anesthesia in Troy, NY, and **Charles Furman**, now an anesthesiologist at Long Island Jewish Hospital.

Surfacing for the first time at the alumni weekend was **Howard Shapiro** who, in typical fashion (for him), has travelled a less conventional path than most. He relates, often in verse, that after a false start in general surgery, he spent several years in industry, combining his mechanical ingenuity and medical knowledge to develop several new devices, some of which are patented. Eventually, Howard came to the Sidney Farber Institute in Boston, where he's now involved in immunologic research in T Cell subsets and their separation. He's married to Leslie (an attorney) and has two children, Jill, 10, and P.J., seven.

Howard reports on **Shelly Roth**, practicing psychiatry in the Boston area and a marathon runner, having competed in the last Boston Marathon.

**Steve Vatner** has reportedly moved to Harvard; and is involved in cardiology and research.

The third face from the past was that of **Joel Silverman**, who is an ophthalmologist in New Haven, holding an appointment at Yale. He, and Nira, have two beautiful daughters, ages 12 (Miryam) and 10 (Sharon). He reports on **Ed Gerner**, a neuroophthalmologist at Temple University; **Tom Roth**, involved in neurotransmitter research at Stanford; and **Richard Berkowitz**, also at Yale, practicing gynecology and, in particular, fertility work.

Now becoming a regular at these annual reunions are **Art Cohn** and his wife, Ruth. As previously reported, Art practices ENT in the Albany area.

Congratulations to **Stan Liebowitz** on his recent marriage to Anita Glassberg.

Remember, next year's alumni weekend will also be our Fifteenth year since graduation. Begin now to plan to come to NYU May, 1980, for our biggest get-together since 1965!

'66 | Ronald C. Golinger, M.D.  
9303 Arrowwood Drive  
Shreveport, LA 71118

#### Full of Bologna Dept.

Italian rheumatologists who heard **Ira Goldstein** lecture on the effects of steroids on polys probably did not appreciate the fact that Ira was introduced by the very same biology-watcher who introduced us to turkey rhinitis.

#### Full-Time Bologna Dept.

**Allan Hordof** was recently co-author of a paper entitled "Age-Related Changes in Cardiac Cellular Electrophysiologic Properties" or some such thing, in the *J. N. Y. Heart Assoc.* **Alan Fleischer** has been promoted to associate professor of neurosurgery at Emory in Atlanta. Your Class Agent is obliterating breast cancer in the Ark-La-Tex area and is doing such a good job of it that the

rats that are supposed to get it don't, but the people do. Well, anyway, crawfish and greens make it all worthwhile!

#### *He Who Casts the First Stone Dept.*

Advice to potential trauma victims from the owner of a 1969 Cessna 182 Skylane four-passenger, single (at best) engine airplane, who is also an avid motorcyclist, might lack credibility were it not for the fact that our Samurai Orthopod also collects stamps and memberships in various Japanese Sword and community service organizations. **Lew Holzman** invites you to fly the friendly Los Angeles skies with him to see **Syl Fribourg**, **Stu Goldman**, and **Joel Goldman** (in S.F.), all Kaiser-Permanente perma-nents.

#### *Practice Makes Perfect Dept.*

**Jeremiah M. Gelles** announces the opening of his office for the practice of internal medicine and cardiology at 34 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, N.Y., 11215. **Jay Levine** has enjoyed his five years in a group practice of cardiology and internal medicine in Miami Beach, FL. He and Rita encourage you to give a buzz when in the neighborhood (333 Arthur Godfrey Rd., M.B., 33140, 531-6755). **Maurice Levy** is enjoying his Houston surgical practice and does some teaching at U. of Texas. Marginally reliable sources inform me that **Howie Kiernan's** weekend home in Tuxedo Park has its own supply of Kosher deer. (Well, not exactly, but you know Howard!)

#### *Ave Curator Cutis Dept.*

**David Sibulkin** recently assisted attendees at a postgraduate derm. course sponsored by Columbia at the Waldorf (no less) in getting one-half hour of genuine Category I credit by his dermagogic lecture on "Miscellaneous Cutaneous Vulvar Infections." His miscellaneous activities are legion and include the chairing of a recent program given by the Dermatologic Society of New York. One must be suspect of a dermatologist who is a walking advertisement for solar exposure. Dave takes time out, as it were, from his travels to Spain, Florida, and California to harshly admonish the matrons of Central Park South to avoid frivolous photons.

As we prepare in Washington for another lazy summer of warm, humid weather, my classmates gear up for the season by sending a record "zero" letters for the second straight issue. This job of reporting has become, more and more, an opportunity for creative writing.

