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Second-year medical student Crystal Reynolds knew she had to be a doctor when she shadowed an OB-GYN and watched him deliver twin babies via C-section during high school career day. “I was awed by everything,” she says.

Duke’s hands-on learning style was exactly what she wanted. But with all seven of Crystal’s siblings either in college or planning to attend college, finances were an issue. Thanks to the generous supporters of The Fund for DukeMed, Crystal earned scholarships to pay for 80 percent of her college expenses.

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Alumni News

Amid Scary Disasters, Child Trauma Network Cut

In October, the joint Duke-UCLA National Center for Child Traumatic Stress (NCCTS) received good news: its $5 million federal grant had been renewed for four years.

The bad news for children and families across the country—particularly in light of recent unprecedented weather disasters—is that the National Child Traumatic Stress Network has been reduced from 54 regional centers to 45. The national Duke-UCLA center coordinates the efforts of the network of regional centers, which work with federal, state, and local agencies to provide psychological services for children, adolescents, and their families during catastrophes like September 11, 2001, and Hurricane Katrina. Established with a $30 million federal grant in 1999 following the shootings at Columbine High School, the centers have expertise in all forms of child trauma, including natural disaster, terrorism, violence, relocation anxiety, physical and sexual assault, and more.

As a member of the network, Duke’s Center for Child and Family Health recently sent nearly a dozen staff members to a Raleigh shelter where 309 Katrina victims were temporarily relocated.

"Children are especially vulnerable because of the potential harm to their long-term physical and psychological development," says John A. Fairbank, PhD, who heads Duke’s part of the NCCTS program. “Forty-five centers will be a challenge…One of the things we’ve learned in this most recent national disaster is that the network is very responsive in terms of getting materials and expertise…to where it is needed…Ideally, I would like to see centers in all states.”

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network, including a family preparedness guide for disasters and terrorism and a resource center for families, schools, professionals, and caregivers, can be found at www.nctsnet.org.

Duke Medical Parents and Students: Save the Date

Medical Families Weekend 2006

Current medical students and their families are invited to join us for Medical Families Weekend, March 17-18, 2006. Sponsored by the School of Medicine and the Medical Alumni Association, the event features faculty and student presenters on medicine and medical education, as well as the Student-Faculty Show, social events, and tours of Duke University Hospital and campus. Registration information will be mailed in January. For more information, please call Jenny Jones at (919) 667-2517.
75th Convocation Honors Mavericks

The 75th Anniversary School of Medicine Convocation on October 3 honored the dreamers, schemers, and creative mavericks who in five short years established Duke as one of the best medical schools in the nation—a position it has never relinquished. Celebrated for their philosophical vision that brought the German model of scientific medicine to Duke were Drs. Wilburt Davison, Wiley Forbus, Oscar Preuss-Hansen, Daniel Hohlman, Barnes Woodall, and David Sabiston. Duke’s innovative, liberal curriculum is based on the premise that self-education produces a better physician. Eugene A. Stead, Jr., MD, was honored for bringing to Duke the French school of clinical bedside education.

The convocation included two presentations marking turning points in Duke’s history. One honors the doctors who in 1966 initiated Duke’s unique third-year “new curriculum” that focuses on scholarly research. The other—presented to William S. Lynn, Jr., MD, HS’48-’51—acknowledged the first sustained act toward desegregation of the public facilities of the medical school. Lynn repeatedly erased the word “colored” from the segregated restrooms of the Bell Building in the mid-1950s.

J. Bancroft “Banny” Lesesne, MD, T’68, MD’76, the president of the Duke Medical Alumni Association, spoke of the importance of alumni maintaining ties with Duke.

The event concluded with a look to the future as Victor J. Dzau, MD, chancellor for health affairs, challenged Duke to “continue to think big, to go beyond the ordinary…and to be a major player transforming science, education, and health around the globe.”

Center for Study of Aging Turns 50

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Duke Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development—the oldest continually funded gerontological center in the U.S. The center addresses the complex health problems of a longer-lived population and develops programs to help seniors receive care while maintaining their independence for as long as possible. Dignitaries from around the nation gathered October 8 for a celebratory luncheon, which honored Ewald W. Busse, MD, the founding director for the center. Busse died last year at age 86, “but his long career and contributions to the development of gerontology at Duke and in the world will not soon be forgotten,” said Harvey Cohen, MD, the current director. Twenty years ago the gerontology building was named the E.W. Busse Building. For more information visit www.geri.duke.edu.

Christian Raetz, MD, PhD, the George Barth Geller, MD, Professor of Research in Molecular Biology, left, presents a plaque to William S. Lynn, Jr., for his efforts to desegregate the Bell Building in the mid-1950s.
The Medical Alumni Association (MAA) has a new president. Roslyn “Roz” Bernstein Mannon, MD’85, HS’85-’90, took the reins following Medical Alumni Weekend in October.

Mannon’s history with the MAA, her many years at Duke, and her status as a Durham expatriate give her insight into the job—and she is excited about sharing Duke Medicine’s strategic plan with alumni and involving them in its growth.

“There are many pulls for people’s time and philanthropic support right now, particularly with the world’s recent natural disasters,” she says. “While I don’t want involvement with the MAA to compete with those causes, I want people to know that supporting Duke Medicine is still very important so that Duke-trained professionals can continue to excel in medicine and respond to disasters when their expertise is needed.

“Duke Medicine as an institution needs ongoing alumni support in a number of ways, as well as alumni feedback about where it’s been, where it is now, and where it’s going,” Mannon says.

It’s also important to reach out to former house staff members—who may not feel the same Duke connection as medical school graduates do.

“House staff who don’t earn their medical degrees at Duke often don’t see the alumni association as a part of their lives,” says Mannon. “One of my goals is to make sure we keep Duke house staff involved.”

Mannon also recognizes the importance of engaging School of Medicine alumni.

“Physicians are typically very busy, and it’s easy to forget the MAA is there—and why it’s there,” she says. “The alumni association became even more meaningful to me after we left Durham because it was my main connection to Duke, and it’s really nice both professionally and personally to keep up those ‘people connections.’”

The medical director of transplantation for the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases—an institute of the NIH in Bethesda, Md.—since 2000, Mannon also is an associate professor of medicine at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, the medical school of the U.S. armed forces.

In addition, she chairs the American Society of Transplantation’s Education Committee and serves on the board of the Washington Regional Transplant Consortium and the Medical Steering Committee for the National Kidney Foundation. Mannon was also elected to the 2006 program committee for the American Society of Nephrology.

She and her husband Peter J. Mannon, MD, HS’83-’86, ‘87-’89, head of the Clinical Inflammatory Bowel Diseases Unit in the Mucosal Immunity Section of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, have two daughters—Elinor, 11, and Olivia, 7—both born at Duke Hospital. The family lives in Chevy Chase, Md.

Outside of work, Mannon chairs her synagogue’s interfaith Keruv Committee and co-leads a Girl Scout troop. Because she also stays busy with her daughters’ activities, she strives, like many of us, to juggle a career with family life.

“It’s tough to maintain that balance, and I’m thankful for my supportive husband and colleagues,” she says. “My goal is to keep enjoying life.”

After completing internal medicine and nephrology residencies at Duke, Mannon served for nine years on the faculties of the School of Medicine and the Durham VA. She served the Medical Alumni Council as a house officer representative and became a member a decade later. Since 2000, she has served on the Medical Alumni Capital Area Committee and the MAA awards committee, which she chaired in 2005.
The boat moved through the water with more urgency than usual, its square bow pushing aside tree limbs, trash and other flotsam bobbing in the flooded streets. Julie Manly, MD, HS-current, braced her sleek body against the wind, her head of wild red hair kept tame under a white baseball cap. With two armed U.S. Army personnel and a rifle-carrying New Orleans Police Department officer with her, the patrol boat looked more like a scene from CSI: Miami than a search and rescue operation.

Up ahead, the house they were to check for survivors came into view. Manly breathed a sigh of relief. On the front porch she spotted a pile of suitcases and a man and woman sitting next to them like passengers waiting for a bus. So many others had stubbornly refused help. “Go away,” some had shouted to their would-be rescuers. Four times she had arrived at homes to find the occupants dead, some of them floating in their living rooms.

This time, though, it looked like the tip had come in time, and this couple was being rational, she thought. Her optimism, however, was short-lived, sinking like a stone in the murky water around her. The couple sat slouched and motionless. Manly estimated they had been dead for two days, most likely the victims of dehydration.

By Jim Rogalski
Perspective

It is nearly a month later, and Manly, 33, sits in the staff lounge of the Duke Hospital Emergency Department where she is in her final year of residency. She is recounting her 18 days in New Orleans as a medical volunteer during the Hurricane Katrina aftermath. Manly is one of more than 50 Duke doctors, nurses, and clinicians who—either on their own volition or at the request of the National Institutes of Health—went to the Gulf Coast to offer help. She contacted the American Red Cross asking if she could help and arrived just a few days after the search and rescue operation began—in the thick of it all—when so much misery was being reported from the Gulf Coast. As she speaks, her spirited dialogue toggles from a doctor’s emotional detachment to that of impassioned participant in the greatest human tragedy she has ever witnessed.

She talks with awe of the paramedics, EMS workers, and firefighters who drove their trucks all the way from Los Angeles and New York to help; of the majority of the New Orleans police officers who had lost everything, but hadn’t taken the time to check on their own homes; of the 80- and 90-year-old residents who had nothing left, yet still offered a hail of God bless you and Thank you.


The hundred or so photographs she brought to this interview offer a mere glimpse—an odorless, one-dimensional peek—at the carnage and mayhem that was New Orleans. Viewers cannot imagine the stench of the water, she says—a mix of rot and chemicals and garbage and all things foul. She matter-of-factly shows her right forearm with the telltale signs of what she calls a “bizarre rash,” now a lumpy red area the size of a slice of bread. “Interestingly,” she explains with clinical observation, “I had seen a number of others with the same type of rash and they all had been in boats, too. It’s some type of infectious or toxic exposure—chemicals or something like that. We tried to avoid touching the water, but inevitably there was splash-back.” She tempers the diagnosis with, “It’s healing nicely.”

Manly’s face glows when she comes to a photograph of herself posing with a man who looks to be in his 60s or 70s. “This is my favorite,” she says. “That’s me with Mr. Bennett.” She is silent for a moment as she looks reverently at the photograph. The simple four-by-six-inch print will forever represent the essence of who she is as a doctor, and her character as a human being.
Meet Mr. Bennett

For every person her rescue team was able to convince to climb into their boat to be carted to safety, there were an equal number of holdouts who wanted no part of it. They had heard on their portable radios of overcrowding and chaos at the Superdome where nearly 30,000 evacuees were ultimately taken, and figured they were just as good—no, better off—where they were. Manly knew the old and frail who defiantly remained in their homes faced particular danger, but she was powerless to insist anyone leave. She could only motor on to the next home and hope the occupants there were more sobered by the visible realities around them—the bodies floating in the street, the stench, the lack of food and water—and accept the offer of a boat ride out.

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Some of those who refused help, she knew, likely would not survive long—a few days, maybe a bit more. The image of the dead couple with their bags packed was impossible to shake when her crew received the call that Mr. Bennett likely was still in his home. So when she pounded again and again on his door, but heard no response, she feared the worst. “All of the doors and windows were shut, and it was 95 degrees outside,” Manly recalls. Here we go again, she thought. Then Mr. Bennett came to the door. “Nope, not leaving. Not doing it. Not doing it,” Manly recalls him saying.

“How many medications are you on?” she asked him. “Five,” he answered. He had a four-day supply.

“And when they run out, what will you do?”

“I’ll go down to the corner drug store and get them refilled.”

“Mr. Bennett,” Manly pleaded, “you don’t seem to realize the scope of what has happened to your city. If you stay you will die.”

“Nope, not leaving,” he repeated.

Manly composed herself for a response. Something original. Something that would work this time.

Before she could craft what to say, the sergeant announced it was time to go. There were other homes to search, he said. “Good luck, Mr. Bennett,” he added, handing him a fresh supply of bottled water and packaged military meals. Mr. Bennett offered grateful thanks.

Manly pulled the sergeant aside and offered this: “Why don’t you go ahead and keep patrolling? Leave me here and come back in a little while.” She told the sergeant that if Mr. Bennett was still refusing to leave when they got back, she’d accept it and move on. The sergeant agreed.

“I needed to gain his trust,” Manly says. “He was a bit overwhelmed by all of us telling him he had to leave. He just sort of shut down. I needed to reason with him.”

She sat with Mr. Bennett for 45 minutes, small talking mostly, and looking at photos on the wall of his children in graduation gowns.

“You must be very proud of them,” Manly said. Mr. Bennett said he was. “They must be really worried about you,” she continued. “It would be horrible for them to learn that you died like this, alone in your house.”

Mr. Bennett pondered Manly’s soft-spoken, poignant words. He then reasoned it would probably be a good idea if he got in the boat. On the ride out he was stunned by the devastation around him. All he could do was shake his head in disbelief. Manly administered an IV to the severely dehydrated man—
her precious cargo that would come to symbolize her greatest success and represent in living flesh all of those who might be saved if only pride would stop hijacking their judgment.

At the triage center, Mr. Bennett’s blood pressure was 80 over 50.

**Dog as metaphor**

Like their human survivors, thousands of dogs and cats were stranded without food and water. During her two weeks of patrols, her team pulled pets from rooftops if there was room in the boat and delivered the emaciated animals to one of the many animal rescue groups that had descended on New Orleans.

Near the end of her two-week boat duty, as she was patrolling a neighborhood where the water reached the eaves, she saw two stick-thin dogs stranded on a roof. It was late in the day and there was room in the boat.

As the boat approached, the dogs gave the same response as half of the people she had met: they refused help. The frail dogs jumped off the roof and swam in the opposite direction. One reached another roof. The other swam in a large circle, unsure where to go. It ended up next to the same house where it started, only this time Manly was on the roof waiting. The dog was so weak from two weeks without food that it could not pull itself onto the roof. Manly reached as far as she could, but it wasn’t far enough. The exhausted dog was looking up at her as it sank into the murky water, its feet still trying to find purchase.

Manly reacted instinctively, lunged for the 40-pound dog, grabbed it by the scruff of its neck and heaved it up onto the roof. It was too weak to even stand.

“We can’t take this one, Julie,” the sergeant told her. “It’s too weak. It won’t make it.”

To Manly, the dog embodied the dozens of people whom she had tried to help but whom she had been forced to leave behind to face their fates.

“I just lost it,” she says. She cried for the first and only time while there.

“It was a combination of everything. I was reminded how powerless and helpless I can feel sometimes when I’m out of an environment where I have all of the tools I need, like in the emergency room.”

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After finishing her residency, Manly says she hopes to join an international aid agency such as Doctors Without Borders. She says her desire to do so has been affirmed and strengthened by her experience in New Orleans. Manly was one of many Duke volunteers who helped hurricane victims in Louisiana and Mississippi. For information about Duke University’s efforts, go to www.duke.edu/hurricanerelief.
When Timothy Keane came to him for a post-surgery follow-up visit in the spring of 2005, cardiothoracic surgeon Michael Mauney, T’87, MD’91, got a surprise that touched him—and will touch Duke Medicine students for years to come.

Keane, a 60-year-old Clayton, Mo., patent attorney, was referred to Mauney by his family physician after ongoing symptoms indicated that two of his ten-year-old coronary bypass grafts were in need of repair.

After some testing and an examination by Mauney, that suspicion was confirmed. In addition, Mauney agreed that another one of Keane’s heart valves was failing and needed replacing.

“Everything about Mr. Keane’s case was pretty unremarkable at the time,” Mauney says. “He asked good questions, I operated in April, the operation went well, he was home in a week, and he seemed very grateful.”

But the extent of Keane’s gratitude—and the way he wished to express it—wasn’t evident until the follow-up visit.

“He told me I’d saved his life…”

His patient appeared to be doing well both physically and emotionally, Mauney says, adding that “he couldn’t wait to get back to work, and he seemed to view the success of the surgery as a new lease on life.”

As the visit was winding down, Keane told Mauney that he wanted to talk with him about something—and then dropped a bombshell.

“He basically told me that he felt like I’d saved his life, and that he wanted to do something in my name for the Duke School of Medicine,” Mauney recalls.

“He gave me the dollar amount of the gift he wanted to make and told me how he wanted it to be used.”

Keane had discovered that Mauney had earned his medical degree at Duke, so during his recovery, he visited DukeMed’s Development and Alumni Affairs website, learned about the Davison Club, and decided that providing unrestricted support to Duke’s physicians-in-training was what he wanted to do.

Above: Michael Mauney, left, and Tim Keane listen as Suzanne Porter, curator of Duke’s History of Medicine collection, gives them a tour of the Trent Collection at the Medical Center Library.

Patient’s Gift Honors Michael and Mac Mauney
AND MEDICAL STUDENTS BENEFIT

By Jeni Baker
“Duke’s medical school has the reputation of being one of the best in the world,” Keane says. “I want to support the institution that trained Dr. Mauney to be such an outstanding physician, in an effort to help Duke produce more outstanding physicians.”

