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Fourth-year medical student Jonathan George took advantage of a new $500 student/young alumni rate and became the first medical student to personally join the Davison Club. George joins 3,758 others who joined the Davison Club or contributed to The Fund for DukeMed last year and raised $1.65 million for student scholarships and fellowships, research and patient care, student life enhancements, and the Duke Medical Library.

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Alumni Teaching Experience

Lyndon Jordan, T’57, MD’61, right, and John Witherspoon, T’62, MD’66, left, returned to campus recently to help teach physical exam skills to first-year Duke medical students. Both doctors participated last year, when the Medical Alumni Association piloted the program. Jordan is retired from private family medicine practice in Four Oaks, N.C., and Witherspoon is a professor of medicine and internist at the Medical College of Virginia.

If you would like information about next year’s Medical Alumni Teaching Experience, please contact Ellen Luken, executive director of medical alumni affairs and external relations, at (919) 667-2500 or ellen.luken@duke.edu.
Free Testing Makes a Difference

Offering free HIV tests instead of charging even a small fee draws in three times as many people for testing, and is more cost-effective, thus enhancing AIDS-prevention efforts, according to a Duke University Medical Center study conducted in Tanzania.

The Duke researchers provided free HIV tests and counseling during a two-week pilot program in 2003. The number of people seeking tests increased from 41 per day before the free testing interval to 15 per day during the pilot program. However, the number decreased to 7.1 people per day after the small fee—1,000 Tanzania shillings or 95 U.S. cents—was reinstated. When only four people per day were tested at the clinic, it cost $170 to avert an HIV infection, the study showed. But when the testing rate jumped to 15 people per day, the price of preventing an HIV infection dropped to $92 each, even without the revenue from fees. The cost includes everything required to run a testing program—staff salaries, laboratory supplies and test kits, utilities and office supplies.

The study results were so striking that the Duke researchers sought additional funding to continue free testing in partnership with a community-based AIDS service organization in Moshi, Tanzania, said lead author Nathan Thielman, MD’90, HS’90-’93. They have since tested more than 4,000 people, he said.

The results appear in the January 2006 issue of the American Journal of Public Health. “I think there is an important policy message here,” said Thielman, an associate professor of infectious diseases and medicine at Duke University Medical Center. “Providing free HIV tests increases the number of clients presenting for evaluation and makes HIV prevention more cost-effective. We changed our practice because of these results.”

Research has shown that HIV testing and counseling reduces high-risk sexual behavior and prevents HIV transmission, Thielman said. Testing also gives people access to services such as antiretroviral therapy, treatment for sexually-transmitted diseases and prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission.

Medical Alumni Council Welcomes Five New Members

Five alumni have begun three-year terms on the Medical Alumni Council, the Medical Alumni Association’s leadership advisory board. The council also welcomes three members who are returning for a second three-year term—Martin A. Morse, T’79, MD’83; Kurt D. Newman, MD’78; and Robert M. Rosemond, T’49, MD’53.

Kathryn M. Andolsek, MD, MPH, HS’76-’79, is an associate director of graduate medical education and a clinical professor in both the Department of Community and Family Medicine and the Duke School of Nursing. She is married to Don W. Bradley, MD, MS, executive medical director, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of N.C., and they have three children and live in Durham.

Robert G. Dayton, Jr., T’51, MD’55, is retired from both his private OB-GYN practice and East Carolina University Medical School, where he was a clinical professor. He and his wife, Yvonne S. Dayton, WC’53, have six children, four of whom are Duke University graduates, and live in Greenville, N.C.

Lucy R. Freedey, MD’57, is an associate professor emeritus of clinical radiology at Ohio State University Medical Center and practices part time, specializing in radiology. She and her husband Robert J. Freedey, MD, have six children and live in Columbus, Ohio.

Steven F. Roark, T’74, MD’78, is a cardiologist in private practice. He and his wife, Virginia “Gigi” Roark, T’74, G’87, live in Gainesville, Fla., and have three children, including one Duke graduate and one current Duke student.

Herbert E. Segal, MD’67, MPH, is a retired colonel with the U.S. Army and a consultant in health care administration. He and his wife, Patricia H. Segal, WC’67, live in Raleigh, N.C., and have three children, including one Duke graduate. The council meets twice annually. All current members are listed on the web at medalum.duke.edu.