In a recent (May, 1979) issue of *M.D. Magazine*, **Thomas Strax**, "a Philadelphia specialist in rehabilitative medicine," is featured at work with a young cerebral palsy patient. The picture, a reasonable likeness of a mustachioed Tom, appears as part of an excellent lead article on "C P Progress."

Speaking, as people tend to do at this time of year, about reunions, **Hank Black**, **Bob**

**Dorman** and I recently received invitations to a 25th! No, it wasn't high school (very funny) . . . but a reunion of our sixth grade class at P.S. 114 (The Bronx). It was a high water mark for a number of us.

'68 | Richard Krugman  
7333 S. Pontiac Way  
Englewood, CO 80112  
(See Article, Page 81.)

'69 | John Hochman  
6542 Ventura Blvd.  
Encino, CA 91436

In spite of the valiant work of **David Stewart**, apparently the 10th anniversary class reunion was not meant to be. Although David is remembered by many as a class comedian, I was really impressed by his serious efforts to pull this off, in spite of massive indifference from the Alumni office. While in some sort of hypnotic trance, I returned to New York, to partake in whatever 10th anniversary festivities were occurring. I was greeted at the Alumni Day luncheon by **Ben Lesin** (who lives around the corner from me in Tarzana) and **Steve Dubovsky**. Forsaking motorcycle riding has apparently unleashed Steve's creative energies, and he is now working on his second book, which will present the principles of psychotherapy to non-psychiatric physicians. Steve and I bemoaned how the bastions of psychiatry are taking flak from the rising numbers of psychologists and social workers, and how we had better hang in there with our medical colleagues.

One medical colleague I visited with was David Stewart, his wife, and three young children. Dave practices gastroenterology in Hillsdale, NJ. Also practicing in the nearby town of Montclair is **Malcolm Rose**, who is doing cardiology. He also has two children. Another 69er in New Jersey: **Warren Walkow**, who is practicing oncology. A call for able-bodied physicians has been received from **Herbert Stern**, who is relocating in Logan, W. VA. The area could use some more specialists and he is only an hour and a half from the Greenbrier. He mentions, "They have two movie theaters (one R and one PG) and a Schul (I will complete the Minyan)." His two young children, Max and Samuel, are already talking like hillbillies. Anyone who wants to hear about West Virginia plastic surgery can write to Herb at 407 Cole Street, in Logan, zip 25601.

'70 | Eugene J. Fierman  
169 Clark Road  
Brookline, MA 02146

**Martin Ecker** writes that he finished his radiology residency at the North Shore University Hospital. He and Judy then moved to Stamford, CT, where Martin's intention was to join a private practice. However, instead, he joined the radiology faculty at Yale as a

full-time attending, which he continues to enjoy. He and Judy have three children: Loren, 8, Jonathan, 5, and Caryn, 1, and they love living in Stamford.

Martin reports on other classmates he saw within the past year at his home. **Peter** (wife Marie) **Aronson** is on the staff at Yale in the department of medicine (nephrology); **Alan** (Paula) **Halperin** is on the staff full time in dermatology at Einstein; and **Neal** (Ilene) **Cohen** is in the department of psychiatry at NYU. Martin also reports that **Gary Halpern** is a radiologist at Doctor's Hospital in NYC. Martin also sends regards to **Glenn Steele**.

**David Richman** has taken firm root in Berkeley, CA. He is involved in a varied psychiatric career, including clinical and research work in biofeedback, working in several community clinics and in private practice, and is associated with a psychophysiology/biofeedback lab at the University of California in San Francisco. He and Sherry are also pleased to announce the birth of Dara on November 13, 1978.

**Ramon Velez** sends word from Durham, NC, where he is on the faculty at Duke in the department of general medicine and is enrolled in a master's of public health program in epidemiology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He spent three years at NIH where he did work in molecular hematology with French Anderson and studied the molecular basis of thalassemia. His interests have changed since that time to primary medical care and public health, and he is involved in housestaff training in this field. He and his wife enjoy life in North Carolina and have adopted two Vietnamese orphans, Lucas, six, and Suang, seven. Ray would love to hear from classmates, particularly **Bob Bates** and **Steve Cardoso**, and the address is 2815 Welcome Drive, Durham, North Carolina (919-489-4535).

'71 | Bob Press  
3135 Johnson Avenue  
Riverdale, New York 10463

Summer usually means relocation for many '71ers, and this year is no exception. For the **Spieler's** (Phyllis, **Paul**, and children Miranda (7), Benjamin (5), and Kathy (2)), this entails a trip from New Haven to Andover, Mass. (33 Wildwood Road, Andover, Mass.). Paul has joined a group practice in Hematology-Oncology. Phyllis, who just completed a Rheumatology fellowship at Yale, has not yet settled on a position.