“I was floored,” Mauney says. “I mean, I didn’t do anything extraordinary for him—cardiothoracic surgery is what I do—and I told him that if he wanted to do something to show his appreciation, I’d ask that he do it in my dad’s name, not mine.”

Mauney’s dad was the late F. Maxton “Mac” Mauney, Jr., MD’59, HS’59–66—a cardiothoracic surgeon. The elder Mauney co-founded Asheville (N.C.) Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons and was a driving force behind the creation of the Owen Heart Center at Asheville’s Memorial Mission/St. Joseph Hospital. He also served as an advisor to the Duke University General Alumni Association board of directors and as president of the Medical Alumni Association, which honored him with the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1995.

“I am where I am professionally because of my dad’s influence and because of the people who trained me at Duke and at the University of Virginia—and my dad very graciously paid every penny of my education, so I never had to worry about debt,” says Mauney. “After that, my Duke degree opened all the right doors for me.”

So the doctor and his patient reached an agreement: Keane’s $100,000 gift to Duke Medicine would be split evenly between the existing F. Maxton Mauney, Jr., MD, Davison Club Endowment Fund and the Davison Club Scholarship Fund, in honor of Michael Mauney, MD. Keane’s gift was also matched with $15,000 from Pfizer Inc., his former employer.

“Medical professionals like Dr. Mauney dedicate their own lives to long, arduous, and costly training to acquire the knowledge and develop the skills necessary to perform complex medical procedures that save lives,” Keane says. “Because the cost of acquiring such training and experience is currently about $300,000, I hope that other patients who have benefited from the life-saving work of DukeMed graduates will consider gifts to help offset these costs.”

A Dream Realized

This year’s recipients of the Keane/Mauney Scholarship are first-year medical students Matthew Langman and Shaun Robinson. Both are considering careers in neurosurgery, and both say that attending Duke Medicine would have been out of the question for them without Mr. Keane’s gift.

Langman, who majored in cellular biology at the University of Georgia, (UGA) says his lifelong love of science, combined with a desire to use his strengths to benefit others, led to his decision to pursue a career in medicine. As an undergraduate, he shadowed a cardiothoracic surgeon, and that stirred his interest in surgery.

But it was a visit to UGA by School of Medicine vice dean Edward Halperin, MD, that led to his desire to attend Duke.
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ONE FAMILY’S HISTORY AT DUKE

In addition to his father, F. Maxton “Mac” Mauney, Jr., MD’59, HS’59-’66, a number of Michael Mauney’s family members have worn Duke blue over the years:

Brother David and sister Laura earned their undergraduate degrees in 1990 and 1984, respectively, as did his sister-in-law Kimberly Simpson, T’90. Both Laura and her husband Daniel Foster earned business degrees at Duke in 1988.

Michael’s parents were married at Duke Chapel in 1960, and Michael and all of his siblings were born at Duke Hospital during Mac’s surgical residency.

Interestingly, Mauney’s maternal grandfather, Elon Clark (pictured above), was a professor emeritus of medical art and the university’s first professor of medical illustration. Active in the Durham community and philanthropic endeavors, Clark, who died in 2001, came to Duke from Johns Hopkins University in 1933 and served until his retirement—and is the namesake of the Elon Clark Gallery in Duke’s Medical Center Library.

“Duke had been on my mind since I heard Dr. Halperin speak, and the nice sequence of events that led to Mr. Keane’s gift made it possible—and I’m very grateful,” says the Suwanee, Ga., native. “Practicing medicine makes a verifiable difference in people’s lives, and the fact that Dr. Mauney has been able to do this so well means that it’s possible for me to follow in his footsteps.”

Robinson, who is from Jefferson County, Mo., and majored in neurobiology at Cornell University, says he has “been given an opportunity I wouldn’t otherwise had to pursue my dream.”

“His tremendous generosity benefits us as individuals—but more importantly, it will ultimately benefit patients and the medical community as a whole,” he says. “I am extremely determined to become a successful neurosurgeon and a healer, and I will not take Mr. Keane’s gift for granted or let it go to waste.”

As for Keane, his future looks unquestionably brighter since Mauney performed surgery. With renewed health, he is now back to work full time in a law firm in St. Louis, where he lives with his wife and two dogs. He also has three children in college.

Mauney couldn’t be more honored—on his own behalf and on behalf of his family.

“Mr. Keane’s gift is really a gift to my dad and to Duke medical students for years to come,” he says. “I can’t think of a better thing he could have done.”

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It was a warm day in early October 1933, and Margaret V. Burns, MD’38, could feel sweat trickling down the back of her neck as she walked quickly across Duke’s East Quad to a waiting bus. She feared she had waited too long for a friend, and now she’d be late for her first day of Duke medical school.

“I was excited and scared at the same time,” remembers Burns, a native of Asheville, N.C. She got off the bus and hurried along the barren West campus, towards the imposing Davison Building.

“When I opened the door, there was this roar of male voices. They were all there, waiting outside Dean Davison’s door. There were no women in sight. I was really scared.”

At the time, Duke was the only medical school in North Carolina and one of a handful nationally that would accept women students.

Exceptions to the Rule
A pathway began to be cleared for Burns and other women as early as 1849, when Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman in the U.S. to earn a medical degree. Blackwell’s application was turned down by 29 medical schools before Geneva Medical College in New York admitted her. Although she graduated at the top of her class, the medical community was outraged, and an embarrassed Geneva closed its doors to women after she graduated. Blackwell continued her education in Europe and later returned to found the New York Infirmary for Women and Children.

During the mid-to-late 1800s, a number of segregated medical schools for women opened as alternatives to traditional schools, including the Woman’s Medical College of Pennsylvania and the Boston Female Medical School, which graduated the first African-American woman doctor, Rebecca Lee, in 1864.

By the 1870s, other schools across the country, including the University of California, Stanford University, Syracuse University, the University of
The early female physicians were largely relegated to the concerns of their fellow women: they became obstetricians, gynecologists, pediatricians, hygiene specialists, and public health physicians. The gender-neutral specialities like surgery, ophthalmology, internal medicine, and orthopedics would be closed to all but a few women until many decades later.
Burns entered Duke Woman’s College in 1930, and she made it clear that her goal was to transfer to medical school through the dean’s early entrance program. She was invited to transfer after her third year, after having passed the requisite biology, organic chemistry, and foreign language courses. 

Despite her first day jitters, she maintains that she was welcomed by her classmates and well treated by the faculty. She soon learned that, while she was in the minority as a woman, she was not alone.

There were women on Duke’s original medical faculty—including Mary Posten, a bacteriology instructor, and Mary L. Bernheim, PhD, an associate professor of biochemistry—and they would soon be joined by Susan C. Dees, MD, an associate professor of pediatric allergy. The wife of Dean Wilburt C. Davison, MD, Atala Scudder Davison, MD, also was a pediatrician and served as an instructor.

Two previous Duke graduates, now deceased, Eleanor B. Easley, MD’34, and Julia Mary Jones, MD’35, were on the Duke house staff. And Burns would later discover that her entering class included two other women—the late Dorothy Wyvell, MD’38, who would become a pediatrician, and Elizabeth Balas Powell, MD’38, who would become a pathologist.

Burns graduated in 1938, but shortly after she started a pediatric residency at a Delaware hospital, disease again altered the course of her life: she contracted tuberculosis. Her treatment required surgery to remove a lung, and several of her ribs were removed in the process. She recovered, but her clinical career was derailed, and she practiced for many years as a hospital pediatrician and then as a psychiatrist, working at Asheville’s Highland Hospital.

Nationwide, the lack of women in leadership in academic medicine is well documented. In 2001, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), women made up just 14 percent of tenured faculty—and just 10.9 percent of female academic medical faculty were full professors, compared to 30.9 percent of male faculty.

A Twist of Fate

Easley, who had come before Burns and blazed a trail in clinical medicine as an OB/GYN, reported that although she was treated “wonderfully well” by Duke’s medical faculty, she got a chilly reception from her male classmates and residents: “We were tolerated, usually politely, then avoided if possible,” she wrote in the 1980 edition of The Aesculapian.

When Easley applied for a medical internship, she learned that then-chair of medicine Frederic Hanes, MD, had declared, “No women and no married students will be accepted.” Since she was both a woman and married, Easley promptly applied to Johns Hopkins, even though it would have been a hardship, since her husband was a member of the Duke University faculty. David T. Smith, PhD, then-chair of bacteriology, intervened, and Hanes allowed her to...
enter. She stayed at Duke for residency training in obstetrics and gynecology, and went on to become a successful and popular OB/GYN doctor in Durham.

"Considering the unfavorable climate, why and how did we do it?" wrote Easley. "I don't know the answer for [my classmate] Julia Jones...except that she was affluent, assured, very bright, and not a 'man's type woman.' Chance, good luck, and a tolerant husband took care of me."

As luck would have it, Easley also happened to be one of few physicians left in the area when most of the men went off to serve in World War II.

By the end of the war, "I was not only established, I was tired," she later wrote.

Of the six earliest Duke women graduates on record—Walker-Robbins, Easley, Jones, Wyvell, Powell, and Burns—only three married, and only two, Powell and Walker-Robbins, had children.

**Quotas and Glass Ceilings**

Between its 1930 founding and the 1970s, the Duke School of Medicine enrolled women at a rate very similar to an "informally established but acknowledged quota system" referenced in the Council of Graduate Medical Education's *Fifth Report*, dated May 1998.

"Prior to World War II, only one to three qualified women were accepted into a class. After the war, a quota of roughly six to eight percent women students was believed to exist. In 1946, the dean of one eastern medical school admitted to limiting female admissions to six percent of each entering class," states the report. "Expectations for women graduates were that they would enter a limited number of fields, primarily general practice, pediatrics, and psychiatry, and that a certain percentage who chose to have families would cease to practice either permanently or temporarily."

Women's enrollment at Duke spiked at 10 in 1945, and between 1943 and 1953, the average number of women annually was about five in a class of 70-80. During the 1950s and early 1960s, women's enrollment at Duke dropped back to roughly three per year. Coinciding with the civil rights and women's rights movements, women's enrollment began increasing in 1964, and by 1973, women suddenly accounted for nearly one-third of the entering class. Today, they make up about half of each medical school class at Duke, and they serve on the house staff in every department, including the traditionally male-dominated Department of Surgery, which graduated its first woman resident, Susan Chace Lottich, T'77, MD'81, HS'81-'89, in 1989. Currently, 434 out of 1,372, or 31 percent, of Duke clinical medicine faculty are women.

It might seem that most of the barriers to women in academic medicine have fallen, but a look at the number of women who hold tenured faculty positions tells a different story.

**IN THEIR OWN WORDS**

**Lucy R. Freedy, MD’52**

**Home State:**
North Carolina

**Professional:**
Associate Professor of Clinical Radiology, Associate Chair, Department of Radiology 1993-96, 2004, Ohio State University

Growing up in Conway, N.C., our family doctor was Dr. Fleetwood. His wife was my music teacher. I thought they were just the pinnacle of success, and I wanted to be like them.

At the beginning of my second year, my chest x-ray showed a coin lesion. It was an old scar from a tuberculosis infection. Dr. Menefee diagnosed it; Dr. Sealey performed a surgical resection of my right lower lobe. Thoracic surgery was a big deal at that time. I remember being in the hospital with a chest tube. Dr. Davison came every morning to check on me, and I never got a bill for the care I received. I started back the next year and graduated in 1957. I was AOA and second in my class rank.

My husband and I married before I entered medical school, and I transferred to Ohio State for my surgical residency after he was accepted there for medical school. Before I left, both Dr. Stead and Dr. Hart asked me to stay on at Duke for internal medicine and surgical residencies.

I can't say that I ever felt discriminated against. It's possible that I was so focused that I just dismissed it. I had a portable typewriter, and I typed histories and notes on it. The boys in my class always wanted to borrow my notes.

Although Brigid Hogan, PhD, has chaired the basic science department of Cell Biology since 2001, no woman has ever chaired a clinical science department at Duke. In 2001, women chaired 214—or just eight percent—of all departments in academic medical centers nationally. By far, pediatrics has been the most welcoming specialty to women. Coincidentally or not, it is also the lowest paying medical specialty.

Duke's Department of Pediatrics under Dean Davison was the first to appoint a woman division chief, Susan C. Dees, who served from 1948-74 and was succeeded by Rebecca Buckley, MD, from 1974-2003.
Going to Duke was one of the smartest things I ever did. I did my pediatric clerkship in England at St. Bartholomew’s, the oldest charity hospital in the world—with no expenses! Approximately twenty percent of the students took advantage of the opportunity to study in England, where Dr. Davison had been a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. I married someone in the class ahead of me in May 1954. My husband matched at Stanford. After I completed my junior surgical clerkship, I went to Dr. Hart’s office and asked if I could take my senior surgical clerkship at Stanford. He said, “That’s too bad, you were going to be the first woman I was going to offer a surgical residency to.”

He called the chair of surgery at Stanford and arranged everything. I had the first of my three children when I was a resident at Babies Hospital at Columbia Presbyterian. I took a week off, and then I went back on the call schedule. When I entered medical school, it was generally accepted that women would not continue their careers in full-time practice. When I attended my 50th medical school class reunion in October, I was the only member of the class who was still working full time.

Seven out of the 20 female clinical division chiefs in Duke’s history have served in the Department of Pediatrics, where as early as 1980, under chairman Samuel Katz, MD, the faculty was close to 30 percent women. Other women division chiefs include five in Community and Family Medicine, four in Medicine, two in Anesthesiology, and two in Surgery. Of those, 15 were appointed after 1990.

Ground Rules
When Nancy B. Allen, MD, HS’82, joined the faculty of Duke’s Department of Medicine in 1982, she was one of only three or four women in the department. She remembers a supportive relationship with chairman Joseph Greenfield, MD.

“In 1986, I became pregnant with twins. I went to speak with Dr. Greenfield about a maternity leave, and there was no maternity policy,” remembers Allen. At his request, she researched what other departments across the university were offering and came up with eight weeks of paid leave. He accepted. When she returned to work, Allen set up a departmental women’s committee to work on issues like maternity leave, salary equity, promotion and tenure issues, and safety concerns.

“He was very good about listening and making whatever improvements could be made,” says Allen. “He asked the business manager to do a comparison study of men’s and women’s salaries. There were discrepancies, and they did adjust salaries.”

Allen went on to serve on the Committee on Women Faculty, chaired in the mid 1980s by noted pediatric infectious diseases and HIV/AIDS researcher Catherine Wilfert, MD.

“We recommended to [Chancellor William G. Anlyan, MD], that there be a woman on the Medical Center Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure (APT) Committee,” says Allen. Rebecca Buckley was appointed the committee’s lone female member—the only one who was not a department chair—to help ensure that women were given full consideration for tenure.

Although she was a “token” woman on the committee, Buckley, was a well-funded researcher whose work on severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome (SCIDS) resulted in a cure using bone marrow transplantation. She was easily qualified to assess the research quality of both men and women faculty aspiring to tenured faculty positions.

In 1990, the APT Committee published a document formalizing the “tenure track,” which outlined the steps of moving up through the faculty ranks.

“Prior to that, it seemed more subjective and up to the discretion of the department chair or a small group of department chairs,” says Allen. With the new codified tenure review process, the percentage of tenured faculty who are women increased—albeit slowly—from 10.7 percent in 1995 to 15.5 percent in 2004.

Beverly C. Morgan, MD’55
Home State: California
Professional: Professor and Chief, Pediatric Cardiology, University of California-Irvine

Opposite page top: Mary A. Posten, G’39, an instructor in bacteriology, was a member of the original medical faculty and later an associate in microbiology. Opposite page bottom: Dorothy Waters Beard, RN, was a research associate in the Department of Surgery. She worked with her husband Joseph Beard, MD, a professor of surgery, as part of the internationally prominent Beard cancer research team that developed the first usable vaccine for equine encephalomyelitis. Above: Dean Wilburt C. Davison, MD, whose wife Atala was a pediatrics and fellow Hopkins medical graduate, made it a point to include women in the School of Medicine and Hospital from day one. Above right: Talmadge L. Peele, T’29, MD’34, HS’34-’36, a professor of neurology, points out structures of the brain to two students.
Solid Backing

With the 1993 arrival of Nannerl Keohane, PhD, as Duke University’s first woman president, and her launching of the Duke Women’s Initiative in 2002, attention was focused campus wide on issues important to women and families, including expanded mentoring, a leadership training program, career services and child care, parental leave, and flexible work arrangements.

Duke Medicine’s current leadership, Chancellor Victor Dzau, MD, and Dean R. Sanders “Sandy” Williams, MD’74, HS’77-’80, have both committed to recruiting and developing a diverse faculty. In the last two years, three women have been recruited to lead important divisions in medicine and surgery: Pamela Douglas, MD, chief of Cardiology; Anna Mae Diehl, MD, chief of Gastroenterology; and most recently, Cynthia Shortell, MD, chief of the new Division of Vascular Surgery.

In 2004, Dean Williams appointed Ann Brown, MD, as associate dean for women in medicine and science, with a charge to develop and implement professional development programs for women faculty and to advocate for women in the dean’s office. Brown’s seminar series, which is supported by the dean’s office and The Duke Endowment, has been “hugely attended” by junior faculty, both men and women.