Symposium Focuses on Cancer and the Environment

The Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences are partnering for a special symposium titled “Cancer and the Environment: Sentinels for Human Diseases.” The one-and-a-half-day conference on March 30-31, 2006, at the Washington Duke Inn, features nationally renowned researchers and policy-makers highlighting groundbreaking research and significant discoveries in eco and environmental toxicology, environmental health, carcinogenesis, epigenetics and genomics.

Confirmed speakers include: George Bailey, PhD, of Oregon State University; Irvin Fridovich, PhD, of Duke University; Randy Jirtle, PhD, of the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center; John MacLachlan, PhD, of Tulane University; and Michael Waalkes, PhD, of NEHS. The focus of this collaboration is to unravel the interplay between genes and the environment.

The conference is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Visit cancer.duke.edu/environment and click on the “Registration” link towards the top of the page. For more information, contact Mary Ruemker at (919) 684-4056 or mary.ruemker@duke.edu

International Experts and Scholars to Speak at Global Health Launch

The official roll-out of the new Duke Global Health Institute will take place April 17-18, 2006 as the university hosts The Duke Global Health Symposium. The Duke Global Health Institute will unite the efforts of faculty, administrators, and students across all Duke campuses to promote education, research, and service in health care to underserved populations of the world, locally, regionally, and globally.

The symposium begins Monday, April 17 as Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, presents a talk titled “Global Health Challenges for the 21st Century.” A gala reception will follow the talk.

The symposium continues April 18 with an all-day academic session featuring three international experts in global health issues: Dr. Paul Farmer, founder of Partners in Health; Dr. Joep Lange, former president of the International AIDS Society; and Dr. Amartya Sen, 1998 Nobel Prize winner in economics. Each of these renowned scholars will present their unique perspectives on the challenges of health disparities in the world today.

This symposium is part of the year-long celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Duke Medicine. It is free and open to the public but registration is required. To register, contact Kim McClammy at mccla006@mc.duke.edu or 919-684-5384.
Save the Date! 2006 Medical Alumni weekend
October 13-15, 2006
If your School of Medicine class year ends in “6” or “1,” 2006 is your reunion year.

2006 Reunion Volunteers
School of Medicine classes ending in “6” or “1” will celebrate Medical Alumni Weekend October 13-15, 2006. Volunteers for each class are already hard at work encouraging attendance and participation in the reunion gift campaign. This year’s reunion classes are well on their way to raising more than $500,000 for The Fund for DukeMed and the Davison Club.

If you have questions regarding the 2006 reunion program, please contact Sarah Jane Martin, director of reunion giving, at 919-667-2519 or sarah.martin@duke.edu or Margaret Moody, director of reunion programming, at 919-667-2514 or margaret.moody@duke.edu.

A call from your class volunteer, listed below:

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At his 30th Duke School of Medicine reunion in 2004, James E. Barham, MD’74, says he couldn’t help reflecting reverently on all of the things that made his time here both special and valuable. “I can wax poetic about the education I received,” he says. “They did an excellent job of teaching me how to learn for the rest of my life.”

Part of that life learning, and of particular worth to him, he says, was the free subscription to The Medical Letter that every medical student received back then. The Medical Letter is an independent, peer-reviewed, non-profit publication that offers unbiased critical evaluations of drugs—old and new—when important new information becomes available about their usefulness or possible adverse effects.

So Barham says he was dismayed to learn at his reunion that sometime after he graduated, the School of Medicine stopped providing the free subscriptions to students.

The retired family practitioner from Morristown, Tenn., recently wrote a $2,000 check to pay for a one-year site license for the electronic version of The Medical Letter at the Medical Center Library. It is available to all students and hospital staff through the password-protected Blackboard Web service, where students can find class assignments, course descriptions and updates, a calendar of events, and more.

“This is quite wonderful that he has done this,” says Pat Thibodeau, the associate dean for the Medical Center Library. “For anyone who is working in a clinical setting or delivering care, this really is a basic resource to keep them up to date on drug information.”