**Bob Cowan** has moved from Ann Arbor, where he just completed a fellowship in consultation liaison psychiatry, to Texas, where he has joined the faculty at the U. of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston as an instruc-

tor in the Department of Psychiatry. He has joined the consultation service there, and his new address is 6127 Ave. L, Galveston, Texas 77551. The house, which he is renovating, is apparently located on the water, and he may be reading this column while sailing on his Hobie Cat and taking in the sun. Bob is teaching interviewing techniques to medical students with video feedback.

**Howie Streicher** has reportedly left Hawaii and returned to the mainland—to Denver, Colorado, where he is taking a fellowship in Allergy. Believe it or not, reliable sources claim that the allergy fellowship has finally “desensitized” him to marriage and that he has taken the big step. No further details available as yet.

**Peter Kent** has also headed east, from Oklahoma, where he survived two years of tornadoes and dust storms at Tinker AFB. He, wife Shirley, and daughters Tracey (5) and Julie (2½) have moved to 232 Cherry Lane, Lansdale, Pa. 19446, 40 miles north of Philadelphia. Peter has joined a large (28 M.D.'s) multi-specialty group. (Lansdale Medical Group, South Broad St., at Allentown Rd) as the third orthopedist. At last report he was planning to buy some horses, and may be using them during the current energy crisis to get to work.

**Josh Babad** has made a shorter move, from Santa Cruz to 195 Oak Creek Blvd., Scotts Valley, Calif. 95066. He is very busy in his ophthalmology office, and spends all of his off hours with wife Marianne and son Jonathan.

Also in California are **Paul Bressman**, currently a fellow in Vascular Surgery in Cedars Sinai Hospital in L.A., and **Ted Kleiman** (355 La Salle Ave., Ventura 93003).

Ted's daughter T'Anne is now 4 and an enthusiastic nursery school student and budding artist. Her originals are currently available for leasing. Her sisters Sarah and Alexis, both 3, are also busy getting into mischief. Ted too is busy—practicing pediatrics with the Buenaventura Clinic and moonlighting as a baby sitter. Wife Melodie works nearly full time in her own law practice. In addition, she has helped start the Ventura County Arbitration Association to provide an alternative forum for the resolution of civil suits, and is serving as President of California Women Lawyers, the statewide bar association of women attorneys. Despite their busy schedules, Melodie and Ted were able to take a whirlwind vacation together—seeing New Orleans, Barbados, and Florida.

Speaking of Florida, Carol and **Donald Anker** (4746 Sheridan St., Hollywood 33021) are enjoying their children, Jonathan (1½) and Elisabeth (4) in their spare time. Donald passed his anesthesia boards and is fully certified, and also a fellow of the American Academy of Anesthesiologists. He is happy to report that he can “now take the time to read a novel without feeling guilty for the first time since beginning medical school,” but I'm not sure if that's because he

now has more time to read or he has improved his reading taste. Carol's book, “Teaching Exceptional Children,” was published last October by Simon and Schuster.

Further north, in Virginia, **Sandy and Lenny Barmak** (5223 Tooley Court, Fairfax, Va. 22032) are settling down to home ownership. Furnishing is going slowly, and right now their house is decorated in American Fisher-Price according to Sandy. Son Allan, almost 6, has developed an interest in astronomy, and daughter Lesley (3) also prefers Luke Skywalker to Farah Fawcett dolls. Between eye refractions, Lenny has time for disco dancing with Sandy, who also is pursuing tennis.

Another ophthalmologist in the Washington, D.C. area, **Herb Gould** (340 Rutgers St., Rockville, Md. 20850) should have opened his office by now. His interim Army job was pleasant, and wife Susan and daughter Hillary (1½) have made the transition from NYC to Maryland without any problem.

Further north, in New Jersey, **Jane Hilfer** (77 Seventh Ave., NYC) is working in Palisades General Hospital in the Pathology department.

Surprisingly, it has been the Northeast that has proved more productive than the South thus far in 1979, at least insofar as the Class of '71 is concerned. New Jersey has spawned another **Samach** (3 Crawford Rd., Morris Plains, N.J. 07950)—Laurie Beth, 6 lbs. 4½ oz. on 2/15/79, who joins sister Julie (5), brother David (3) and parents Alice and **Mike**. Mike's GI practice has thus far provided enough nutrition for all three of his offspring.