The seminars are basically “Faculty 101” according to Brown. The topics—developed after a series of focus groups—cover grant writing; the appointment, promotion, and tenure process; leadership skills; mentoring skills; the NIH grant review process; and many other topics. “The message is that everybody needs this, not just women,” says Brown.

Truth Be Told

At 93, Burns, the oldest Duke Medicine graduate we were able to contact for this article, continues to see the occasional psychiatry patient. “Practicing medicine is something that keeps you alive,” she says. In Asheville she is remembered for her ministry to prison inmates and for her willingness to treat black patients during segregation.

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In Their Own Words

Margaret Hilgartner, G’51, MD’55

Home State: Maryland

Professional: Chief Emeritus, Harold Weill Professor of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Weill Medical College of Cornell University

I had no role models in my family. My mother thought it was terrible, just abnormal, that I wanted to go to medical school.

During my first year at Duke, one of the interns said that I would just take the place of a man and do nothing with it—it was an insult that I didn’t get over for some time. I made it a point of staying in medicine even after I got married and had three children. That notwithstanding, I had fun with all of my classmates. They’d wash my car on Saturday, and I’d bake for them.

At Cornell, I had two weeks of maternity leave with each of my children. That was my holiday. We only lived up the street from the hospital, and I could walk home to nurse them.
It would be misleading to make generalizations about how women have been treated at Duke, except to say that they were admitted from the beginning, made sometimes agonizingly slow progress through the ranks of leadership, and a great many have excelled.

In talking with many women who have experienced Duke Medicine from every decade and a number of different specialties and perspectives, two truths emerge.

The first is that every woman’s experience at Duke has been different. Some have been subjected to harsh discrimination, some subtle, and some never really thought about it. Some have raised families, others have chosen to focus solely on a career. It would be misleading to make generalizations about how women have been treated at Duke, except to say that they were admitted from the beginning, made sometimes agonizingly slow progress through the ranks of leadership, and a great many have excelled.

The second truth is that every woman interviewed for this article has found medicine to be an immensely rewarding career, and every one has made important contributions to science, education, patient care, or community service.

My father was a general practitioner. He would make house calls at night, and the telephone he used was right outside my bedroom door. I heard him talking all through the night, and I thought, “That’s what I’ll be doing.” However, toward the end of my residency here in pediatrics, I sat next to Susan Dees at a departmental dinner, and she encouraged me to think about a career in allergy.

My husband was in academic medicine and we knew he would be at Duke. At that time, Jerry Harris was still chairman [of Pediatrics], and I didn’t think I had a chance to continue my fellowship training here. Then Bernard Amos and his group moved to Duke in immunology, and I was able to spend two years working with Dr. Richard Metzgar as a fellow in immunology.

It was made clear to me what you have to do to succeed—publish or perish.

It was never easy. We had four children while my husband and I were both residents or fellows. At that time, you made $25 month in internship, and residents made $50 a month. If you were married, you got $37.50 and $62.50, so we each made a little more by being married.

Rebecca Buckley, WC’55, MD, HS’58–’61, ’63–’64
Home State: North Carolina
Other Degrees: MD, UNC-Chapel Hill
Professional: J. Buren Sidbury Professor of Pediatrics
Chief, Division of Pediatric Allergy-Immunology, Duke Medicine, 1974–2003
Deborah Kredich, MD, HS’62-’64, ’69-’71

Home State: Iowa
Other Degrees: MD, University of Michigan
Professional: Professor of Pediatrics; Chief, Division of Pediatric Rheumatology, Duke Medicine, 1992-2004

Nick and I met and married while we were undergraduates at Duke. He was going to the University of Michigan for medical school, so I transferred there. He said to me, “Debbie, this is such fun, why don’t you apply?” Medical school was easier for us because we were married. We had a built-in social life. When we came back to Duke, it was easier to be interns together. We ate suppers together, and shared the same call room—I saw more of him in the hospital.

Women are more productive as their children get older. The fact that this is not recognized, affirmed, and allowed for has more to do with women’s lack of progress in academic medicine than anything else.

I personally feel that I was discriminated for, not against, as a woman in medical school and residency. I am still one to encourage young people to go into medicine. I tell my students, set your sights on different goals. You can have a very satisfying career, be a good wife, have a good family life. You may not be a department chair. Men have to make choices, too—making choices is not unique to women.

Joanne A. P. Wilson, MD’73

Home State: North Carolina
Professional: Professor of Medicine (Gastroenterology)
First Female African-American Faculty Member, Duke Medicine

I am the oldest of seven children. My father was a plasterer, a master of his trade…My mother went to work at nights cleaning when I was about nine or 10 and later added college courses during the day, finishing her undergraduate degree when I was 13 and just after her seventh child was born.

My parents sacrificed to send us to St. Monica’s, a mission parochial school in Raleigh. I was quite close to the nuns and aspired to enter the convent. Further, I learned of the nuns who were physicians and medical missionaries. That became my ambition in life at 12. Growing up in Raleigh in a large family meant work … summers on my grandparents’ tobacco farm—they were sharecroppers. Later during the school year, I sold papers on the corner. Being the only girl “paperboy” is harder than being the only woman intern.

I was struck during a recent recruitment process at Duke, by hearing Dr. [Sandy] Williams say, “I want ethnic minorities and women on the list, you’ll have to look harder, and dig deeper.” That’s the kind of effort you need to make to achieve diversity and excellence.

Eugenie Kleinerman, MD’75

Home State: Texas
Professional: Professor of Cardiology, Professor of Pediatrics, and Mosbacher Pediatrics Chair, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas; First Woman Division Chief at M.D. Anderson

I was very excited to be at Duke, but my advisor was not friendly. He told me that he didn’t believe women belonged in medicine.

During my OB/GYN rotation at Watts Hospital, they would call the medical students to come and observe a delivery, usually in the middle of the night. I got the call one night, and when I got there, the attending physician had set up a stool in the back of the room for me to stand on and watch. The male student got to be right at the table. The next time the nurse called me, I politely said, “Thank you,” and proceeded to go back to sleep.

There were bad actors who made it very painful for women students. But, there were others who were wonderful. Ralph Snyderman was one of my mentors—I owe my career to him.

I loved Duke medical school, and never wanted to be anywhere else, but I was there during a time when there were still many traditional physicians who didn’t like change.

It speaks highly of the administration that they were willing to push. We had 15 women in my class, out of a total of 115. I believe two were African-American.

Katherine Upchurch, MD’76

Home State: Alabama
Professional: Rheumatologist, Medical Center of Central Massachusetts, Worcester, Mass.

Bill Bradford was my mentor. He supported me academically and facilitated my being appointed the medical school representative to the university-wide athletic committee. No one stood in my way. I had wonderful friends among my classmates.

I had my three children very close together while I was an assistant professor building a practice. There was no maternity leave, so I relied on the good graces of my partners.

I was taking phone calls right after I delivered, and I went back to work a couple of weeks later. It was multi-tasking at its absolute best and worst!

I am a part-time professional, working 32 hours a week, but it seems equivalent to full-time work. Because my time is limited, the density of my day is more than that of my colleagues—every minute counts. My opportunity for tangible leadership roles has been compromised, but looking back, it has been more important to me to have time for my family.

I think it’s very important to have women in leadership. This can happen only if medical schools accommodate the demands that combining a family and professional practice entail.

Nancy B. Allen, MD, HS’82

Home State: Virginia
Professional: Professor of Medicine (Rheumatology), Duke Medicine

One of my reasons to pursue academic medicine was to be a different kind of teacher … not so much teaching by intimidation or embarrassment, or some of the other teaching styles that were big in that day. I was more someone who wanted to learn with the whole group and support them and encourage them—be positive rather than use negative reinforcement.

There is a glass ceiling after the assistant professor level. I think that these positions of chancellor, dean, and department chair are perhaps structured not exactly the way women wish to work or lead. I think it will take some women getting into those positions to change the culture.
I remember one academic year about three years after my twins were born. I had a total of nine fellows in the division and eight of the nine were women, and four of the eight had a child during that academic year. We had to juggle some schedules, but it all worked out, and I felt like I had really mentored in a big way.

Kathryn M. Andolsek, MD, HS’76’79
Homestate: North Dakota
Professional: Clinical Professor, Community and Family Medicine, Duke Medicine

I was in the class of 1976 at Northwestern, and I was one of only a handful of women. I was not a feminist. I think I probably accepted traditional attitudes more than I should have. When patients made assumptions—like referring to me as the nurse—or residents made snide comments—they didn’t stick because they didn’t get in the way of my relationship with patients. Many, many patients made a point of telling me it was easier to talk to me than it would have been to a man.

The biggest challenge for me was how to do it all —balance career and family. Some of my patients are bus drivers, teachers, and hair stylists, and we all have the same challenges. I was able to make choices ... such as a clinical track instead of a tenure track. I have a physician husband who also has made career compromises to have a family life.

I don’t think people know the range of careers you can have with a medical degree. There are 120 medical specialties at Duke. Beyond Duke, doctors go into research, administration, teaching, policy, pharmaceutical and other industries, consulting for medical television shows, politics, creative writing.

Mary E. Klotman, MD’76
Home State: New York
Professional: Professor of Medicine and Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York

I chose internal medicine as a specialty because of the intellectual challenge—the problem solving. Our generation had no clear role models for how to balance residency and family life, and a lot of us floundered trying to figure it out. I thought it would be crazy to start a family during residency, so I waited until my infectious diseases fellowship. What I didn’t know was, you can’t plan everything—it took five years.

My generation is still trying to do it all. Very few people can be equally successful in their home and career. This generation is not as conflicted as mine. They seem to have a higher comfort level with not having everything at one time. Over half the faculty members in my division are women, and they all have families, and they all are working it out in different ways.

Ann J. Brown, MD, HS’91’93
Homestate: Michigan
Professional: Assistant Professor of Medicine (Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Nutrition), Duke Medicine

My initial impression during medical lectures as a fellow at Duke was that the training really didn’t focus on women. For instance, the effect of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) on heart disease: an internist didn’t feel comfortable prescribing HRT. At that time, we felt it protected against heart disease, so that felt like a big gap in the training of an internist. OB/GYNs knew how to prescribe HRT, but they weren’t always trained to think about how HRT affected heart disease risk. So women were kind of getting lost in the gap. So I developed a multi-disciplinary women’s health seminar series in 1993 that's still going on.

In addition to the gender gap, today we’re experiencing a big generation gap, and I think it’s causing a crisis in mentoring. Senior faculty are looking at junior faculty and saying, “I don’t understand how they think they’re going to make it without working as hard as I did.” And the junior faculty are looking at them and saying, “I don’t want that kind of life.” Both women and men are saying this—“I need to be at the soccer game, do the grocery shopping.” One man, actually, in the basic sciences, I think he borrowed this phrase, but he called it “full catastrophe living.” It’s very stressful.

Rowena Dolor, T’87, MD’91, HS’91’94, G’98
Home State: Ohio
Professional: Assistant Professor of Medicine (Internal Medicine), Duke Medicine

I think the lack of women in leadership in academic medicine is partly a reflection of the historically smaller number of women in medicine. Women also tend to choose medicine for the service aspect, not because they want a leadership position. You can be a leader clinically in your practice and not be visible as a leader in academic medicine. Women go into medicine thinking, “How can I help others?” not, “How can I advance myself?”

There are definitely still networks at Duke. Many are mostly men, but others include women. I would call them more “Insider’s Groups,” and they’re often department and generation specific. These are informal social gatherings, but people talk about the work atmosphere at Duke and how things were done in the past. Participation in such groups can provide a perspective that is helpful to academic advancement.
Karen Joynt, MD’04, HS-current  
Home State: Michigan

In the Department of Medicine, there’s a women’s mentorship group—all incoming women interns are matched with a woman faculty advisor.

I think men ought to have the same opportunity. There are advisors for minorities and advisors for women, but if you’re a Caucasian male, you get nothing. I think the idea that only women need extra support is dated.

Duke is becoming more and more flexible with not knocking women off the tenure track when they take time off to have children. I don’t see the need to compromise career for family, or vice versa. Thanks to many women and men who came before me, I’m in a position where being female is not such an obstacle to overcome. I hope this current trend continues, because we would be missing out on some of the best leaders if we didn’t include women.

Marisa Buchakjian, MS III, MD/PhD Candidate  
Home State: Ohio

My female classmates are among the hardest working, most motivated people I’ve ever met. I expect many of them to pursue leadership positions.

I am considering internal medicine because I want to focus on the patient as a whole— not as a heart problem or a GI problem. There’s not much opportunity in the acute setting of the hospital to focus on issues such as high blood pressure or weight prevention. These issues need to be addressed via counseling and education to help patients maintain their health long term.

Except for the occasional patient at the VA, I don’t feel that I’m treated differently than my male colleagues. Gender is not an issue among my peers, but I’ve noticed that most women tend to pursue fields like pediatrics or internal medicine. Males are more likely to choose traditionally male dominated fields like orthopedics and surgery. It seems like some males might be suspicious of a woman who wanted to go into those fields. But a few women in my class plan on going into surgery.

Pamela Douglas, MD  
Home State: New Jersey

Professional: Professor of Medicine and Chief, Division of Cardiology

I was the first woman on the cardiology faculty at the University of Pennsylvania, and the third woman cardiology fellow. When men were appointed to the faculty, they got to pick out their own new office furniture. I got hand-me-downs, and people liked to say that my chair was too big for me. I was also told to arrange my desk so that it faced the wall—it was too confrontational if I faced the door. And I had to go through more extensive hoops than the men. For example, I had a full-day interview process, even though I had completed residency and a fellowship at Penn. Men who joined the faculty after fellowship didn’t have to interview.

At [the University of] Wisconsin, I was the only woman on the cardiology faculty, and I was the leader of the division. I hired a lot of men and women, and grew the program by 50 percent. I think Duke saw that I was successful in my own division and nationally, and I appreciated their willingness to look at a woman for a very powerful position.

My husband and I got married late, and I never had a strong drive to have children. I really wanted a two-career marriage—not simply a two-profession marriage. There is a difference. Women are more likely than men to be the primary caregiver for children and to make career sacrifices.

Anna Mae Diehl, MD  
Home State: Maryland

Professional: Professor of Medicine and Chief, Division of Gastroenterology

I made professor at Hopkins in 1997. At that time I was one of only two or three women professors of medicine there. Indeed, during its initial 100 years of existence, Hopkins had promoted only 24 women to full professor. When I left Hopkins to join the faculty at Duke, I was the director of hepatology, but had no budget, and no authority to hire or fire. Demonstrating that I could survive and develop a successful program at Hopkins was probably part of what gave me the opportunity to come to Duke.

I have two daughters, 22 and 18. When Geraldine Ferraro was running for vice president, I remember standing over my older daughter’s crib and thinking, “There’s no more glass ceiling.” That wasn’t true then, but today there’s nothing they can’t do—they don’t have to think about skin color or X and Y chromosomes.

Cynthia Shortell, MD  
Home State: New York

Professional: Professor of Surgery and Chief, Division of Vascular Surgery

There is no question that the biggest challenge is how to be an involved parent and have a successful academic career at the same time. It’s impossible to do both as well as someone who devotes all their time to one or the other. You never feel like you give either one the energy it deserves. I have a terrifically supportive, involved husband, and that has been an enormous help. Even so, I think that men have a different attitude toward balancing their work and career than women do. He can leave work and go to the gym and work out. I leave work and go directly home; if I have spare time, I feel like it needs to be spent with the kids, while men are better about taking time for themselves.

I don’t think I was recruited to Duke because I was a woman. I hope that I was recruited because I was the best person to help with the initiatives that we are working on, including a Center for Vascular Disease. We are developing a proposal for a vascular surgery center with cardiology and interventional radiology, so collaboration and conflict resolution skills are going to be very important to our success. I can be tough and stand firm on important things, but I’m willing to take a team approach and meet people halfway.
When James Nuckolls, MD’65, HS’66-'67, ’69-'72, joined the more than 10,000 athletes in Pittsburgh, Pa., in June for the bi-annual Senior Olympics, he did much more than win a gold medal: he and his senior soul mates continued to help shatter some long-standing stereotypes, as well.

Consider these feats of the feet: a 60-year-old man from Connecticut won his age group in the five-kilometer road race in 18 minutes and 31 seconds (that’s a 5:58-per-mile average for 3.1 miles); a 65-year-old woman from California won her division of the 200-meter dash in 31.62 seconds. In the pool, a 70-year-old Ohio woman kicked and stroked her way to age-group gold in the 50-yard freestyle in 31.37 seconds. In all cases, a gaggle of contenders were right on their heels.

Freaks of nature? Hardly.
Act their age? Like, no way, dude.
Rocking chairs? How about Rollerblades instead?

Welcome to the advanced years of the Baby Boomers, that famous generation of post-World War II babies who today—as they reach their golden years—are just as likely to join their grandkids on the snowboard half-pipe as they are to join AARP.
Game Plan for Health

“I think the people who are most amazed by all of this are their doctors,” says Nuckolls, an internist himself. It’s remarkable, he says, that some senior athletes can do things their bodies are “not supposed” to be doing at their age, according to previous beliefs of what the aging human body can endure.