The Medical Center Library has 40 Internet-connected computers, and personal wireless laptop computers also will be able to access The Medical Letter.
Dream
First Woman Medical Graduate Sacrificed Career for Family

By Jim Rogalski

Readers of DukeMed Alumni News briefly met Noel E. Walker-Robbins, MD’32, in the winter issue. Mentioned in the cover story as the first woman to graduate from Duke School of Medicine, the story stated that “not much is known about her or her career. She married while in medical school.”

Well, inquiring minds want to know (or so the saying goes), and DukeMed Alumni News has since mined more insight into the life of this key female figure in Duke Medicine’s history.

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Noel Robbins, daughter

Our sources include her daughter, also named Noel Robbins, 57, of Greenville, N.C., and a 1938 Charlotte Observer newspaper article titled “Interesting Carolina People,” located by Duke Medical Center Archives. Both present Walker-Robbins as an ambitious dreamer, a talented physician, and a loyal mother and wife whose adversity and personal sacrifice after Duke is both heartbreaking and inspiring in its parallels to the life of George Bailey in the Frank Capra classic movie, It’s a Wonderful Life.

Noel (the daughter) was 10 years old when her mother died. She remembers her mother as a brilliant and loving woman, and her father as domineering.

Walker-Robbins was born in Virginia, and the family later moved to Mississippi, then to Charlotte, N.C., as they followed her father’s various appointments as a Presbyterian minister. Walker-Robbins had big dreams, and what grabbed her as a child was the desire to become a missionary doctor in China. This was no doubt inspired by a female missionary doctor who was a frequent guest at her father’s church and the family’s dinner table. She told fascinating, other-worldly stories of her work in the “dragon kingdom.”

The plan Walker-Robbins crafted was to earn a college degree, take a medical course, then journey to China to take over the work of her family’s missionary friend. She graduated from Queens College in 1928, having studied French, German, Spanish, Greek, Latin and drama, and then enrolled in a medical course. Her plan was unfolding perfectly.

But an automobile accident she was in, (any details of which we were unable to find) derailed everything. We do know her injuries were not life threatening, but they were severe enough to prevent her from traveling overseas.

With the proverbial rug pulled out from under her, Walker-Robbins chose to stand back up, and committed to a full medical degree with the intention of practicing in the U.S. She completed the two-years of medical school offered by UNC, then came to Duke in 1930, earning the honor of being Duke’s first female medical school graduate in 1932.

For her first summer vacation she worked as assistant to Dr. Stokes Monroe of Charlotte, and spent her second summer as assistant to Dr. Addison Brenizer. During her third-year summer she interned in obstetrics, general surgery, and pediatrics at the Watts Hospital in Durham.

During her fourth year she married Duke Law School senior Haywood Robbins, who returned to Charlotte to practice while Walker-Robbins stayed in Durham for an internship at Duke Hospital, after which she became a member of the staff as assistant resident. Small of stature, she frequently was mistaken for a student nurse, with one patient encouraging her to keep studying hard so she would “finally earn her nurse’s cap.”

Under the tutelage of Wilbert C. Davison, MD—the dean of the medical school—and faculty members Harold Amoss, MD, and Frederick M. Hanes, MD, Walker-Robbins excelled, and was well equipped for a successful career in medicine.

Eighteen months into her residency she returned to Charlotte for two weeks rest. It was then that her husband’s unspoken desires kept beneath the surface emerged. He requested that she give up her career as a physician.

Perhaps amazing by today’s cultural standards, she yielded to her husband’s wishes and quit medicine, steadfastly standing by the decision even as an urgent need for physicians emerged during World War II and tempting offers came her way. The couple had a son and then a daughter. The social column in the Charlotte Observer states that Walker-Robbins willfully agreed to honor her husband’s request. Her daughter, however, suspects the decision was not so easy.

“I got some insight into how bad the marriage was when I later read the depositions from their divorce,” the younger Noel says.

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Walker-Robbins instead became active in civic organizations and held titles such as chairman of the art department of the Charlotte Woman’s Club, where she organized art exhibits. She joined the Liberty Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was a public relations volunteer for the local YMCA. She also was president of the Charlotte League of Women Voters.