Connecticut claims two new additions. Endocrinologist **Ken Cohen** and wife Linda (9 Bishop Drive, Woodbridge, Conn. 06525) once again passed the practical test of their reproductive axes, as daughter Jennifer Lauren, 7 lbs. 8½ oz. joined her sister Risa (5) on 2/13/79. And another '71er involved in reproduction, **Bruce Kaplan** (Ob-Gyn) produced, with some help from wife Madeline, a son, Brian Daniel, on 5/27/79. Brian joined his parents and sister Lauren (3) at 5 Sachems Trail, West Simsbury, Conn. 06092.

Have a nice summer!

'72 | Peter A. Lefkow  
200 East End Ave.  
New York, N.Y. 10028

'73 | Barry C. Sussman  
160 East 27th St.  
New York, N.Y. 10016  
Sheree Starrett  
Apt. 5V 41-10 Bowne St.  
Flushing, N.Y. 11355

'74 | Joel Arbisser  
1663 East 18th St.  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229  
Robyn H. Deutsch-Sokol  
276 E. Beech St.  
Long Beach, N.Y. 11561

Melvin J. Rothberger  
185 West End Ave.  
New York, N.Y. 10023

Your class co-agent writes: “On March 7, while on call in my ophthalmology residency, I went into labor at 4 a.m., and at 5:35 a.m., I gave birth to a 6 lbs. 3 oz. son, Jason Aaron. Abraham, Stacy, and Jessica were relieved and happy.”

R.H.D.—S.

'75 | Jeffrey M. Ambinder  
500 Dupont Circle  
Durham, N.C. 27705  
Ike Herschkopf  
155 East 38 St. (Suite 2D)  
New York, N.Y. 10016

It's been quite a while since the last column was written in December, so I'm happy to be able to offer a lot of news that's fit to print (and a lot more that isn't but I'll print anyway).

I received a charming letter from **Jeff Lessing** a few days after I submitted the last column so, unfortunately, it's been sitting around since then. Jeff's (320 East 23rd Street, NYC, 10010) letter follows in its entirety.

“Private practice I trust is fulfilling your wildest dreams! I'll be ready to take the plunge in 1½ years. My urology program at Mt. Sinai gives me free time to enjoy my lovely wife, *Judi*, and our daughter, Jessica, now five months new. Thank God she looks like her mother!

“Although **Al Vanderwalde** and I saw quite a bit of each other prior to the baby, recently he has kept a low profile. He must be up to his balding forehead in broken bones at Columbia, where he is a second-year ortho man.

“**Rich Merkler** was married last summer or this spring and is working in the clinics of Lincoln Hospital in pediatrics as an attending. This gives him time to continue his more humanistic pursuits.

“**Ron Emerson** and his wife, Marilyn, are living happily in Baltimore. He is finishing his pediatric neurology residency at John Hopkins. They are expecting a child. Their problems are great, however, since their apartment is of modest size and they don't know which to keep, Ron's ever-present computers or their expectant child!

“**Carin Lam** is doing a great job as chief resident in pediatrics here at Mt. Sinai.

“That's about it. Stomping out the evils of G-C- urologically yours, Jeff.”

Joining Jeff in July will be Joel (I love alliteration). **Joel Marcus** will be doing cardiology at Mt. Sinai this year, as well as matching Jeff with a wife and daughter.

At this year's Alumni Day, once again our class decidedly dominated the decade. Joining the ever-present, ever-popular **Howie Schneider** (who claimed he hadn't left his seat since last year's Alumni Day), were **Jon Sands**, **Colin Schaeffer**, **Steve Wender** and myself. It was particularly frustrating to

note that Colin and Steve, both in from Boston for the weekend, had by far the best tans at the table. Steve claimed that it came from operating under UV light. Sure, Steve!

I ran into **Loren Greene** at Bellevue, but she refused to talk to me on the grounds that if she did, her name would appear in this column.

**Marvin Kushnet** took this approach one step further. While visiting NYC for a Dale Carnegie course, he made a special trip up to my apartment to threaten me with bodily damage if even his initials (M.K.) appear in this column. Marvin, ever the classics major, is entering a radiology practice in Troy, N.Y., where he will undoubtedly be looking for Helen as well as the horse.

Rest assured that your intrepid class agent will not be intimidated by these or other methods. Rain, snow, sleet, or hail, the class news will come thru!

(If, however, I should die mysteriously of radiation poisoning in the next few weeks, will someone tell **Ambinder** to contact the Troy D.A.'s office.)

I.K.

'76 Philip H. Cogen  
Apt. 22B  
60 Haven Avenue  
N.Y., N.Y. 10032

Herewith, a brief update on a few of our classmates and their activities.