But as Duke Sports Medicine Director Claude T. Moorman III, MD, points out, “Never in history has there been such a clear understanding of the benefits of staying active for not only physical health, but emotional health. Baby Boomers were competitive all along and they’re wanting to continue what they were doing.”

And even bump it up a notch, it seems.

Nuckolls won gold at the Senior Olympics in the 65-69 age group three-on-three, half-court basketball tournament. He and his equally mature teammates topped the 48-team field. For them—all former collegiate hoops players—staying in shape has been a long-term lifestyle commitment.

But what about the 250,000 other athletes aged 50 and above who participated in their state qualifying meets for the right to attend the Senior Olympics? And what of the hundreds of thousands—more likely millions—of other seniors who are dedicating themselves to being active without taking it to formal competition?

Again, Moorman attributes the migration to pools, tracks, tennis courts, and running trails to an increase in smarts from the folks who heed the various studies that emphasize the importance of regular exercise, and muster the inspiration to haul themselves off the sofa.

A study by James Blumenthal, PhD, HS’77-’79, a Duke professor of medical psychology, for instance, showed that regular exercise can in fact slow or even reverse some of the effects of aging that at one time were thought to be inevitable. Exercise builds bone density—lowering the risk of osteoporosis—and increases the ability of the heart to pump more effectively, as well as increase the blood’s oxygen-carrying capacity, which sharpens mental functions and reduces the risk of heart problems.

The study also showed that exercise doesn’t need to be of the sweat-drenching, high-intensity variety to yield big benefits. Walking, casual biking, and other simple aerobic activities done 30 minutes a day for five days a week yields substantial results.

“Even if you are 90 years old, you can increase your muscle strength and improve your overall health,” says Nuckolls. “I’m certainly going to keep doing it, because when I’m 70, I’ll be the young guy on the team.”

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—Claude T. Moorman III, MD (above)

By the numbers

The growth in active seniors is underscored by participation at the Senior Olympics. In 1987, just 2,500 athletes participated. The 2007, the Senior Games are expected to attract 15,000 athletes.

There’s even a magazine called Geezer Jock that bills itself as “The Masters Sports and Fitness Magazine.” (www.geezerjock.com)

Some athletes take competition pretty seriously, Nuckolls says. “We played against one guy who had prostate surgery three weeks prior. Another guy has a colostomy, and he’ll put you on the floor if you don’t watch it.”

Nuckolls has taken his athletic prowess to the international level, as well. In January 2005 he was a member of the United States age 65-69 basketball team, which won gold at the Maxi World Basketball Games in Christchurch, New Zealand. Unlike the Senior Games, though, this contest was five-on-five and full court.

“I had my photo taken with two women who were taller than me,” he says. “And I’m six-foot-seven.”

Way cool.

Nuckolls is the medical director of Carilion Internal Medicine, Virginia’s largest medical group, comprised of 330 doctors. He and his wife Mary Lilly Johnson Nuckolls, WC’61, live in Galax, Va.
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1940s

H. Lee Howard, T’40, MD’43, is retired and living in Savannah, Ga., with his wife Julia. The
Howards have four daughters, five granddaughters, one grandson, and three great-grand
daughters.

William H. Muller, Jr., MD’43, is vice president of health affairs and chair of surgery emeritus
at the University of Virginia. He says one of his most memorable Duke experiences is
receiving an internship appointment to Johns Hopkins. He and his wife Hildegwin have
three children and nine grandchildren and live in Charlottesville, Va.

Horace M. Baker, Jr., MD’44, HS’45–’46, ’47–’51, recently was awarded the coveted
Order of The Long Leaf Pine by the office of N.C. Governor Mike Easley. The award recognizes
individuals who have given at least 30 years of community service to the state and charitable
organizations. He retired from medical practice in 1987 and is enjoying traveling with Dorothy,
his wife of 57 years, playing golf, participating in church activities, and staying active in
Boys and Girls Club functions. The Bakers have three children—Annette, N’84, Ruth, and Horace M. Baker III. They live in Lumberton, N.C.

Jacob T. Bradsher, Jr., MD’44, is enjoying retirement by watching his grandchildren grow and by being “more and more amazed at the beauty of the world.” A fond memory of his is being interviewed for the School of Medicine by Dr. Wiley Forbus, who did so while hanging pictures in his office. He and his artist wife Shirley have two grown sons and a daughter. They live in Knoxville, Tenn.

Robert L. Hallet, MD’49, HS’49–’50, retired in 2003 from OB-GYN practice in Columbus, Ohio, where he also lives. He estimates that during his medical career, he delivered nearly 8,000 babies. His hobbies now include golf and flying a Piper Saratoga small plane for weekend breakfast meetings with friends. He is married to Sondra, WC’48, and has four children: Janice, Marsha, and Sandra all have MBAs, and son Michael is a urologist.

William McCall, Jr., T’45, MD’49, is retired, but he stays busy in the community by working with Senior Services, the hospice foundation, the arts council, the Piedmont Opera, and the Winston-Salem Symphony. His son Vaughn, T’80, MD’84, HS’88, leads the psychiatry department at Wake Forest University Medical Center, and his son Edgar is a Presbyterian minister. McCall lives in Winston-Salem, N.C.

1950s

Wilma J. C. Diner, MD’50, is enjoying retirement by exercising, studying and teaching Hebrew, participating in book clubs, and traveling. Her husband Jack is deceased, and she enjoys spending time with her three children and three grandsons—two are in college and one is in high school. She lives in Little Rock, Ark.

Norman H. Garrett, Jr., MD’50, HS’52–’54, DC, says he likes retirement, but “I still haven’t gotten around to most of the things I had planned to do the first year of retirement.” He and his wife Rebecca, N’49, keep busy on their 30-acre farm in Greensboro, N.C., and at their vacation home at North Myrtle Beach. They have four married children—including Elizabeth, T’75—16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Thomas C. Kerns, Jr., MD’50, HS’46–’50, is enjoying retirement by traveling, gardening, and fishing, among other things. He says passing biochemistry is one of his fondest memories of attending Duke. He and his wife Bernice have three grown children—William, B’94, is in the mortgage loan business in Durham; T. Kerns III is a Durham broker; and Susan works in marketing for Morgan Kegan. The Kernses live in Durham.

Simmons I. Patrick, MD’50, HS’50–’54, DC, is spending his retirement by working in his yard, playing golf, fishing, and serving as treasurer of his church. He and his wife Patsy, WC’47, live in Kinston, N.C.

Margaret P. Sullivan, MD’50, currently is in an assisted living facility in

This photo of Duke’s pediatric house staff, circa 1945, was submitted by G. Wallace Kernodle, MD’44, HS’45–’47, and his wife Craigie, RN’46, who live in Elon, N.C.

Back two rows, from left: Angus McBryde, MD; an intern; Arthur London, MD; a student; Wilbur C. Davidson, MD; a student; Sanz, an intern; Boucher, a resident; a nurse; Bill Davis, an intern; Wallace Kernodle, an intern; a nurse; Leo Bashinsky, a resident; and a nurse

Front row, from left: Jay Arena, MD; an intern; Carl Rogers (Dean Davison’s assistant); Susan Dees, MD; an intern; an intern; Miss Sherwood, RN; a nurse; Miss Jones, RN; and a nurse.

Editor’s Note: We weren’t able to identify everyone in the photo, so please let us know if you recognize anyone we haven’t named.
Houston, Texas, and is in good health, friends say, despite suffering significant memory loss. Sullivan originally was encouraged to attend Duke School of Medicine by a professor at Rice University who told her “they have air-conditioned cadaver rooms there.” She focused her studies on pediatrics, and had great admiration for Dean Davison, who suggested that the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission was in need of a pediatrician and recommended Sullivan. She spent 18 months in Hiroshima, Japan, and performed extensive health evaluations of some 2,500 children exposed to radiation from the atomic bomb dropped there during World War II.

**Alfred M. Sellers, BSM’51, MD’51, DC,** a cardiologist with the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, says he keeps busy “tryin’ to stay alive.” He lives in Narberth, Pa.

**Marshal E. Agner, MD’52,** has retired from family practice, but stays busy with church activities, fishing, playing golf, and boating. He and his wife Mildred have six children, 17 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and they live in Cherryville, N.C.

**Max V. Skee, MD’52,** has retired from family practice. He and his wife Mae live in Orange City, Fla., and have three grown children. Gary is the president of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship’s Church Benefits Board; Mark, T’78, HS’93-’94, is on Duke’s neurology faculty; and Judy is an associate professor of religion at Belmont University. The Skeens also have four grandsons.

**Col. William B. Jones, MD’54,** semi-retired from practicing orthopedic surgery, has recently traveled to southern Africa and Antarctica. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his three daughters and their husbands and his six grandchildren. He and his wife Ann, who is doing well after a bout with breast cancer, live in Greenville, S.C.

**George B. Skipworth, T’48, MD’54, DC,** still in solo dermatology practice at 79 years old, says he is “trying to avoid cosmetic dermatology.” A volunteer medical missionary with Tejas Missions for 30 years, he has traveled to Belize, Guatemala, and Brazil. Skipworth and his wife Eileen, WC’51, who died in 2004, raised three children: James, deceased since 1995; Heather, who lives in Seattle with her husband; and William, who works in graphics for Beacon Ministries. Skipworth, who lives in Columbus, Ga., says his most memorable Duke experience is playing football for coach Wallace Wade.

**Sidney Breibart, G’53, MD’55,** retired in 2000 from his practice in general pediatrics and is enjoying his free time by taking a literature course at Georgia State University, bird watching, and subsequent surgical training under one of these men, Sir Alexander Fleming, and the wise counsel of two other prominent physicians during my time at St. Mary’s Hospital in London in the 1950s.

Sir Alexander Fleming was the first person who interviewed me for acceptance at St. Mary’s. He was such a humble man with a caring voice. I probably remember him most as the only examiner on “final day” who did not quiz me with a medical question. Unexpectedly, he asked how I rated British versus American ballet and what plays I had seen on the London stage. This example of his broad interests spills out his artistic curiosity and might well reflect on the significance and importance that Duke now places on the summer reading program for its incoming students.

A second professor, Sir Arthur Porritt, had such fine academic standards. He could weave the intricate surgical movements of his hands and fingers into descriptive words during daily patient rounds. He always recognized with great humility the lowest member of his “round team.” I remember him most for his great carriage and posture that won him a medal as a distance runner in the Olympics.

Of course, he was most readily recognized for his impeccable dress. He made hospital rounds in full formal British style: long tails, striped pants, and always ushered by his chauffeur driver—in his Rolls Royce. Mr. Handfield-Jones wanted his title to remain “mister,” a reflection of the origin of the surgical specialty in the barbershops of England. He and Sir Arthur compiled a textbook on surgery—my bible while on his surgical service. Although exhibiting the most contrast of these three professors, he was a mild gentleman, a precise surgeon, and a stickler for details.

After more than 50 years, I remain grateful for my British experience at St. Mary’s, yet gratifyingly indebted to the Duke professors of my time who helped and encouraged me on my road to a successful medical career.

—submitted by **William J. Perry, MD’50, Davison Club**
volunteering to help kids read, walking, and traveling. He and his wife Bernice have three children, four grandchildren, and live in Atlanta, Ga.

David E. Cowan, MD’55, DC, still practices urology in his office two days a week. The rest of his time is spent visiting his four grandchildren, being a member of the choral society and his church choir, and making occasional golf outings. He also has taken six missions trips to Central America and Africa. He and his wife Martha have two children—David and Susan—who both have two children. The Cowans live in Rock Hill, S.C.

Thomas H. Crowder, Jr., MD’55, HS’55-’57, ’59-’60, DC, retired from pediatrics practice, volunteers at a local museum, conducting research on the history of medicine in his county. He and his wife Thelma, WC’56, live in South Boston, Va.

Robert G. Deyton, Jr., T’51, MD’55, DC, Half-Century Club, and his wife Yvonne, WC’53, can boast that four of their six children also attended Duke. They are: Kara, T’89; Melinda, T’76; Nancy, T’78; and Catherine, T’79. And one of their 16 grandchildren—John Nelson, T’08—is a Dukie as well. Robert is enjoying his retirement from OB/GYN by building furniture, playing golf, and traveling to Europe and the U.S. national parks. He and Yvonne have been married 52 years and live in Greenville, N.C.

Harold Simon, MD’55, DC, retired in 1995 as chairman of the Department of Radiology and as clinical professor at Tufts University Medical School, and is now working part-time in clinical consulting. He enjoys golf, travel, and visiting his grandchildren, and is about to celebrate his 50th anniversary with his wife Jane. They have two grown sons and live in Palm Beach, Fla., and spend the summers in New England. He said his new hip and knee enable him to stay active.

Richard B. Smith, T’51, MD’55, is enjoying retirement by traveling the globe. He and his wife Alice, WC’54, most recently went to India. They also have visited Russia, Iceland, Thailand, China, Spain, Germany, and Peru. The couple recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. They have two grown sons and live in Palm Beach, Fla., and spend the summers in New England. He said his new hip and knee enable him to stay active.

David F. Watson, MD’55, has retired from pediatrics and is spending time traveling, gardening, reading, and volunteering at a charity clinic. He says attending Duke was one of the highlights of his life. He lives in Muskogee, Okla.

Charles A. Wilkinson, MD’56, HS’56-’58, now fully retired from practice, reports that he was among the first to perform laparoscopic procedures in Wilmington, N.C. He keeps busy these days by turning bowls and vessels on his lathe, hunting, fishing, and doing construction with Habitat for Humanity. He and his wife Ann celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August with a party thrown for them by their three children and seven grandchildren. They live in Wilmington.

Eugene L. Harley, MD’57, is retired. He says he enjoys musical pursuits and travel. He and his wife Constance, WC’49, live in Atlanta, Ga.

Robert L. Smith, T’54, MD’57, DC, a clinical associate professor with the University of Washington OB/GYN department, teaches part time. In May, he presented a poster entitled “Travel, Pregnancy, and Infectious Diseases—Risks and Prevention” at the 9th Conference of the International Society of Travel Medicine in Portugal. He also recently returned from a 17-day trip to Tibet. Smith lives in Shoreline, Wash.

Alan Solomon, MD’57, Half-Century Club, a hematologist/oncologist for 50 years, works two days a week. He recently presented a poster at the American Society of Hematology meeting, presenting data on his recent research on the history of hematology. He enjoys participating in the Half-Century Club, spending time traveling, and visiting his four grandchildren. He and his wife Jane have three children and seven grandchildren. They live in Burlington, Okla.

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In 1957, Billy Andrews (center), received the first-place prize for the best paper in the annual Schering Award competition, which included 83 medical schools. Duke School of Medicine Dean Wilbur C. Davison is pictured second from the right.

**Hero Worship**

Billy F. Andrews, MD’57, DC, professor and chairman emeritus of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, has been busy on the lecture and writing circuits, professing his admiration for, and the historic importance of, Duke Medical School’s founding dean, the late Wilbur C. Davison, MD. “Dean Davison was the penultimate medical mentor of my life,” Andrews said in an April 2005 lecture titled “Selection and Role of Mentors” at the 35th Annual Meeting of the American Osler Society in Pasadena, Calif. It is a common theme in other recent lectures and articles that include his March 2005 talk to The Innominant Society of Louisville titled, “Wilbert C. Davison, MD, Dean and Builder of the Duke Medical School and Center—My Hero, Mentor, Benefactor and Friend.” Andrews was mentored by Davison at Duke from 1953-57. He says that “few men have left such an impact upon twentieth century medical education, delivery of health care, research, and public service” as Davison. Andrews also is chief of staff emeritus for Kosair Charities Pediatric Center in Louisville, Ky. He and his wife Faye, WC’60, live in Floyds Knob, Ky.

and professor of medicine at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine, also serves as a clinical research professor for the American Cancer Society. He reports that he has published numerous articles in scientific journals and been involved with the development of anti-amyloid antibodies. In his spare time, he enjoys stone masonry and landscaping. Solomon and his wife, Andrea Cartwright, live in Knoxville, Tenn.

**George A. Engstrom, MD’59, HS’59-62**, a retired pediatrician, serves as a physician for Stonewall Jackson Juvenile Detention Center and as medical director for Hospice of Cabarrus County. He also volunteers at the Community Free Clinic. Recently named an honorary member of the N.C. Pediatric Society, Engstrom stays busy by gardening, painting, and “getting in [his] wife’s way.” He and Linda, N’60, live in Concord, N.C.

**Robert E. Gaddy, Jr., MD’59**, is enjoying his retirement by “trying to get an education—not in medicine,” he says. “Reading about subjects other than medical is a great pastime.” He fondly recalls his medical school teachers and says that they will always have his gratitude and respect. Gaddy and his wife Margaret have three children and six grandchildren and live in Raleigh, N.C.

**Melvin Litch, Jr., MD’59, HS’59-60**, practices ophthalmology with the UT Medical Group in Germantown, Tenn., and serves as a clinical assistant professor in the University of Tennessee’s Department of Ophthalmology. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf and traveling. He and his wife Debbie—executive producer of Theatre Memphis, the largest and oldest community theatre in the Southeast—live in Germantown.