The couple divorced in 1956 and Walker-Robbins died in 1959 at age 50 of colon cancer. Her husband died in 1969, and her son in 1997. “What I remember the most,” the younger Noel says, “is that when she was ill she insisted on staying at home even though she was receiving treatment. She wanted to spend as much time as possible with my brother and me.”

Reflecting on her mother’s life, the younger Noel says “it breaks my heart. She could have made a big difference in the world. I only hope that she served as an inspiration to other women to follow a medical career.”
Elon Clark
THE DOCTOR’S ARTIST

Buried on an inner page of the 1931 yearbook of The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute—better known today as the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) —is a photo of a flushed and handsome young man with a great swath of wavy hair, a slight smile, and the almost infinitesimal squint of a prankster. This is Elon H. Clark—“Clarky” to his friends—who in a few short years would found one of the country’s leading departments of medical art and photography at Duke.

By Paul Baerman

An Obsession with Detail
Clark was one of 20 graduates in illustration that year at the Athenaeum, a branch of the University of Rochester that offered instruction in food administration, retail, interior decorating, costume design, teacher training, and illustration. Initially he had planned to enter the university as a pre-med student but was discouraged from applying. His dean at the Athenaeum, exasperated with what he deemed an obsession with detail in Clark’s drawings, demanded to know why he didn’t just get it over with and go into medical art. Eager to learn all kinds of media, Clark supplemented his illustration curriculum by studying sculpture at night. In the summer of 1932, he explored the still new discipline of experimental medical photography at Eastman Kodak.

Clark went on to study art at Johns Hopkins University, where he became one of only five student apprentices accepted in medical illustration to work under Max Brödel, a Leipzig-trained master and friend of H.L. Mencken, whose lithographs hung in the Louvre. Brödel, who had established the Department of Art as Applied to Medicine in 1911 and who towered over the discipline for decades, did not promise students a degree according to any mere two- or three-year schedule: he would certify and release them only when they had learned human anatomy and advanced illustration techniques to his satisfaction.

Clark fared so well that in his second year he became Brödel’s first student assistant in exchange for a tuition waiver. Later he recounted how his teacher had given him a photo of himself with instructions to hang it on the wall in sight of his work in order to elicit its magic: “When you do a bad piece, I’m spitting on you, and when you’re doing a brilliant one, I’m smiling at you.”

Brödel’s demanding curriculum included several human dissections, one of which Clark recalled working on alone, late at night. He tied the corpse’s wrist to an overhead light with a string so he could see to dissect an axilla. The string, of course, broke, and the arm fell and wrapped itself around Clark’s head.

Clark’s talent, along with his habit of working day and night, paid off. One day Brödel informed him he had a place for him at Duke. “Where’s Duke?” said Clark.

“Heart of America.”

“Where’s Durham?”

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Building a Department
Despite this inauspicious beginning, and never imagining that they would choose to make Durham their home for the rest of his career, Elon Clark and his bride Helen Greene made their way to North Carolina to work for the Duke University School of Medicine on January 1, 1934, clutching an invitation from head of surgery Deryl Hart, MD.

Clark quickly won the respect and affection of the doctors and staff, many of whom had themselves been recruited to a position of responsibility at Duke either straight from their studies or as very young faculty members at Johns Hopkins. Clark had, in fact, done illustrations for several of them while in Baltimore.

With a salary of $1,050 per year at the outset, even the ambitious young Clark could not have guessed he would be named head of a brand new department of medical art and photography in 1935, an assistant professor in 1944, associate professor in 1950, and full professor in 1952.

Health care in the South was still, on the whole, very poor in the mid-1930s, and for an illustrator, this meant great opportunities to capture images of large tumors, advanced stages of diseases, and medical conditions virtually unknown in many parts of the country. Within two years, Clark and two assistants were serving not just the surgery department, but the whole medical center. Demand for their services skyrocketed.
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He was seen as a born mentor who loved to teach newsmen, although those who worked for him describe him as a colleague more than a boss. In 1943, Clark hired a talented young artist with ability and experience but little academic training, not only showing him to see.”