January 24, brought Robert Benjamin to **Marvin** and **Marjorie Den**. True to his alumni status, Robert was delivered at University Hospital by Dr. Zinberg, weighing in at 7 lbs. 8¼ oz. Marvin is going on to a fellowship in allergy at Roosevelt Hospital in July.

Older but still pleasant news is the marriage of **James Wilentz** to Kristin Volk, an MPH degree candidate at Boston University. Jim is finishing a medicine residency at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, MA.

Moving on to Texas is **Richard Strax**, who is engaged in a radiology residency at the University of Texas. He desires correspondence at 361 No. Post Oak Lake, #245, Houston, TX. 77024. Also going south is **John Ho**, who is completing his medicine residency at Presbyterian Hospital in NYC, and heading to the CDC in Atlanta, GA., for an infectious disease fellowship.

Well, that's all I've heard from all of you, so I'll finish with my own news. I am finishing my first clinical year of a neurosurgery residency at the New York Neurological Institute (Presbyterian Hospital, NYC), and awaiting the arrival in July of the newest Babies Hospital pediatric housestaff member, Fran Rosenberg Cogen (P&S, class of 1979).

Please write me about anything (good, bad, indifferent) that occurs in your life, and you'll find it here sometime in the future.

'77|

'78|

'79| Peter Goodfield  
7 Peter Cooper Road  
New York City, N.Y. 10010

## Obituaries

**Benjamin Slobodien** '13, of Perth Amboy, N.J., died Oct. 23, 1978, aged 87 years. He had practiced for 64 years, retiring in 1970. He had served as a consultant to both the Robert Wood Johnson and Roosevelt hospitals; was director emeritus and consulting surgeon at Perth Amboy General Hospital; past president of staff at that hospital and an honorary surgeon at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; president, in 1940, and vice president in 1939 of the Middlesex County Medical Society and a member of its board of trustees. He was honored by the Middlesex County Medical Society in 1977 for his many years of service to the society and to the citizens of the county. During WW I, Dr. Slobodien served in the U.S. Army and was in charge of the army hospital in Secaucus. He was a member of the Medical Society of New Jersey and the AMA. He was a cousin of Howard D. Slobodien '47.

**Frank Tannenbaum** '15, of Long Beach, N.Y., died May 19, 1978, aged 86 years.

**Emanuel Stern** '16, of New York City, died Sept. 19, 1978, at the age of 83. He was a member of the New York County Medical Society, the Medical Society of the State of New York, and the AMA.

**Benjamin M. Eis** '18, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Aug. 21, 1978, aged 82 years. He was a consulting physician in medicine at Jewish Hospital and Medical Center of Brooklyn. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and a member of the American Geriatrics Society, the Medical Society of the County of Kings, the Medical Society of the State of New York, and the AMA.

**Louis Freimark** '18, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Dec. 30, 1978, aged 85 years. He was an adjunct ophthalmologist at Brooklyn Eye and Ear Hospital. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and a member of the Medical Society of the County of Kings, the Medical Society of the State of New York, and the AMA.

**Max J. Shulman** '22, of Greenwich, CT., died on May 8, according to an obituary in The New York Times dated May 10.

**Isidore Black** '23, of Coral Gables, FL, formerly Jackson Heights, N.Y., died Nov. 26, 1978 at the age of 78 years.

**Harry Halprin** '23, of Montclair, N.J., died May 17, according to an obituary in The New York Times dated May 19.

**Charles Howard Radetsky** '23, of New York City, died Dec. 14, 1978, at the age of 78. He was a member of the Radiological Society of North American, Inc., the New York County Medical Society, the Medical Society of the State of New York, and the AMA.

**Samuel Schindelheim** '23, of Miami Beach, FL, formerly Brooklyn, NY, died Sept. 14, 1978. He had been certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

**Joseph L. Watnick** '23, of Miami Beach, FL, formerly of The Bronx, N.Y., died Jan. 2, aged 87 years. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology and a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, the New York County Medical Society, the Medical Society of the State of New York, and the AMA.

**William Leifer** '25, of New York City, died Oct. 23, 1978, at the age of 77. He was an associate off service dermatologist at The Mount Sinai Hospital. Dr. Leifer was a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology, Inc., and a member of the American Academy of Dermatology, the Society for Investigative Dermatology, the New York Academy of Medicine, the New York County Medical Society, the Medical Society of the State of New York, and the AMA.

**J. Gibson Hill** '27, of Flushing, N.Y., died Jan. 14, aged 80 years. He was an obstetrician and gynecologist for more than 50 years and served on the staff of St. Luke's Women's Hospital, Manhattan, and Queens General Hospital.