**Alonzo H. Myers, Jr., T’55, MD’59, Half-Century Club**, an orthopedic surgeon with the Lewis Gale Clinic in Salem, Va., also serves as an associate councilor for the Southern Medical Association. “What could be more fun than doing what you like and feeling that it means something?” he asks—and adds a big thank you and offer “to help wherever” to class agent Ed Bowen, T’57, MD’59, HS’59. When not at the office, he says he keeps busy as a fund raiser for Trinity College Class of 1955, and working with their son at his packaging and shipping store. Myers and his wife Dorotha have four children and eight grandchildren and live in Roanoke, Va.

**George B. Reed, Jr., MD’59, HS’60-61**, is retired from practicing pediatrics and pathology, and spends his time relaxing in Monterey, Calif., where he lives, he reports. He cites genetic medicine as a major medical breakthrough during his career—and says his most memorable Duke experience is “censored.”

**1960s**

**Philip H. Pearce, MD’60, HS’60, HS’64-67, DC**, who retired in 2004, says his fondest Duke memory is assisting professor and Department of Surgery Chairman Roy T. Parker in surgery when the drawstring on his scrub pants gave way, causing them to drop to his ankles. Since retiring, he and Ann—his wife of 48 years—have traveled to 46 countries, volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, play tennis, and garden. They have three children and seven grandchildren, and live in Durham.

**W. Taylor Johnson, T’58, MD’61**, has retired to Wilmington, N.C., where he is enjoying the beach and the Cape Fear Jazz Appreciation Society.
Robert K. Yowell, MD’61, HS’64-'69, Half-Century Club, is with Durham Obstetrics and Gynecology and is also an assistant clinical professor at Duke. After 37 years in practice and more than 5,000 deliveries, he says he plans to retire next year. In addition to serving on the boards of the Ronald McDonald House and Habitat for Humanity, he is the president-elect of Caring House. He has several prominent memories of his time as a Duke student: the death of his first child from leukemia, men’s basketball, and Roy T. Parker, MD, HS’49-'51. He and his wife Barbara, RN’62, who still works part time, live in Durham. Their children are Robert II, T’88, Sally, T’90, a clinical oncology pharmacist at Duke; and Charles, T’92, MD’00, Duke’s chief urology resident.

Yank D. Coble, Jr., T’59, MD’62, DC, a Jacksonville, Fla., endocrinologist, is the president of the World Medical Association. The central theme of his presidency is the Caring Physicians of the World initiative, which includes a book by the same name—edited by Coble, published in October, and comprised of profiles of 65 physicians from 55 nations who “demonstrate the enduring traditions and values of medicine: caring, ethics, and science,” he says. Coble served as co-chair for the First World Medical Conference in Shanghai in June and delivered the graduation address at Shanghai Second Medical University, from which he received the Honorary Professor of Medicine Award. He lists rounding with Dr. Stead and the retirement address for Dr. Davison among his most memorable Duke experiences. He and his wife Shereth share five children and 11 grandchildren and live in Neptune Beach, Fla.

Craig G. Black, MD’63, is a health and wellness counselor who practices general medicine and psychiatry in Palm Beach, Fla. He and his wife Lucille live in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

James A. Carter, T’60, MD’63, is with Piedmont ENT Associates in Atlanta and serves as the president of the Georgia Otolaryngology Society. In his spare time, he enjoys playing tennis, fishing, and gardening. His wife Janice teaches children with learning disabilities, and his daughter works with an advertising agency. The Carters live in Atlanta.

A. Everette James, Jr., MD’63, DC, and his wife Nancy J. Farmer have been awarded the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine—North Carolina’s highest civilian honor—by Governor Mike Easley. It is given to individuals who have a record of extraordinary service to the state. Past recipients include Maya Angelou and Billy Graham. In addition, James has produced several books on art and pottery, most recently the 304-page book Collecting American Paintings: Identification and Values, which offers steps in selecting and authenticating a painting, determining its value and acquiring a painting at an auction, among other things. The couple lives in Chapel Hill.

Frederick L. Ruben, T’60, MD’64, specialized in internal medicine and infectious diseases with Sanofi Pasteur in Swiftwater, Pa., where he also lives with his wife, Dr. Mary Kathryn Reeves-Hoché. In his spare time, he enjoys grandparenting and cycling.

Stephen C. Boone, T’60, G’64, MD’65, Half-Century Club, is a retired brigadier general in the U.S. Army Reserve and a neurosurgical consultant in group practice. The president of the Triangle chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, he also serves on the vestry of his church. He and his wife Susan live in Raleigh, N.C.

David M. Hawkins, T’62, MD’65, a psychiatrist in private practice in Chapel Hill, N.C., has also served as vice chair of the Group Psychotherapy Foundation, which he reports recently ended its $1.35 million capital campaign. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling with his art historian partner. He lives in Chapel Hill.

W. Charles A. Sternbergh, Jr., MD’65, is retired from practicing neurosurgery and has since developed “Project Access,” a program to provide donated health care for the working poor who have no insurance. He also has taken several mission trips to Haiti for the Children’s Nutrition Program of Haiti, with fellow Duke grad Joe Markee, MD’65. Charles and his wife Martha celebrated their 45th anniversary in September. They have two grown children—W.C.A. “Chip” Sternbergh III, MD, is a vascular surgeon in New Orleans; and daughter Catherine is a photographer and mother of two boys in Kansas City. The Sternberghs live in Signal Mountain, Tenn.

H. Benjamin Stone III, MD’65, HS’66-'70, DC, has retired from his otolaryngology practice and keeps busy by helping others with their genealogy and being active in his local Scottish Heritage Society. He and his wife Merle have three grown sons and one grandson. They live in New Bern, N.C.

Craig T. Smith, MD’66, retired from practicing otolaryngology, enjoys artistic blacksmithing, Damascus steel art knife making, and old-time fiddling. His daughter

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Allison is a Charleston, S.C., anesthesiologist, and his son Ethan is a businessman in Los Angeles. Smith lives in Asheville, N.C.

Henry V. Austin, MD’67, HS’67–’71, DC, the president of the Pinehurst Rheumatology Clinic, lists his most memorable Duke experience as small group sessions with Dr. Stead. Austin and his wife Lyn live in Pinehurst, N.C., and “have no dogs, cats, or grandchildren.” In his free time, he enjoys Duke basketball, boating, and adult education.

Herbert E. Segal, MD’67, and his wife Patricia, WC’67, recently relocated from Long Island, N.Y., to Raleigh, N.C., where he now practices general preventive medicine with Morning Mountain Associates and serves as a managed care consultant.

Harold B. Kernodle, Jr., MD’69, is an orthopedic surgeon with the Kernodle Clinic in Burlington, N.C. He and his wife Lucy, N’69, live in Graham, N.C. Their daughter Carey Kernodle Anders is an oncology/hematology fellow at Duke.

Douglas B. Kirkpatrick, MD’69, DC, has been appointed by Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski to the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners. Kirkpatrick practiced neurosurgery for many years in Utah and Oregon until semi-retiring in 2003. He now volunteers at a community health center when not working for the board. He enjoys caring for a small vineyard and winery in Medford, Ore., where he lives with his wife Terrie. They have six children, including one Duke grad—Linda Barman, T’96—and two physicians.

1970s

James C. Ballenger, MD’70, HS’70–’71, a psychiatrist and forensic psychiatry expert in Charleston, S.C., reports that he has just published his 14th “and final book—and is now perfecting working less than 40 hours a week and enjoying my three-year-old third son, my wife, and my first grandchild.” He lives in Isle of Palms, S.C.

William R. Somers, T’66, MD’70, HS’70–’71, ’74–’77, is semi-retired from his gastroenterology practice and now runs a hepatitis/HIV/heroin addiction clinic for the poor and uninsured. He also treats patients for hepatitis and HIV at five federal prisons. In his spare time he enjoys building furniture, fly fishing, tending to his orchard, and visiting his four grown children. He and his wife Nancy Story Somers, MD, have four children—Andrew works for Bank of America; Michael is an emergency room physician; Emma is a recent graduate of Princeton and now is teaching in France; and Kathryn, T’06. The Somerses live in Cogan Station, Pa.

Jonathan M. Ward, MD’71, a cardiologist, has joined the staff at the University of Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand. He said his wife Maggi and their two teenage daughters are looking forward to experiencing the new culture. They will be moving from Boulder, Colo.

Samuel B. Brown, MD’72, is a psychiatrist in private practice in Atlanta, where she also lives with her husband Walter McCreary. Brown, who has a 15-year-old daughter, enjoys teaching at the Emory University School of Medicine. She and McCreary recently built a retirement home in Cashiers, N.C.

Samuel P. Martin IV, MD’72, is with Vascular Specialists of Central Florida. He lives in Orlando, Fla.

John Migliori, MD’72, DC, and his wife Mary Migliori, MD, are keeping busy raising a 7-year-old daughter and twin 18-month-old boys. John is staff anesthesiologist and co-director of anesthesia at Treasure Valley Hospital in Boise, Idaho, where the family lives.

Tai-Po Tschang, MD’72, DC, director of pathology at St. Agnes Medical Center in Fresno, Calif., says he’s been enjoying his free time with travel, opera, and golf. His oldest son, Chi-Chu, T’96, is a reporter in Beijing. His second son, Chi-Young, started a charter school in Fresno and is its principal, and daughter, Chi-Jia, is going to graduate school in Peking University. Tai-Po and his wife Grace live in Fresno.

John H. Dorminy III, MD’74, DC, practices OB/GYN with the Tifton (Ga.) Women’s Center. He and his wife Katarina have three children—John IV, T’91, is married with five children; Malindy has twin two-year-old sons; and Charles married in 2004—and live in Fitzgerald, Ga.

Robert I. Kahn, MD’75, who practices urologic surgery with Pan Pacific Urology in San Francisco, is president-elect of the Urology Society of America. He also serves as medical director for Duke.

MAA CALENDAR

January 24, 2006
King Tut Exhibition
Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Art
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Contact Kim Garcia, 919-681-0476.

March 16, 2006
Duke School of Medicine Match Day
Searle Center
Durham, NC
Contact Jennifer Crumpler, 919-667-2518.

March 17-18, 2006
Medical Families Weekend
Durham, NC
Contact Jenny Jones, 919-667-2517.

March 31, 2006
Medical Alumni Council Meeting
Washington Duke Inn
Durham, NC
Contact Ellen Luken, 919-667-2537.

May 14, 2006
Duke School of Medicine Graduation Ceremonies
Durham, NC
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June 12, 2006
King Tut Exhibition
The Field Museum
Chicago, IL
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Duke University Presidential Receptions
June 21, 2006 – Hong Kong
June 22, 2006 – Taipei Taiwan
June 26, 2006 – Seoul Korea
June 27, 2006 – Tokyo Japan
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a mobile prostate laser company. He and Gerri, his wife of 24 years and a first-grade teaching assistant, have two children who are both students at San Diego State University—Jeremy, 22, who is studying engineering, and Meredith, 19, who is studying pre-veterinary biology. They live in San Rafael, Calif.

Dean L. McCarley, MD’75, is a staff oncologist with the VA Medical Center in Gainesville, Fla., where he and his wife Linda live.

Ned S. Stoughton, MD’75, has moved to Las Vegas, Nev., to become medical director of a large, non-profit hospice, after completing a one-year fellowship in hospice/palliative care in San Diego. He and his wife Noemi have a grown daughter, Nicole, who lives in Phoenix, Ariz., where she sells real estate. Ned enjoys reading mysteries and going on medical mission trips to Mexico and Central America. The Stoughtons live in Henderson, Nev.

James M. Horton, MD’77, specializes in infectious diseases with Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C., where he also serves in a clinic for AIDS patients. In his spare time, Horton enjoys hiking and bicycling. He and his wife Kathleen have a daughter, Sarah, and live in Charlotte.

A Tall Order

Pediatric surgeon Kurt D. Newman, MD’78, DC, recently had a unique opportunity to practice far outside of his typical patient population. Although at not quite three years old, the patient was considered a youngster, he stood nearly 13 feet tall and weighed some 1,300 pounds.

Jafari the giraffe needed an operation—and on October 5, Newman helped veterinarians at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., remove a cancerous tumor from the top of his head. A team of 28 people took part in the procedure.

Newman, executive director of the Joseph E. Robert, Jr., Center for Surgical Care at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, says a long professional relationship with Suzan Murray, DVM, the zoo’s chief veterinarian, led to him being tapped to help with this and other animal surgeries.

Murray had collaborated with a pediatric surgeon when she served as the Fort Worth Zoo’s head veterinarian, Newman explains, and “she felt that the partnership worked well because pediatric surgeons are used to working with small people and small operations, and the technical aspects of that experience are helpful for working on animals,” he says. “In addition, I’m used to working as part of a large team like they needed to do for this surgery.”

Newman was called in after zookeepers discovered a grapefruit-sized lump on Jafari’s head that tested positive for cancer cells. The diagnosis was basal cell carcinoma, never before heard of in a giraffe.

He prepared for the surgery by talking at length with Murray, reading, and looking at lots of photos of giraffe anatomy. In addition to the fact that he was helping to operate on a half-ton animal in a stall in the zoo’s Elephant House—where the environment, the lighting, and the instruments are so different from a “human OR”—Newman says several things were noteworthy about the 40-minute surgery.

“What was really difficult and special was that using general anesthesia on giraffes is difficult due to their unique anatomy and high mortality rate associated with anesthesia use, and there was concern that Jafari wouldn’t make it through the operation,” he says. “We had to work quickly because we weren’t sure how much medicine he could tolerate and we could only keep him down for so long.”

After the surgery, it was critical that the giraffe emerged from the effects of the anesthesia and got back on his feet safely. There was also the concern of potentially deadly bloat, which can occur in ruminant, or cud-chewing, animals like giraffes when they are unable to expel gas from the digestive tract, as might occur under anesthesia.

Although the procedure itself was uneventful and there were no post-surgical complications, Jafari’s prognosis was poor. Because the tumor had spread from flesh to bone, the surgeons were unable to remove it entirely, and sadly, the giraffe developed severe neurological symptoms and had to be euthanized eleven days later.

“I wish we could have done more for Jafari, but we learned a lot, and it was satisfying to know that we tried to help him,” Newman says. “The National Zoo has a great team of highly skilled, very committed doctors and keepers, and it’s an honor that they have enough trust in me to have asked me to participate.”

—Jeni Baker
From Pfiesteria to Mold—Shoemaker Documents Environmental Toxins

For Ritchie Shoemaker, T’73, MD’77, of Pokomoke City, Md, what began in 1997 as a campaign to link human health problems with exposure to the estuarine micro-organism, Pfiesteria, has evolved into a passionate study of the dangers of indoor mold exposure.

This work, he says, holds promise for hundreds of thousands of people who may be falsely diagnosed with fibromyalgia, stress, depression, chronic fatigue, or chronic Lyme disease.

“I have clear data, rooted in the work of physicians who actually treat patients and who know what microbes growing in moldy buildings do to people,” says the family physician, who also is medical director for the non-profit Center for Research on Biotxin Associated Illnesses, and president of Chronic Neurotoxins, Inc.

Yet, Shoemaker says, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) maintain that exposure to mold has not shown to cause chronic health effects beyond respiratory illness.

Shoemaker vehemently disagrees. “We have shown the biochemical changes that develop after four hours of exposure, 24 hours, 48 hours and then 72 hours,” he says. “And our data can tell you what genes make a person susceptible to mold illness.”

He has studied complement C3a and C4a, referred to as anaphylatoxins. They activate inflammatory responses, smooth muscle contraction, histamine release from mast cells, and enhanced vascular permeability.

“No one routinely measures these. But levels start going up abnormally four hours after exposure to biological toxins, especially mold,” he says.

His findings have been published in Neurotoxicology and Teratology and in the peer-reviewed book by Eckhardt Johanning, MD, Bioaerosols, Fungi, Bacteria, Mycotoxins and Human Health. He has four upcoming papers, including a double-blinded, placebo-controlled clinical trial and one on 288 adults and 100 children with illness caused by exposure to water-damaged buildings.

Patients from around the world have been referred to him, and to date he has diagnosed and treated nearly 2,700 patients with mold illnesses. He says the cholesterol-lowering drug cholestyramine has improved their health, presumably by binding to the toxins and flushing them from the body.

“There is no rational basis for mold patients to be ignored by the medical profession any longer. We have validated biochemical markers that document what is wrong physiologically with patients sickened by contaminated indoor air.”

He is lobbying Congress to amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959, and the Toxic Substance Control Act to better protect the public against toxic mold.

His mold studies grew out of his advocacy in the late 1990s to prove that fungicides leaching from chicken farms into the Pocomoke River on Maryland’s eastern shore were causing the usually benign Pfiesteria to become toxic. Local watermen and vacationers who frequented the river developed mysterious rashes, headaches, cramps, memory loss, and breathing problems. The state eventually closed Pfiesteria-infested waters for about two weeks and launched a multi-state study on Pfiesteria blooms that proved inconclusive.