Contributions to Life, Art, and Medicine

In addition to capturing medical progress through his art, Clark authored or co-authored articles on the aesthetics of eye reconstruction, facial prostheses, and gastritis, and within his own rapidly changing field he helped pave the way for others by publishing an article in the September 1947 Modern Hospital entitled “Art for the Patient’s Sake,” in which he laid out the philosophy, logistics, staffing, and budgeting process of a hypothetical department of medical illustration. His illustrations appeared in innumerable books and journals, including the journal Medical Epidemiology and the textbook Global Epidemiology, and he served as an art editor for the journals Religion and Health and Urologic Surgery.

Somewhere he also found time along the way to establish and patent Duke’s school color, “Duke blue,” and redesign the Duke seal; to create and place portraits and memorials; to design the university and medical center logos, conference and educational exhibits, shield, flags, and all the processional panoply of academic apparel, including the mace carried by the president. His creativity seemed boundless.

At the same time his group was venturing from photography into movies and television. Yet he retained a fondness for “old-fashioned” medical illustration to communicate ideas rather than record the situation of a particular patient. “You can take a photograph of a building from every angle you want,” he explained. “But you are not going to be able to build from those photographs unless you have some working drawings. The camera only takes everything it sees; it cannot leave anything out. As the artist stands looking at a surgical procedure, he ignores clamps, he ignores sponges, he ignores hands—and sometimes we have three or four hands down in an incision. We also have the ability to accent an area that is particularly important to do in more detail, so that the viewer’s eye focuses on what (the artist wants) him to see.”

—Elon Clark

Even with the burgeoning improvements in medical photography, the team sometimes had to “fix up” a cadaver by, for example, painting nerves yellow so they would stand out.

He helped found the Association of Medical Illustrators and became its first chairman of the board of governors in 1945. Despite the high utility he had found in his formal training at Johns Hopkins, he was a passionate advocate for admitting medical artists with no formal schooling as long as they had the requisite practical experience. Since he had won a national competition in figure drawing at 22, perhaps it should come as no surprise he excelled at portraiture. In particular, his 1940s pencil portraits of Frederic M. Hanes, MD, long-time professor and chair of medicine at Duke, are noteworthy. Hanes himself asserted that they were the finest likenesses ever made of him.

Clark loved learning and was game to study and try any art. Practicing on colleagues, he taught himself the 19th-century practice of making a life mask, though on his first effort he forgot to grease the subject’s eyelashes, which dried into the plaster and made both of them glad to know that the ophthalmology department was not far away. His eventual mastery of the technique led, in 1940, to his making a death mask of the university’s first president, William Preston Few, which later served as a model for a bar-relief in the Allen Building.

Building on these early experiments, he began tinkering with facial prostheses to complement or supplement plastic surgery, securing a grant to develop materials, adhesives, and colorings. The noses and ears of Duke employees became models for patients from around the state and beyond, and in 1960 Clark was named director of the Facial Prosthesis Unit.

Clark was known at Duke and in the community as a people person—the life of any party, a driver of convertible sports cars, and a ladies man who told “screamingly funny stories.” Underneath his joker’s desire to be liked was a commitment to help where help was needed. In addition to his reputation for visiting the sick and grieving, he was active in numerous community organizations, including president of the Children’s Museum, now the Museum of Life and Science in Durham; founding president of the Duke University Retiree Association; membership on the Warren Wilson College advisory board, and secretary of the Duke-Semans Fine Arts Foundation.

One of his greatest contributions to Duke was forming the Medical Center Archives. In 1968 he became special assistant to the dean of the medical school—and then in 1969 to the vice president for medical affairs—for archives and memorabilia.

Clark died in January 2001, and his remains lie in Duke’s Searle Center columbarium.
The young PhD student was suffering from debilitating headaches to the point that she considered quitting school. Carlos Bagley, T’96, MD’00, then a neurosurgery junior resident at Johns Hopkins University, suspected a brain aneurysm, but the woman was reluctant to agree to the tedious, high-stakes brain surgery needed to be certain.

“I wasn’t going to let her leave without a fight,” Bagley says. “She was a walking time-bomb.” If it was indeed an aneurysm and it ruptured, he told her, she might die.

She finally agreed. During the surgery, which involved temporarily removing a portion of her skull, Bagley saw the bulging blood vessel through his high-tech microscope. The aneurysm had already bled several times and was on the verge of bursting. He deftly worked his way around the brain tissue and repaired it. The woman made a full recovery in what Bagley calls one of his most fulfilling cases.