**Samuel T. Busansky** '27, of Browns Mills, N.J., died Aug. 23, 1978, aged 76 years.

**Henry David Taterka** '29, of New York City, died April 15, aged 75 years. He was an emeritus attending surgeon at Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital and director of pediatric otology. He was also associated with the Mental Retardation Institute of New York Medical College, where he was assistant professor of otolaryngology from 1972 to the present. He was medical director of the New York League for the Hard of Hearing and was consulting otolaryngologist at Jewish Memorial Hospital. His son, Harvey B., '56, is professor of clinical ophthalmology at the medical school.

**Wallace B. Murphy '30**, of Grafton, West Virginia, died Sept. 10, 1978, aged 70 years.

**Arthur S. Strauss '30**, of White Plains, N.Y., died April 5.

**Benjamin P. Sandler '31**, of Asheville, N.C., died in May, aged 77 years. He specialized in preventive medicine. From 1948 until his retirement in 1972 he was on the staff of the Oteen Veterans Hospital in Oteen, N.C. He gained attention in the 1940's when he began to publish his controversial theories linking refined sugars and starches to the development of diseases. Dr. Sandler wrote two books developing his theories and also numerous articles on nutrition. He served in the Navy Medical Corps during the 1940's, leaving with the rank of commander in 1947.

**Joseph E. Corso '32**, of Whiting, N.J., died Sept. 10, 1978, aged 71 years.

**Thomas J. Ormsby '34**, of Pompano Beach, FL, formerly New York City, died Oct. 24, 1978, aged 72 years.

**Nathan N. Root '36**, of New York City, died Jan. 20 at the age of 66. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and a member of the American Psychoanalytic Assn., the American Psychiatric Assn., the New York Academy of Medicine, the New York County Medical

Society, the Medical Society of the State of New York and the AMA.

**James D. Smith '36**, of Tuscaloosa, AL, died Dec. 29, 1978, aged 70 years.

**James P. Hammond '37**, of Key Biscayne, FL, died July 2, 1978, aged 66 years. He had been certified by the American Board of Urology.

**Irving E. Scheinblum '39**, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Sept. 27, 1978. He was a general practitioner on the medical staff at Kings Highway and Unity hospitals.

**James Matthew Greer '41**, of White Plains, N.Y., died Dec. 29, 1978. He was an obstetrician and gynecologist at White Plains Hospital; a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

**Henry Brown '43MD**, of New Rochelle, N.Y., died April 23. He had been connected with New Rochelle Hospital Medical Center.

**Edward A. Braunstein '46**, of Jamaica and Roslyn, N.Y., died Jan. 4, at the age of 55. He was chief of thoracic surgery at Mary Immaculate Hospital, a thoracic surgeon at St. John's Queens Hospital, a staff thoracic surgeon at Long Island Jewish-Hillside

Medical Center, a thoracic surgeon at Queens Hospital Center, and acting director of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at St. Francis Hospital (Roslyn). He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, a Diplomate of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (affiliate of the American Board of Surgery), a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and of the American College of Chest Physicians, and a member of the New York Society for Thoracic Surgery, the New York Cardiological Society, the Medical Society of the County of Queens, the Medical Society of the State of New York, and the AMA.

## Faculty

**Maurice Husik, M.D.**, a member of the department of dermatology staff from 1934 to 1966, died on May 30 at the age of 93. Dr. Husik became a physician at the age of 42, after having been a professional dancer and actor, sculptor's model (statues of him appear at the Metropolitan Museum and in a Paris gallery), school teacher, linguist, soldier, foreign relief administrator in Armenia, and consular officer in Zurich, Switzerland.

A research fund, originally established for his work at the skin and cancer unit of the old New York Post-Graduate Hospital, now provides a yearly Maurice Husik Prize to the resident or fellow producing the best paper on a dermatologic subject.