—Jim Rogalski

Garland R. Moeller, MD’77, DC, is a rheumatologist and assistant consulting professor with Duke Medical Center. He and his wife Wendy, MD’77, have four children: Carrie, T’05; Thayer, T’07, who is majoring in physics; Cameron, a student at the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics; and Chandler, a high school freshman. The family lives in Trent Woods, N.C.

L. Reuven Pasternak, MD’77, has been named executive vice president and chief medical officer for the Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, which consists of six hospitals, including the University of Cincinnati. He will direct clinical development, safety, and quality programs, and serve as academic liaison with the School of Medicine. His wife Nancy has left her position as associate dean for academic affairs and chief academic officer at the University of Cincinnati. She and her husband Paul Lieberman live in Providence, R.I.

1980s

Carroll B. “Cap” Lesesne, MD’80, authored Confessions of a Park Avenue Plastic Surgeon, published this year by Gotham Books. Confessions offers a behind-the-scenes look at Lesesne’s Manhattan practice…the vanity, the procedure details, the wealthy and famous clientele. The book—dedicated to his father John M. Lesesne, MD’50, and his mentor David C. Sabiston, Jr., MD—also describes Lesesne’s road to becoming a plastic surgeon and credits Duke Medicine with contributing to his professional success. This winter, Lesesne is coming out with a line of skin-care products to be sold at Saks Fifth Avenue stores. He lives in Manhattan, N.Y.
Margaret E. Parker, T’76, MD’80, retired in 2000 from practicing developmental and behavioral pediatrics. Her most memorable Duke experience is portraying Duke pediatrician Shirley Oстерhout, WC’53, MD’57, HS’57-’59, in The Duke Follies. Her husband of 20 years, Attila Farkas, owns a promotional products business. They have one child, she reports—Gusse, a nine-year-old college senior majoring in chemical engineering. She finds it “a challenge to maintain enthusiasm and a good attitude in the current milieu of medical-legal concerns,” she writes. Sprung conducts clinical community-based medical research when he can, and in his free time, he enjoys playing tennis, landscaping, and writing poetry. He and his wife Denise have two children—Katherine, 2, “is the princess of our house,” he says. The family lives in Maitland, Fla.

Steven A. Wool, MD’80, HS’80-’83, DC, has completed five clinical studies in the past year, and three abstracts were accepted for presentation at the National American College of Gastroenterology meetings in November. He finds it “a challenge to maintain enthusiasm and a good attitude in the current milieu of medical-legal concerns,” he writes. Sprung conducts clinical community-based medical research when he can, and in his free time, he enjoys playing tennis, landscaping, and writing poetry. He and his wife Denise have two children—Katherine, a college senior majoring in chemical engineering, and Greg, T’09—and live in Maitland, Fla.

Steven A. Wool, MD’80, recently started a small group practice with two physicians and two nurses in Tucson, Ariz., where he lives. One of his partners in the business is fellow Duke alumnus, cardiologist Dennis Citron, MD, T’71. Steven and his wife Cindy have three daughters—a junior and a freshman at the University of Denver, and a high school freshman. In his free time Steven enjoys cycling and working out with weights.

Capt. Richard J. Calvert, T’77, MD’81, is a captain in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. Recently deployed for two weeks to Louisiana to aid in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort, he served in a leadership capacity in several locations. Calvert’s regular professional duties include conducting research in lung cancer and practicing internal medicine part time with the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. In his free time, he enjoys swimming, family boating, and water skiing. He and his wife Norma stay busy raising John, 16, and William, 12. The family lives in Gaithersburg, Md.

Martha A. McKnight, MD’81, HS’82-’86, DC, a general and child/adolescent psychiatrist with the Tri-County Community Health Center in Newton Grove, N.C., recently retired from the U.S. military. McKnight, who lives in Dunn, N.C., has also served as a Christian missionary in third-world countries. She reports the death of her only sibling from cancer in 2004.

Wayland C. “Chad” Stephens, MD’81, a psychiatrist and family practitioner with New Directions in Winston-Salem, N.C., also serves as the medical director for behavioral health at Forsyth Medical Center. He and his wife Jane are involved with the Amani Children’s Foundation, which serves African children orphaned by AIDS. The Stephens adopted two Kenyan children in 1999. The family lives in Winston-Salem.

John B. Buse, MD’83, G’85, a nephrologist and diabetes specialist, is the chief of the UNC Division of General Medicine and the director of the UNC Diabetes Care Center. Currently the vice president of the American Diabetes Association, he will serve as president beginning in 2007. He and his wife, Dr. Laura Lynn Raftery, T’82, live in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Harry J. D’Agostino, Jr., MD’83, is an associate professor of surgery and cardiothoracic surgeon with the University of Florida Health Science Center, where he recently was named the director of the multidisciplinary thoracic oncology program. All of his free time is devoted to family, he says. His wife Carman, who leads hospital development for its organ procurement organization, have two children: Harry III, 7, enjoys sailing and playing soccer, and Catherine, 2, “is the princess of our house,” he says. The family lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Amy R. Csorba, MD’84, HS’84-’87, is a family medicine practitioner with Integrative Physicians in Durham, where she also lives with her husband Robert L. Schmitz, MD, HS’78-’81. Her daughter Jessie, 19, is a student at UNCG—Chapel Hill, after taking a year off to become fluent in Spanish, study in Madrid, and work in a Peruvian orphanage.

Pamela Levine Horstmeyer, MD’85, a family physician in Colorado, recently completed training in acupuncture and sees two to three acupuncture patients per week in her home. She and her husband Martin have twin eight-year-old girls—Rachel and Jennifer—who were born after a month-long trek through Thailand, which included a stop at a fertility shrine in Bangkok. The family lives in Loveland, Colo., and enjoys skiing and other outdoor activities.

Steven H. Reid, MD’85, and his wife, Lisa McCoy Reid, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in July 2006. He says one of his fondest Duke memories is having “Dr. Sabiston knowing my name, Lisa’s name, and Lisa’s occupation when he had our class come to a reception at his house.” They have two children—Brandon, 15, and Jedd, 7. Steven’s hobbies include basketball, weightlifting, hiking, camping, canoeing, gardening and teaching Sunday school to four-year-olds. He is a staff radiologist at Wesley Long Community Hospital in Greensboro, where they live.

Osbert Blow, MD’86, HS’87-’88, PhD’94, remembers his second year on surgery rotation
Lyerly and his wife Kelli have four sons—Forrest, Andrew, Hunter, and Blake—and live in Louisville, N.C.

Grant R. Simons, T'85, MD'89, HS’96-97, and his wife Sunisa welcomed their fourth child (and first son) in March. Scott joins siblings Nicole, Emily, and Julia. Grant is chief of cardiac electrophysiology at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood, N.J., and an associate clinical professor of medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. He is a member of the Adelphi Chamber Orchestra. The family lives in Tenafly, N.J.

**1990s**

Kerry J. Rodabaugh, MD’90, HS’90-94, an attending physician at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y., has established a legal services program for terminally ill patients. Her husband, James K. Schwarz, MD’87, HS’87-94, also is on staff at Roswell Park as a medical oncologist specializing in lung, head, and neck cancers. They have two children—daughter Kendall, 8, and adopted son Thomas, 4. The family lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Richard W. Sumrall, MD’90, spent two weeks at McMurdo Station, Antarctica, in 2002-03 as the military flight surgeon. He was awarded the U.S. military Air Medal for flying casualties in Pakistan and Afghanistan combat zones as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. A member of the U.S. Air Force triathlon team for six consecutive years, Sumrall competed in the 2005 World Military Triathlon on the U.S. Master’s Team and won the All-American ranking by USA Triathlon for 2000-04. He has been busy rebuilding his life and his Mary Esther, Fla., home after Hurricane Ivan “destroyed it all,” and says that “passing pharmacology” is his most memorable Duke experience.

Rowena Dolor Cuffe, T’87, MD’91, HS’91-95, MHS’98, DC, practices internal medicine at DukeMed. She and her husband Michael, MD’91, HS’91-95, DC, a cardiologist at Duke, welcomed their third child, Evan, in 2004. The family lives in Chapel Hill.

Lisa Gangarosa, MD’91, an associate professor of medicine with UNC Hospital, is a member of the American Gastroenterologic Association’s international committee. She says her most memorable Duke experience is receiving the Howard Hughes Medical Student Fellowship, which paid most of her expenses of her last two years at Duke. Gangarosa and her husband, James Harrison, have two daughters and live in Chapel Hill.

Janice A. Gault, T’87, MD’91, DC, an ophthalmologist with Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., says that her biggest challenge as a physician is “balancing family and career, and doing it well.” She and her husband, Dr. James F. Vander, have three children—Caroline, 4; William, 2; and Eliza, who was born in May. They live in Narberth, Pa.

Richard L. Crownover, G’85, PhD’88, MD’92, HS’91-92, has been appointed the director of the Reading Hospital Regional Cancer Center in Reading, Pa. In his spare time, he enjoys flying, mountain climbing, and farming. He lives in Mohrsville, Pa.

Scott F. Echelberger, G’92, has been appointed vice president of operations and chief operating officer for Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory, N.C., where he lives with his wife Jackie and their two sons, David and Thomas.

John D. Meissner, MD’92, recently spent six months doing smallpox research at the State Research Center for Virology and Biotechnology (Vector) in Novosibirsk, Russian Federation. Vector and the CDC in Atlanta are the only World Health Organization-sanctioned...
repositories for remaining smallpox virus stocks. No other foreign scientists had been granted on-site access to smallpox work at Vector prior to this. Meissner currently is dividing his time between London and Honolulu.

Stephen D. Tedder, T'88, MD'92, opened his own practice—Douglassville Eye Clinic—just west of Atlanta, Ga., in August. This followed a six-week, self-guided tour of Australia and New Zealand. He says that the autographed picture of him standing beside Coach K from the 2002 Duke Medical Alumni Weekend generates more office commentary than any of his academic certificates. “Go Blue Devils!” He lives in Atlanta.

Michael B. Wallace, MD'92, has been promoted to associate professor at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Jacksonville, Fla. He has received the 2005 Teacher of the Year Award in the Division of Gastroenterology. He and his wife Claudia have three sons, ages 10, 7, and 4, whom he coaches in soccer. The family lives in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

David R. Blair, MD'94, Cornerstone Society, who has now completed his obligation with the U.S. Army, most recently served as the Army’s lead physician for the clinical integration of the world-wide deployment of CHCS II, the Department of Defense’s electronic medical record system. Now practicing as a family physician with Bloomer Medical Center-Mayo Health System in rural Wisconsin, Blair and his wife Frances, L'93, have two children—Eleanor, 4, and Abigail, 2. Son Frederick was due to arrive in October. The family lives in Bloomer, Wis.

James V. Eaton, T'88, MD'94, HS'94-'00, DC, is a urological surgeon with Urology of Atlanta. He and his wife Mel, a pediatrician, have two children—Katie and Jack—and live in Atlanta.

Toni D. Sublett-Rogers, MD'94, DC, and her husband Olsen recently welcomed their first child, Jordan Matthew. Toni has a solo practice in internal medicine in Springfield, Ohio, where Olsen practices pediatrics.

Douglas E. Drachman, MD'95, and his wife Erica Mayer welcomed their first child, a son, Jamie, in April. They recently moved to Newton, Mass., a suburb of Boston. Drachman has joined the staff of the cardiac unit at Massachusetts General Hospital. He works in the cath lab and performs coronary and peripheral vascular interventions.

Russell Rothman, T'92, G'96, MD'96, HS'96-'00, and his wife Alice, MD'97, HS'97-'00, welcomed their son Jacob in March. Jacob’s middle name is Cameron for Cameron Indoor Stadium, where Russell and Alice had their first date at a Duke-UVA basketball game on Valentine’s Day 1996. Russell is an assistant professor of internal medicine and pediatrics, and Alice is an assistant professor of pediatrics—both at Vanderbilt. The family lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Lt. Cmdr. James E. Duncan, T'93, MD'97, recently returned from a routine scheduled deployment to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, based in Norfolk, Va. The 7,600 shipmates of the Truman Carrier Strike Group were deployed in support of the global war on terrorism. Carriers like this are deployed throughout the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available. He is married to Diedre Glasser, T'93. They live in Bethesda, Md.

Sara Dyer Flora, MD'97, a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians, is an emergency physician in Louisville, Ky. Married to Brian Flora in 2003, she has a stepson—Ryan, 7—and celebrated the birth of daughter Sydney in August. The family lives in Crestwood, Ky.

Joseph S. Miles, T'93, MD'97, is an attending physician at Pennsylvania Cardiology Associates in Philadelphia. He and his wife, Jessica, T'93, have a daughter Katherine Olivia, 1, and live in Philadelphia, Pa.

Phillippa J. Miranda, T'93, MD'97, HS'97-'03, is an endocrinologist and associate in medicine at Duke. She and her husband Harvey, MD, T'92, welcomed the birth of their son Benjamin in 2004. The family lives in Durham.

Emily L. Kazaks Prosise, T'93, MD'97, DC, and her husband Christopher, BSE'94, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child—Theodore Martin, who was born in December 2004. The family lives in Mission Viejo, Calif.

Stavra Xanthakos, T'92, MD'97, has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of pediatrics at the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. Her clinical research and interests center on pediatric obesity and nutrition. She lives in Cincinnati.

Lisa G. Criscione, T'93, MD'98, HS'98-'03, an assistant professor of medicine in Duke’s Division of Rheumatology and Immunology, also leads the Duke Rheumatology Clinic. She and her husband, Eric Schreiber, PhD'00, welcomed daughter Natalie in May. The family lives in Durham.

Joanne Lager, MD'98, HS'02-'04, is working as a hospitalist at Duke’s
Mary Beth Dixon Vo, T’96, MD’01, is a pediatrician with Guilford Child Health in High Point, N.C. Her husband, Nam Dai Vo, is finishing a nephrology fellowship at UNC. They have two daughters—Grace, 3, and Caroline, 1—and live in Durham.

Richard A. Murphy, T’95, MD’01, and Marjorie Josel Menza, T’95, L’02, welcomed their first child, Liam Maurice, in February. Richard is a resident in internal medicine, and Marjorie is an associate in a law practice. The family lives in New York City.

Anand K. Rohatgi, T’97, MD’02, completed an internal medicine residency at the University of Pennsylvania this year and started a cardiology fellowship at UT Southwestern in Dallas in July, where his wife, Dr. Susan Matulevicius, E’98, also is performing a cardiology fellowship. They live in Dallas and recently adopted two dogs. He says that attending the 1997 men’s basketball home game against UNC and participating in the post-victory celebrations is his most memorable Duke experience.

H. Max Schiebel, MD, HS’33–39, Cornerstone Society, retired from a private surgical practice at age 75 and from teaching at the UNC School of Medicine at age 80, although he says he continues to enjoy his contacts at both UNC and Duke. He reads extensively, travels, and works in his flower and vegetable gardens. Schiebel reports that his most memorable Duke experience was when he helped create a nose for a patient who had lost his completely by using a lye paste to treat a squamous cell of the nose. He and his wife Nancy, WC’53, live in Durham.

1930s

Sidney Raffel, MD, HS’42, professor emeritus at the Stanford University School of Medicine, writes that during his training on Duke’s medical wards, he once presented a patient with typhoid fever during weekly rounds. “When I was through, the professor asked, ‘Who discovered the typhoid bacillus?’ and I answered, ‘Eberth.’ ‘When?’ the professor asked. ‘About 1886,’ I replied. (I happened to have a doctorate in bacteriology and immunology.) The audience and my four classmates were apparently impressed because when I returned the following summer (1940) for my quarter in surgery, my reputation as a ‘brain’ preceded me—only the context was a bit off: I was credited with having made a diagnosis of a very unusual neurologic disease. I didn’t disabuse my associates, and I’ve lived that lie ever since.” Raffel lives in Stanford, Calif., and in his spare time, enjoys painting, carpentry, exercising, and visiting with his five daughters, 12 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

1950s

Henry D. McIntosh, HS’50–51, ’53–55, is staying busy in retirement with several charitable organizations. He is the chief organizer for Heartbeat International, which distributes free, brand-new cardiac pacemakers to indigent patients through 43 organizations in 26 countries—mostly in the third world. He has co-founded Project GRACE, an advance plan for end-of-life care. It includes a legal document expressing choices patients have previously made about the treatment they wish to receive or not receive as death approaches, such as whether to put them on life support. McIntosh and his wife Harriet have three children and seven grandchildren. They live in Lakeland, Fla.

1940s

Bobby Raffel lives in Stanford, Calif., and in his spare time, enjoys painting, carpentry, exercising, and visiting with his five daughters, 12 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Correction: Our apologies to Swati Agarwal, E’96, MD’00, whose class note was published in the Fall 2005 issue of DukeMed Alumni News. We erroneously referred to Dr. Agarwal as a male, when she is, in fact, a female.

Kathleen Wurth Bartlett, MD’00, a pediatric hospitalist at Duke University Medical Center, and her husband Tucker, welcomed their son Samuel in 2004. Kathleen is active in book clubs and knitting groups. The family lives in Durham.
has been married to his second wife Virginia for three years. They live in Panama City.