## Honors, Awards and Prizes Class of 1979

<b>Degree conferred with honors in Biochemistry</b>	David R. Trauber, M.D.	<b>SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ALUMNI AWARD</b> given to the student selected by the Graduating Class who made the greatest contribution to the class	Peter Goodfield, M.D.
<b>Degree conferred with honors in Pathology</b>	David S. Menche, M.D.	<b>SOLOMON AND DORA MONNESS SHAPIRO AWARD</b> for general excellence based on scholarship, personality and character	Marleen I. Meyers, M.D.
<b>Degree conferred with honors in Pharmacology</b>	Kenneth D. Stahl, M.D.	<b>SAMUEL SOIFER MEMORIAL AWARD</b> for outstanding work in Urology	Ned Saltzman, M.D. Leonard I. Silverstein, M.D.
<b>ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA AWARD</b> given to the students who have achieved high scholastic ranking for the four years of medical school	Veronica M. Catanese, M.D. William R. Reinus, M.D.	<b>SAMUEL SPIEGEL AWARDS</b> given to senior students who are residents of Greater New York for excellence in academic achievement	Ann M. Avitabile, M.D. Barry L. Weissglass, M.D. Jonathan Woodson, M.D.
<b>GLOVER C. ARNOLD AWARD</b> for the student who has excelled in Surgery	Mark P. Wexman, M.D.	<b>THE UPJOHN AWARD</b> for devotion to duty	Dominick A. Curatola, M.D.
<b>MAURICE FREIMAN MEMORIAL AWARD</b> for outstanding and exemplary work	Jeffrey Parsonnet, M.D.	<b>WOMEN'S MEDICAL ASSOCIATION JANET M. GLASGOW AWARD</b> given to the woman student with the most distinguished record	Veronica M. Catanese, M.D.
<b>ANDREW FRIEDLAND MEMORIAL AWARD</b> for excellence in Internal Medicine	Larry A. Chinitz, M.D.	<b>WOMEN'S MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CITATIONS</b> awarded for outstanding academic achievement	Ann M. Avitabile, M.D. Vivette D. D'Agati, M.D. Sheryl L. Flaschen, M.D. Jenny E. Freeman, M.D. Barbara Weingarten Geliebter, M.D. Livia Helmer, M.D. Donna W. Manning, M.D. Marleen I. Meyers, M.D. Julia E. Phister, M.D. Jacqueline G. Salzman, M.D. Marcy L. Zwelling-Shapiro, M.D.
<b>FREDERICK C. HOLDEN AWARD</b> given to the student who has excelled in Obstetrics and Gynecology	Paula S. Hirt, M.D.	<b>HERMAN WORTIS NEUROPSYCHIATRIC AWARD</b> given to the senior student who has excelled in Psychiatry, Neurology and Medicine	John G. Csernansky, M.D.
<b>FRED S. MANDELBAUM AWARD</b> for excellence in Pathology and Allied Sciences	Marleen I. Meyers, M.D.		
<b>VALENTINE MOTT MEDAL</b> awarded to the clinical clerk who made the best contribution to clinical investigation in Surgery	Jenny E. Freeman, M.D.		
<b>NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ALUMNAE CLUB AWARD</b> given to the outstanding woman student on the basis of scholarship and participation in school activities.	Veronica M. Catanese, M.D.		
<b>NYU CLUB AWARD</b> for academic excellence	Mark P. Wexman, M.D.		

# NEW YORK UNIVERSITY Post-Graduate Medical School

September 27-30, 1979  
Course Director: Herman Turndorf, M.D.  
Fee: \$320

For clinical anesthesiologists and CRNA's, to update and improve clinical skills through lectures, demonstrations and workshops. Emphasis is on new management and care concepts in: neuroanesthesia, obstetrics, regional anesthesia, cardiac anesthesia, respiration and trauma. Workshops in regional anesthesia and cardiovascular monitoring. The comprehensive reviews will assist in preparation for the ABA oral examinations. **25 AMA Category I credit hours; 25 CPE points of the AANA.**

**CONSULTATIONS IN INTERNAL MEDICINE**  
October 10-December 19, 1979  
Course Directors: Saul J. Farber, M.D., Louis Shenkman, M.D.  
Fee: \$385

A clinical problem solving course for the experienced physician practicing general internal medicine. The objective is to analyze systematically a series of difficult patient management problems commonly encountered in office and hospital practice. Special attention is given to diagnostic dilemmas presenting in the ambulatory setting. Patient problems are based on actual case records with protocols given to registrants for home study in advance of each section. Instructors analyze each case giving their views on differential diagnosis and proper approaches to treatment with the registrants participating in the discussions. **30 AMA Category I credit hours; 30 AAFP prescribed credit hours.**

**THE LIVES OF LESIONS: CHRONOLOGY IN DERMATOPATHOLOGY**  
October 11-12, 1979  
Course Director: A. Bernard Ackerman, M.D.  
Fee: \$225

Analysis of the evolution, maturation and, in some instances, regression of the lesions of thirty-five important diseases of the skin. Clinical, histologic and biologic features will be treated as dynamic continua rather than static phenomena. Changes over time will be illustrated by numerous clinical photographs and histologic photomicrographs. Special attention will be given to strict criteria for histologic diagnosis, especially where early diagnosis facilitates expeditious treatment. **12½ AMA Category I credit hours; 12½ AAD credit hours.**

**HISTOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS OF INFLAMMATORY SKIN DISEASES**  
October 13-14, 1979  
Course Director: A. Bernard Ackerman, M.D.  
Fee: \$300

An intensive diagnostic tutorial covering the nine patterns of inflammatory diseases of the skin: superficial perivascular dermatitis, superficial and deep perivascular dermatitis, vasculitis, nodular and diffuse dermatitis, intra-epidermal vesicular and pustular dermatitis, subepidermal vesicular dermatitis, folliculitis and perifolliculitis, fibrosing dermatitis and panniculitis. Registration limited to 50. **14 AMA Category I credit hours; 14 AAD credit hours.**

**ABDOMINAL RADIOLOGY 1979**  
October 18-21, 1979  
Course Director: Morton A. Bosniak, M.D.  
Fee: \$340

Major emphasis on new techniques and imaging modalities. Areas to be stressed include computed tomography, sonography, new isotope techniques, double contrast barium studies, interventional radiologic techniques including skinny needle aspiration biopsy, percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography, biliary drainage procedures, nephrostomy, cystic puncture and interventional angiography. Lectures, problem oriented panels and "how to" workshops. A distinguished guest faculty. **26 AMA Category I credit hours.**

**OFFICE MANAGEMENT OF COMMON ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS  
For Emergency Department and Primary Care Physicians**  
October 26-28, 1979  
Course Director: Noel Testa, M.D.  
Fee: \$225

An intensely practical analysis of the management of common orthopedic problems as they present in office and emergency room. Core curriculum lectures followed by "How I do it" workshops and clinical case presentations illustrating practical approaches to patient management. Topics include neck and shoulder pain, low back pain, disc disease, hand trauma, the painful hip and knee, principles of fracture management, the sprained ankle, leg problems in joggers and shoulder and elbow syndromes in sports. **18 AMA Category I credit hours, 18 ACEP and AAFP prescribed credit hours.**

**INTRODUCTION TO ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY**  
November 1-3, 1979  
Course Director: Itzhak Kronson, M.D.  
Fee: \$170, Workshop \$85

An introduction to the fundamentals for a better understanding of the indications, limitations and interpretation of echocardiograms in the clinical literature and patient records. Lectures, case studies illustrating common clinical problems, and demonstration of equipment and examining techniques. Workshop (Nov. 3) to develop skills in interpretation through the case study method, self-assessment procedures and informal interchange with instructors. **21 AMA Category I credit hours; 21 AAFP prescribed hours.**

**CONCEPTION CONTROL AND HUMAN REPRODUCTION  
Advanced Seminar For Physicians**  
November 17-18, 1979  
Course Directors: Gordon W. Douglas, M.D., Livia S. Wan, M.D.  
Fee: \$180

This course is directed to obstetricians and gynecologists and to other physicians involved with family planning counseling. Detailed presentations and in-depth discussions cover both current and future contraceptive methodology, and new advances in the field of human reproduction. Potential medical problems, complications, indications, contraindications and effectiveness of various methods of birth control are explored. In order to achieve a better interchange of ideas, ample time is provided at the end of each session for discussion and questions from the audience. **14 AMA Category I credit hours; 14 Cognates A.C. Ob-Gyn.**

**A PRACTICUM IN PSYCHIATRY AND THE CIVIL LAW**  
November 30-December 2, 1979  
Course Director: Richard Rosner, M.D.  
Fee: \$255

To assist psychiatrists to understand better their role at the interface of psychiatry and the civil law. The program emphasizes practical clinical issues including post-traumatic neurosis, marital, testamentary and contractual competence, confidentiality and privilege, the duty to warn potential victims, preparation of reports, effective courtroom testimony, marriage and divorce, child abuse, guardians and conservators and involuntary hospitalization. Lectures, panels and workshops. **21 AMA Category I credit hours.**

**CLINICAL ELECTRODIAGNOSIS OF NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES**  
December 5-7, 1979  
Course Director: Joseph Goodgold, M.D.  
Fee: \$270 Includes lunches

This course furnishes a rigorous appraisal of advanced and unusual techniques in electromyography and nerve conduction studies. Special emphasis is placed on the correlation of the physical examination with laboratory components such as electrophysiological evaluation, muscle biopsy, light microscopy, histochemistry, electromicroscopy and genetics. For the physician specializing in clinical neurophysiology and neurologists, neurosurgeons, orthopedists, and physiatrists. A basic understanding of electromyography and nerve conduction measurement is assumed. **21 AMA Category I credit hours.**

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