James Callaway, HS’56–’58, a general surgeon, says his most memorable Duke experience is when, as an intern, he was involved with the first use of a heart/lung machine procedure at Duke. His wife Judy passed away in August. He lives in Maryville, Tenn.

1960s

John T. Myles, MD, HS’58–’61, who is retired from practicing radiology and nuclear medicine, helped introduce super-voltage radiation therapy and nuclear medicine to the Virginia Middle Peninsula in 1961. He says that despite retirement, he is “keeping [his] license and doing weekly CME.” In addition to recently being elected a member of the executive council of the West Virginia University School of Medicine Alumni Association, Myles was honored with the Virginia High School Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award. He enjoys amateur radio and visiting his 11 grandchildren with his wife Joan when he can. They have six children and live in Gloucester, Va.

Marvin Lewis, HS’59–’61, has retired as a physician at Jackson Clinic in Jackson, Tenn. He has three children and six grandchildren and splits his time between Chicago and Florida, when he isn’t traveling. He enjoys bowling, reading, and volunteering for various organizations.

David A. Giordano, MD, HS’60–’61, practices internal medicine and gastroenterology and serves on the board of directors for Pines of Sarasota Welfare Home. He and his wife Sally live in Sarasota, Fla.

Charles W. Harris, MD, HS’60–’64, practices cardiology in Charlotte, N.C., where he also lives. A former officer with the Mecklenberg Heart Association, Harris also has been involved with his local YMCA board. He says that noninvasive cardiac testing and drugs to treat heart disease have come a long way during his career. A Carolina Panthers fan, he also enjoys playing golf and traveling to the N.C. mountains on weekends. He has six children—including a physician and a nurse—and 10 grandchildren.

C. Porter Claxton, Jr., MD, HS’61–’68, retired from practicing cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, now farms polled Hereford cattle. He and his wife, Dr. Martha Mahanes Claxton, WC’57, live in Weaverville, N.C.

Fred W. Miller, MD, HS’63–’66, has retired from practicing reconstructive plastic surgery. A widower, he has four adult children, “all of whom have obtained excellent educations and training and serve the community well,” he says. He has fond memories of Duke’s late Kenneth Le Roy Pickrell, MD, and his residents, “with whom I have remained friends since.” Miller lives in Redwood City, Calif.

George J. Ellis III, MD, HS’63–’68, has done occasional medico-legal consultations and teaching within the Duke Health System since his 2002 retirement as an associate professor of medicine at Duke. Currently recovering from an aortic aneurysm dissection with aortic valve replacement, he and his wife Ursula—a sculptor who is currently exhibiting at Appalachian State University—moved from Durham to Black Mountain, N.C., in October. Their son Alan holds a doctoral degree in social work and is with the UNC epidemiology program; son James is an attorney; and daughter Moon is an industrial forklift operator. They have three grandchildren. Ellis says his most memorable Duke experience is making holiday rounds with Dr. Stead.

Ronald A. Pruitt, MD, HS’63–’64, is retired from practicing orthopedic surgery, but attends Duke’s orthopedic grand rounds weekly. Total joint replacement and endoscopic surgery are medical breakthroughs he says he witnessed during his career. In his spare time, Pruitt enjoys Bible study and teaching and playing golf. He and his wife Eugenia live in Burlington, N.C.

Robert S. Gilgor, HS’65, ’66–’68, is retired from practicing dermatology, but stays busy with photography and documentary work. He and his wife Bryna, a retired teacher and realtor, have two children—a son who is an Atlanta attorney and a daughter who operates a day care center—and five grandchildren. The Gilgors live in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Joseph C. Parker, Jr., MD, HS’68–’69, the University of Louisville residency program director in pathology and director of the graduate medical education program in pathology and laboratory medicine, is also a forensic neuropathologist for the Louisville office of the chief medical examiner. In addition, he works with son John, an assistant professor and co-director of Autopsy and Neuropathology Services at the university. “I hope our students and residents can keep up with all they need to master,” he says. “We seem to be losing sight of the big picture, and the art of medicine seems to be fading—which is the problem with more information to be learned in less time.” Parker’s interests include cosmology, evolutionary biology, and quantum world—and in his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his four-year-old granddaughter and is looking forward to the birth of another grandchild in February. He and his wife Patricia live in Louisville, Ky.

1970s

Deborah W. Kredich, MD, HS’62–’64, ’69–’71, a clinical professor emeritus with Duke Medicine, retired from practicing pediatric rheumatology this year. She says she loved serving as an advisory dean for 13 years, as well as directing the pediatric residency program and co-directing the Medicine/Pediatrics residency program. She and her husband of 48 years, Nick, T’57, HS’62–’64, have three children—Kathryn, Matthew, T’87, G’90, and Nathan—and live in Durham.

Wayne Venters, HS’68–’72, has joined a group of four orthopedists in Spokane, Wash., where he lives, and is the designated hand surgeon. He says this is due to the quality training he received at Duke from J. Leonard Goldner, MD. He and his wife Linda are the parents of two Duke graduates—Lara, T’91, and Gayle, T’94. Venters says he enjoys hunting,
fishing, snowshoeing, biking, and digital photography.

Michael R. Volow, MD, HS’68-’72, retired from practicing psychiatry at the Durham VA in 2003. Since then, he has been pursuing his interests in ballroom dancing, photography, and videography. He reports that his wife is still working as a nurse and his son recently graduated from NC State University. He lives in Durham.

Robert J. Snowe, MD, HS’69-’71, is in private pediatrics practice in Sea- ford, N.Y., where he also lives. He names competition from tertiary-care centers and the “lack of debate—politically or otherwise—on health care: right or privilege?” as professional challenges. Snowe’s son is a computer company supervisor in Beaverton, Ore., and he says he has two cats for “grandchildren.”

John E. Randall, HS’70-’71, has retired from practice as a pediatrician in Canandaigua, N.Y. He is enjoying retirement by sailing and traveling, and has been to such places as India and Tibet. He and his wife Cheryl Tisler have two children, Benjamin and Emily. They live in Canandaigua.

Malcolm G. Robinson, MD, HS’69-’71, an emeritus clinical professor of medicine at the University of Oklahoma, says his professional activities are now limited to lecturing and consultations. He says his most important professional honor was receiving the 1995 Janssen Award for Achievement in Clinical Gastroenterology. He relates his most memorable Duke experience this way: “An NIH site visit was accidentally misdirected to my project on operant conditioning of bile flow in curarized rats. This almost led to apoplexy in Dr. Malcolm Tyor, [then-]chief of GI, who thought that this would lead to the division losing all of its NIH support. Fortunately, that didn’t happen.” Robinson and his wife Susan, a harpsichordist, enjoy spending time with their parents, friends, and two dogs, and they are active in the Sarasota (Fla.) Congregation for Humanistic Judaism. They live in Sarasota.

Alan M. Nadel, MD, HS’72-’76, DC, in private neurology practice in Memphis, Tenn., is active in The ManKind Project, a personal growth organization, through his men’s group. He says his biggest professional challenges involve tort reform and insurance companies. He and his wife Barbara, a professional artist, have one adult child and live in Memphis.

James H. Wood, MD, HS’73-’74, is a neurosurgeon in private practice in Atlanta, Ga. He and his wife Mary have two sons—John, 21, a Southern Methodist University graduate, and Justin, 16, who plays lacrosse and swims at the varsity level at his high school—and live in Atlanta.

Dan Blazer II, MD, PhD, HS’73-’75, DC, the J.P. Gibbons Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke Medicine, is the 2005-06 president of the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry. He recently was honored with the Gerontological Society of America’s 2005 Kleemeier Award for Lifetime Contribution to Gerontology, as well as with the Duke Medical Alumni Association’s Distinguished Faculty Award (page 6 of Fall 2005 issue of DukeMed Alumni News). In his spare time, Blazer enjoys hiking and traveling. He and his wife Sherri have two children—Natasha, who is pursuing a master’s degree in social work, and Dan “Trey” III, T’92, F’94, MD’99, surgical chief resident at the University of Michigan—and live in Cary, N.C.

Melvin L. Haysman, MD, HS’75-’76, is an allergist and clinical immunologist with Savannah Allergy Associates, PC. He and his wife Roberta have three children—Michelle, Rachelle, and Herchelle, a 2005 graduate of Emory University—and one grandchild, who was born in April. They live in Savannah, Ga.

Thomas M. Bashore, MD, HS’75-’77, practices cardiology with Duke Medicine. He and his wife Jill have three children—Todd, T’94, a jazz musician, Tiffany, and Blake—and live in Durham.

Albert A. Meyer, Jr., MD, HS’75-’78, a family medicine practitioner with Coastal Family Medicine, is also an associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine at UNC-Chapel Hill. He recently finished a faculty development fellowship and presented a research paper entitled “The Prevalence of Blood Pressure Control in a Southeastern N.C. Family Practice”—both at UNC. He also launched four practice-based learning projects as part of a residency-wide CQI project and published “The Role of Exercise Treadmill Testing in Evaluating Chest Pain in Women” in the April 2004 issue of Journal of Family Practice. Meyer, who has trained 22 family physicians since 2000 to practice in underserved southeastern North Carolina, says that women’s changing role in medicine and the emergence of family medicine in academic medical centers are both breakthroughs he has witnessed during his career. He and his wife Kim Mott Meyer, S’95, have a combined family of five children—all of whom have graduated from college and “are paying their own bills,” he says—not counting a daughter named Beverly, 4, whom they adopted in April. “We all are avid Duke basketball fans, even though we’ve had a few waffle between Duke and UNC,” Meyer says. “Fortunately, all have seen the light.”

David F. Boerner, MD, HS’76-’79, B’00, practices pulmonary medicine with West Raleigh Internal Medicine and serves as medical director/physician with the Duke Private Diagnostic Clinic in Wake County. He and his wife Jean, a nurse with a Duke-affiliated medical practice, live in Raleigh, N.C., and have three children: Sara works in a Capitol Hill congressional office, Christian, T’01, is a musician and composer; and Michael works in elevator sales and service management. In his spare time, Boerner enjoys spending time with his family, kayaking, sailing, and biking.

1980s

Lynn D. George, MD, HS’79-’80, has retired from practicing anesthesiology and is spending his time doing medical mission work. He and his wife Ruth, who have two living daughters—Deborah and Julia—lost their daughter Pamela.
The Georges live in Boone, N.C.

Marla J. Tobin, MD, HS’80-’83, medical director for United-Healthcare, is a CME speaker and author of several textbook chapters and articles, she writes. Her hobbies include horseback riding, gardening, and skiing. She and her husband Ronald Bowman live in Warrensburg, Mo.

Henry S. Friedman, MD, HS’81-’83, is a neuro-oncologist and the James B. Powell, Jr., Professor of Pediatric Oncology at Duke Medicine. He recently has been involved in clinical trials that suggest increased survival for patients with brain tumors. The president of Hoop Dreams Basketball Academy—a free training camp for children with life-threatening illnesses—Friedman also leads the Collegiate Athlete Medical Experience, a mentoring program for female varsity athletes who are pre-med. He and his wife Joanne Kurtzberg, MD, HS’80-’83, who leads Duke’s pediatric stem-cell transplantation program, have two children: Josh, T’05, is working at Georgetown University Law School as a research aide, and Sarah is a senior at Durham Academy. He says his most memorable Duke experience was sitting in Minneapolis Arena with Josh during the Final Four, when the Blue Devils won the national title, and calling home to learn that his son had been accepted to Duke. The family lives in Durham.

Sally Kim-Miller, MD, HS’83, an ophthalmologist, is with the Eye Clinic of Edmonds (Wash.), but reports that she is semi-retired. She and her husband G. Andrew, have three children and live in Seattle.

William C. Pederson, MD, HS’83-’85, was recently elected president of the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery. He currently is president and fellowship training director at the Hand Center of San Antonio. He also is co-editor of Green’s Operative Hand Surgery, which is to be published this spring. He serves on the editorial boards of The Journal of Hand Surgery and The Journal of Reconstructive Microsurgery. He and his wife Cindy have three children and live in San Antonio, Texas.

Billy W. Evans, Sr., MD, HS’83-’86, practices internal medicine with a partner in Little Rock, Ark. One of his greatest professional challenges is the “increased burden of paperwork and pressure to see more patients in a limited amount of time,” he says. He fondly recalls Duke’s Thanksgiving Day “Turkey Bowl” football game and the year-end barbecue and field day. Evans and his wife Lucy, a nurse practitioner, have three sons: Billy Jr., is a University of Arkansas computer science major; Andrew is a high school senior; and Derek is a tenth-grader. The family lives in Little Rock.

Andrew N. Antoszyk, MD, HS’83-’89, DC, has served since 1994 as the president of Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Associates, where he is also the vitreoretinal attending physician. Named one of the Best Doctors in America for three years in a row, he reports that antiangiogenic treatments have advanced the care of patients with wet age-related macular degeneration—and says helping to care for the wife of then-chair of the Department of Ophthalmology Robert Machemer is his most memorable Duke experience. Antoszyk and his wife Karen have a son and a daughter—both national-level tennis players—and live in Charlotte, N.C.

Robert M. Sholtes, MD, HS’84-’86, an adult and adolescent psychiatrist in private practice in Evanston, Ill., founded Celebrating Minds (www.celebratingminds.org), a non-profit organization that works with children suffering from emotional difficulties associated with neurodevelopmental learning differences.

Sholtes lives in Evanston.

James Bengtson, MD, HS’86-’88, was named “Top Doctor” in 2004 by Detroit Hour Magazine. He is director of research for Michigan Heart in Ann Arbor, Mich. He, his wife Bonnie Brickett and their daughter Emily traveled to Sri Lanka in July to provide help after the tsunami. James provided medical help, while Bonnie and Emily volunteered in an orphanage. The family lives in Ann Arbor.

James McManaway III, MD, HS’89, has been listed for the third year in a row in Best Doctors in America, a book compiled from a database of about 31,000 U.S. doctors, chosen through a peer-review survey. He is a pediatric ophthalmologist in Hershey, Pa., where he and his wife Cindy live.

1990s

Andrew G. Bullard, MD, HS’88-’90, practices pulmonary, sleep, and occupational medicine in Concord, N.C. He has also been involved in photodynamic therapy for lung cancer. He lives in Concord.

R. Morris Friedman, MD, T’84, HS’89-’90, and his wife Colleen welcomed their second child, Margaret, in June. Friedman is a urological surgeon for Carolina Urological Associates, PA,
in Winston-Salem, N.C. where the family lives.

Marcel R. Van Den Brink, MD, HS’91-’93, an oncologist and associate professor, recently was named chief of the Adult Allogeneic Bone Marrow Transplantation Service at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. His most memorable Duke experience is “the incredible dedication of house staff and faculty to patient care.” He and his wife, Dr. Maria Palomba, live in New York City.

Robert Zimmerman, MD, HS’91-’96, has been named to the Dean’s List of Outstanding Medical School Faculty at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where he is an assistant professor. He and his wife Jean have two daughters—Ashley, 12, and Amber, 8—and four cats. They family lives in Berwyn, Penn.

Stephen P. Combs, MD, HS’92-’95, practices pediatrics with Wellmont Health System in Gray, Tenn., where he also serves as medical director of pediatrics and pediatric intensive care. Also a professor with East Tennessee State University’s Department of Pediatrics, he will serve as chief of staff at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center beginning next year. Combs lives in Kingsport, Tenn., and enjoys mountain biking in his free time.

David G. Marcheschi, MD, HS’92-’97, an anatomic and clinical pathologist and cytopathologist, is now with St. Mary’s Medical Center in Knoxville, Tenn. He and his wife Ginga and their daughter Diana, 4, live in Knoxville.

Adrienne L. Richards, MD, HS’92-’97, is a cardiologist in group practice in Wilmingon, N.C., where she lives with her son Alex, 7.

Jon Ter Poorten, MD, HS’95-’96, a dermatologist, practices Mohs surgery—a specialized outpatient procedure used to treat many forms of skin cancer—at the Dermatology Group of the Carolinas in Concord, N.C. He and his wife, Dr. Maryanna Ter Poorten, live in Concord.

Donna Culhane-Eberenz, MD, HS’92-’96, is with Abercrombie Radiology in Knoxville, Tenn. She reports that her husband Wayne Eberenz, HS’91-’95, also a radiologist, participated in the Duke Basketball Fantasy Camp 2004 and “had a wonderful time with former players and Coach K. His team won the tournament with Coach Battier.” The Eberenzes have two children—Molly and Kathryn—and live in Knoxville.

Steven E. Hill, MD, T’82, HS’94-’97, has joined the board of medical advisors for Hemo Concepts, Inc—an integrated blood conservation company based in Eatontown, N.J. He currently serves as an associate professor of anesthesiology at Duke University School of Medicine, and has been a project leader in the development of Duke’s new Center for Blood Conservation. Hemo Concepts was founded in 1991 to provide hospitals with auto transfusion services (ATS), a method of blood conservation used during surgery, and today serves more than 40 hospitals nationwide. Hill and his wife Ann have three daughters and live in Chapel Hill.

Michael P. Flanagan, MD, HS’87-’90, has been promoted to associate professor for Family and Community Medicine at Penn State College of Medicine in State College, Pa. His wife Cynthia is an RN conducting research at Penn State Graduate Clinic. They have two children—daughter Coral, 12, and son Drew, 9. In his free time, Michael volunteers at a free medical clinic, is helping to launch a children’s museum, and is enjoying Penn State football. In the winter of 2004-05, he went to the Dominican Republic on a mission trip to a boys’ orphanage where he provided medical treatment and helped to build a new school. The Flanagans live in Port Matilda, Pa.

2000s

Mark Gerhardt, MD, HS’94-’97, an assistant professor of anesthesiology at Ohio State University, has been appointed Board Examiner for the American Board of Anesthesiology. In his free time, he is a volunteer wrestling coach for a youth club team. He and his wife Brenda have one child and live in Columbus, Ohio.

Pierre DeMatos, MD, HS’94-’01, a general surgeon with Regional Surgical Specialists in Asheville, N.C., and his wife Monica, MSN’00, PMC’01, welcomed their second son, Adam, in July. The family lives in Arden, N.C.

Chandan Devireddy, MD, HS’98-’01, recently completed a cardiology fellowship at Emory University and has stayed on as interventional cardiology faculty at Emory Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta, where he also lives.

William T. Smith IV, MD, T’91, HS’99-’03, is an electrophysiologist with Coastal Cardiology Associates in Wilmington, N.C., where he lives with his wife Amy and their children Thomas, Kale, and Benjamin. Smith reports that he’s been learning to kiteboard.

Lisa Lee, MD, HS’96-’00, and husband David Kim, MD, have a year-and-a-half-old daughter named Emma, and are living happily in Lima, Ohio. Lisa is a radiologist with Lima Radiological Associates, and David is in private practice as an orthopedic spine surgeon.

Andrew P. Krivoshik, MD, HS’02-’04, is associate medical director for pharmaceutical development-oncology for Abbott Laboratories in Abbott Park, Ill. He and his wife Susan live in Gurnee, Ill.
Richard L. Bean, MD’59, HS’59-’62, of Crescent Beach, Fla., died August 9, 2005, after a long battle with diabetes. Born in Warren, Pa., he was a veteran of the Korean War, during which he served in the U.S. Navy as a medical corpsman—an experience that led him to pursue a career in medicine.

Bean attended Duke after earning an undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University. After completing radiology training at Duke, he moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where he co-founded Mori and Brooks, PA, now one of the state’s largest medical practices. A driving force in the northeastern Florida medical community for more than 35 years, Bean served as the founding charter president of Memorial Medical Center’s medical staff. He was also on the staff of Baptist Medical Center, where he was instrumental in founding the x-ray technician school.

Bean was a lifelong blood donor, and he served as president of both the Kiwanis Club and the Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club. He was also a 32nd-degree Mason and a Shriner. Since his 1998 retirement, he had served as a volunteer guardian ad litem for the juvenile courts in both Jacksonville and St. Johns County. Bean is survived by his wife Lana; daughters Carol Bean, Janis Roberts, and Suzy Bean; son Rick Bean; stepson Chris Smith; stepdaughter Sara Graves; and grandchildren Katie Bean and Tyler Smith.

John S. Gaskin, Jr., MD’59, HS’59-’60, of Locust, N.C., died October 16, 2005, at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, N.C., after a long illness. The son of the late John S. Gaskin, Sr., and Madge Baker Gaskin, both Stanly County primary care physicians, Gaskin earned an undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill before volunteering to serve in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He flew 35 combat missions, including one during which his aircraft was hit by enemy fire. He successfully ejected and was rescued from the Yellow Sea by a helicopter pilot who was also a “Lieutenant Gaskin”—a story that made national news.

After his military stint, Gaskin earned a medical degree at Duke and returned to Albemarle, N.C., in 1961. Affectionately known as “Dr. John,” he established a respected family medicine practice that served generations of patients in the region. He was a pioneer in expanding the level of primary care services provided by “family doctors” and was the principal planner of Family Medical Center, a practice known for its innovative approaches to family practice. Gaskin was the first Stanly County physician to employ a nurse family practitioner—a practice now common in U.S. primary care practices—and among the first physicians in the county to recognize the need to establish medical facilities closer to patients. He was instrumental in expanding primary care to smaller communities in the region—years before urgent care clinics sprang up throughout the state.

Gaskin was a fixture in Stanly Memorial Hospital, where he delivered babies, removed tonsils, rotated as an emergency room doctor, and made rounds almost daily. He served the hospital in a number of capacities during his career, including chief of the medical staff, chairman of the quality assurance committee, and as a member of the planning and construction committee. He also served as Stanly County’s last coroner and first medical examiner. Gaskin had an active—and often controversial—interest in physicians setting health care standards, maintaining that primary care providers, not business people, should manage patients’ health care needs. He was admired for providing countless hours of volunteer, gratis, and reduced-cost medical services in Stanly County and throughout the world. Continuing a tradition established by his parents, he provided free sports physicals to young Stanly County athletes throughout his entire career. And for years, he provided free medical care each summer during the Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. An active supporter of foreign missions, Gaskin and his wife Delores, a nurse anesthetist, made mission trips to a number of countries in Europe and Central and South America. In 1967, he volunteered for two months of service as a physician in South Vietnam.

Gaskin was preceded in death by his first wife Lola. He is survived by his wife Dolores (Dee); sons Jeff, Chuck, David, Bob, and Paul and their wives; 13 grandchildren; and Dee’s family, whom Gaskin embraced as his own.

Frederick Q. Graybeal, Jr., MD’65, HS’65-’69, of Forth Worth, Texas, died October 29, 2005, at a hospital near his home. He earned an undergraduate degree at The College of William and Mary before matriculating at Duke. Graybeal, who served in the U.S. Army at Brooke Medical Center in San Antonio, was a staff pathologist for 30 years at Harris Methodist Hospital, where he chaired the pathology department, led the anatomic pathology program, and directed the blood bank and transfusion services.

An enthusiastic collector of vintage automobiles and musical instruments, Graybeal is survived by his brother Robert, an aunt, and numerous extended family members and friends.

Lawrence C. Katz, PhD, 48, a Howard Hughes Investigator and James B. Duke Professor of Neurobiology, died of melanoma at his Durham home on November 26, 2005. Born in New York City, he earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago and a doctoral degree from the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena before completing a fellowship at Rockefeller University. He also completed a three-year National Science Foundation pre-doctoral fellowship. Katz, who joined the Duke faculty in 1990 as an assistant professor of neurobiology, was known for his research into how animal brains process sights, smells, and pheromones, and his team revealed new information about how neural connections are formed and modified. The author of Keep Your Brain Alive, a book about improving memory and cognitive function, Katz received a number of prestigious professional honors during his career. In addition to being an avid fly fisherman, Katz was an extraordinary and beloved husband, father, and son. He is survived by his wife Doris Iarovici; their children Ariel and Justin; his father Leonard Katz; his sister Elizabeth and her husband Clifford; a niece; and two nephews.

Frank A. Lang, T’52, MD’56, HS’56, died Oct. 17, 2005, in Dallas, Texas, from complications of multiple myeloma. Born May 10, 1931, in Phoenix, Ariz., he is survived by his wife of 48 years, Madelyn, their two sons—Lance of Kearny, Neb., and Layton of Des Peres, Mo. He is also survived by their children; two nephews; and numerous extended family members and friends.
Dallas—and their families. Lang grew up in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and received bachelor's and medical degrees at Duke University. He completed a medicine internship and orthopedic residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. He managed a thriving orthopedic surgery practice at Methodist Medical Center for 35 years. His professional affiliations included the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons; American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons; The Western Orthopedic Society; The Texas Orthopedic Association; AMA; TMA; and the Dallas County Medical Society. As an elder emeritus of Rosemont Christian Church, he served as president of the general board and president of the Board of Elders. Additionally, Lang was a colonel in the Texas Air National Guard where he served as commander of the 136th TAC Hospital and as the Texas State Air Surgeon. His love for roses earned countless babies before retiring to the North Carolina mountains. Morrison is survived by two sisters; and many loving patients. He held director offices in the local, district, and national chapters of the American Rose Society. He enjoyed playing golf and bridge.

Sidney E. Morrison, Jr., MD’62, HS’62-‘63, died on October 19, 2005. He was 75. He earned an engineering degree from North Carolina State University before serving in the U.S. Army in Columbia, S.C., where he married the former Rankin Suber. After earning a medical degree from Duke, he completed an OB/GYN residency at the University of Florida. He practiced medicine in Hollywood, Fla., for 35 years, delivering countless babies before retiring to the North Carolina mountains. Morrison is survived by his son Sidney E. Morrison III and daughters Polly Sim and Hollis Wise; six grandchildren; two sisters; and many loving patients.

Benjamin F. Roach, MD’43, of Lexington, Ky., died September 16, 2005, at the Markey Cancer Center. After attending undergraduate school and earning a medical degrees at Duke, he returned to his home-town of Midway, Ky., where he practiced medicine for 55 years. It was there that he established Parrish Hill Farm, breeder of Charismatic, 1999 Kentucky Derby Winner, and Princess Rooney, 1983 Kentucky Oaks Winner. Roach founded the Family Practice Department at the University of Kentucky and later chaired the McDowell Cancer Network and the Markey Cancer Foundation, which funded and built the $53 million Lucille Parker Markey Cancer Center. When he retired from his Midway practice, a written tribute said this: “In years to come, Ben Roach may be remembered by most people for the important work he accomplished at the Markey Cancer Center in Lexington. But for many of us, the true greatness of Ben Roach will be recalled with stories of his unfaltering walk with each of his patients as he tried with all his might and skill to make their burdens lighter. For this mark of the man, we will always be most truly grateful.” He is survived by his wife Linda, daughters Judy Roach and Helen Rentch, sons Thompson and James Roach, stepsons Hayden and Fletcher Mauk, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two sisters, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by Ruth, the mother of his children.

Alfred J. Sherman, T’46, MD’48, of Harrisburg, Pa., died September 19, 2005, at the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg. After earning undergraduate and graduate degrees from Duke, Sherman completed an internship and residency at Philadelphia General Hospital. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he also served as a physician in the U.S. Army and on the staff of Harrisburg and Holy Spirit Hospitals. He formed Sherman Associates for the practice of obstetrics and gynecology. Sherman was a member of the Harrisburg Academy of Medicine and the Dauphin County Medical Society, and was a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He was also a past president of Temple Ohev Sholom, the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg, and the Dauphin County Unit of the American Cancer Society. He is survived by his wife Marjorie, son Douglas, daughters Julie and Louise, and six grandchildren.

Naim G. Tahan, MD’52, of Fresno, Calif., died October 17, 2005. He was 83. Born in Tripoli, Lebanon, he immigrated to the U.S. with his family as a toddler. After earning an undergraduate degree in zoology from the University of Arizona, Tahan served in the U.S. Army during World War II. His proficiency in languages kept him off the battlefield, and he served as a translator and guard for Italian prisoners. He attended Duke after the war, completed an internship in Los Angeles, and settled in the Fresno area to start a medical practice as a general practitioner. In 1970, he opened the Sunnyside Professional Center, where he practiced until his 1995 retirement. An active member of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Tahan served on the parish council and in the Order of AHEPA. He was especially proud to be chosen the 1995 Father of the Year by the church. He is survived by Helen, his wife of 46 years, and four daughters: Mary Marin, her husband David, and children Laura and Sarah; Dr. Carla Tahan Gigoux, her husband Claude, and children Michael and Christina; Elissa Altamirano and children Andreas and Julia; and Gigi Tahan. He is also survived by his brother Dr. Victor Tahan and his wife Darlee, and Edmund Tahan.

J. Robert Teabeaut II, T’45, MD’47, HS’47-‘49, died April 5, 2005, at his Augusta, Ga., home. In addition to training in pathology and internal medicine at Duke Hospital, he served for many recent years on Duke’s Board of Brain Tumor Research. The recipient of a Rockefeller Fellowship in Harvard University’s Department of Legal Medicine, he was an associate medical examiner for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and a pathologist for the Attleborough (Mass.) Medical Center. While in the U. S. Army, Teabeaut was stationed at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology to develop the Division of Forensic Pathology. In 1954, he joined the faculty of the Medical College of Tennessee at Memphis, and while there, was awarded the Lederly Medical Faculty Award. He later served as the Department of Pathology’s head of teaching at the Medical College of Georgia, from which he retired in 1994. A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Augusta, Teabeaut supported many arts and cultural events in the city, including the Augusta Opera Association, the Morris Museum of Art, and the Harry Jacobs Chamber Music Society. In his spare time, he enjoyed gardening and small sailboat competitions. He designed and donated the Iris Fountain at the Doris Duke Welcome Center for the Sarah P. Duke Gardens, where...
he also supported a fountain in the Rose Garden. His interest in sailing extended from the Great Lakes to the Eastern Yacht Club in Marblehead, Maine—and his boat finished in the prize list during the 1976 World Championship Boat Race at the Wash in the North Sea. Teabeaut was an invited member of The Royal Thames Yacht Club in London, to which the buttons of his club blazer will be returned for additional use because of their vintage, a club tradition. Teabeaut is survived by his sister Louise and several nieces and nephews.

Paul C. Thompson, T’42, MD’45, a retired orthopedic surgeon, died peacefully at his Chattanooga, Tenn., home on September 3, 2005, surrounded by his family. Born and raised in Reidsville, N.C., he practiced orthopedics in Chattanooga for more than 35 years. Thompson achieved national recognition in orthopedic surgery for his pioneering work in total joint replacement, and the Thompson-Parkridge-Richards (TPR) ankle was among the first total ankle prostheses used in the U.S. He served as a U.S. Navy doctor until the end of World War II after earning undergraduate and medical degrees from Duke, where he played football for four years—including in the 1942 Rose Bowl in Durham, the only Rose Bowl to date not played in Pasadena, Calif. A founder and chief of staff at Parkridge Hospital, he was a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Piedmont Orthopedic Society, Southern Medical Society, American College of Surgeons, Tennessee Orthopedic Society, and the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society. He also belonged to the Chattanooga Golf and Country Club and the Bald Head Island Club. Thompson was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Coleman Thompson, who died in August. He is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law—Diana and Gus Bell, Francie and Tom Chambers, and Betsy and John Bakhaus—and two sons and daughters-in-law—Paul Jr. and Jeanne Thompson, and Jim and Margaret Thompson—as well as 12 grandchildren and a sister.

Patricia Sills Thornhill, WC’36, MD’40, at the Duke Hospital staff picnic, circa 1940s.
Atirizing the learning experience has been a rite of passage for medical students the world over. Duke was no exception in the spring of 1947 when we presented the Senior Skit—sometimes called a Mock Clinic because of the Clinico-Pathological Conference (CPC) format it imitated.

I had the honor of portraying Dr. Stead. My selection was by osmosis. In talking about the upcoming show with George Andrews, T’43, MD’48, who wrote the skit, we got inspired by the character “Influence” in the popular comic strip “Dick Tracy.” He was known for his hypnotic gaze.

Well, on a chance passing of the toy counter in Durham’s Woolworth store one day, I spied a pair of “Influence” eyes—two hemispheres of light green metal, one inch in diameter with a ½-inch hole in the center for seeing (central vision only). They were held in place by brow pressure, like a monocle.

When I put them on and said a word or two of familiar Dr. Steadisms, like “Are you excited?” my fate was sealed. George Andrews cast me for the part with the understanding I would wear the “eyes.”

When I read the final script my angiotensin levels doubled, and I wondered if I would pass senior medicine!

Wilmer Betts, MD’48, HS’48-’52, was cast as an overwhelmed student, charged with being the apprehensive subject in a would-be Dr. Stead catheter experiment.

Here’s a snippet:

**DR. STEAD:** Are you excited?
**STUDENT:** Yes, sir. In fact, I’m practically hysterical.
**DR. STEAD:** Good. I understand you want to push back the frontiers of medical science.

**STUDENT:** (Modestly) Well, I’m always anxious to do what little I can.

**DR. STEAD:** Naturally. You know about our work with the catheters…passing them through the vein in the antecubital fossa, to the subclavian vein, to the heart, and into the kidney?

**STUDENT:** (Clutching unsteadily at the edge of the table) I’ve heard something about it. (Starts edging toward the door)

**DR. STEAD:** It’s downright thrilling to think of finding out exactly what’s happening in your kidney. It sends chills up and down my spine. Yours, too, I’ll bet. When would you like to start our experiment?

**STUDENT:** Sir, I’ve been wondering how it would be to transfer to McGill or Dublin for the rest of my medical course. You know, get a different perspective, see how things are in other parts of the world.

**DR. STEAD:** It’s no use. I have a man with a catheter in every medical center in the civilized world. If you try to leave the state you’ll never get past the border. We’ll start tomorrow.

And so the skit went.

Wilmer Betts recalls: “The skit portrayed a fashionable attitude toward Dr. Stead, but not his true nature. He always remained warm and friendly and he always remembered my name.”

As Dr. Stead crowded past us perspiring students in the hall behind the amphitheater as he left the show, he looked at me with his intent gaze, with his friendly smile, and in his trademark teaching voice said, “You’ll have to do my work for a week.”

Wow! He liked the show!

And yes, I passed senior medicine.