Today, the woman is teaching and conducting oncology research, Bagley says. “And hopefully curing cancer.”

Endowing Opportunity

Currently, the cost for an entering Duke medical student is $62,731, which includes the year’s tuition, room and board, fees, books, and living expenses. “I can’t imagine what it would have been like to see that amount of debt. I had no way of even thinking about affording a medical education,” says Bagley, who was raised in a single-parent household mainly by his grandmother. Today he is specializing in spinal oncology, working to develop new techniques to treat cancer of the spine.

About 87 percent of Duke medical students receive some form of financial aid. The majority comes from unrestricted sources like The Fund for DukeMed and the Davison Club. Together with fellow Duke students studying nursing, law, business, and engineering, Barfield dreams of building and staffing medical clinics for the less fortunate on six continents. “If you don’t dream big,” he says, “you may never realize what kind of impact you could have.”

Dreaming big is a hallmark of the Duke institution. It is particularly poignant in the medical school, where advances in areas such as infectious diseases, stem cell research, and genomics offer students bona fide reasons to dream big for their potential to benefit human health on a global scale.
The overall Duke University FAI seeks a total of $245 million for undergraduate aid, including $15 million for athletic scholarships. It also seeks $55 million to support graduate and professional school students. Duke University President Richard H. Brodhead said that so far, nearly $150 million of the $300 million total goal has been given or pledged. While all donations are welcomed, those between $100,000 to $1 million may be matched dollar-for-dollar through a $1 million total from four families.

Duke makes sure they don’t fall through the financial aid net. Duke University’s financial aid officers work through it.

Duke medical students, in memory of her father, a former Duke surgeon, she says.

Investing in Our Social Future
Brodhead has identified increasing the university’s endowment for financial aid as a core university goal and one of his highest priorities.

“In seeking permanent support for financial aid, we’re recognizing this as a permanent and fundamental obligation of the university,” he said when announcing the initiative.

He also is committed to recruiting more foreign students—a task made difficult by post-September 11 government red tape, which he says hinders the ability “to attract the most talented scientists and engineers from around the world.” Many will remain in the U.S. and contribute significantly to the nation’s science and technology base, he says.

One such promising foreign researcher is 39-year-old Qingong Yang, MD’06, a fourth-year Duke medical student from China. She came to Duke after earning a PhD in genetics and securing three patents in gene mutation detection. Obtaining a medical degree, she says, is key to her desire to combine stem cell research with relevant clinical work.

“The most promising hope for stem cell research is with the treatment of neurological degenerative diseases like muscular dystrophy and ALS,” Yang says. “There’s potential there and I am really interested.”

She is single and says that without Duke’s aid package she would not have been able to attend medical school. “My parents are in China and are very poor,” she says.

The Financial Aid Initiative will increase to more than $1 billion—about one-quarter of Duke’s total endowment—the amount reserved for scholarship support for students who, Brodhead says, “would not otherwise be able to afford to study at Duke.

When Katherine S. Upchurch, MD’76, was appointed to represent the Duke University School of Medicine on Duke’s Financial Aid Initiative (FAI) Steering Committee she did what comes naturally: she led by example and donated $100,000 of her own money.

When paired with $100,000 in matching FAI challenge funds, she established The Samuel Earl Upchurch Scholarship Fund for medical students, in memory of her father, a former Duke surgical resident and a member of Duke’s WWII 65th General Hospital.

“I believe that people who have benefited from education have a commitment to give back, and this is a natural progression of my own benefits from being at Duke,” she says. The associate chief in the Division of Rheumatology at the UMass Memorial Medical Center and associate professor of medicine at University of Massachusetts Medical School.

As the leader of DukeMed’s FAI, Upchurch will work to identify alumni, industries, and foundations that have the capacity and interest to support medical school scholarships.

Upchurch is married to Ronald “Tak” Takvorian, MD. They have three children—their son Sam is a senior, and daughters Kate is a junior, both at Harvard, and daughter Sarah will enter Duke this fall as an undergrad.
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Martin Cummings, MD’44, GONH’85, is director-emeritus of the National Library of Medicine. He is enjoying retirement by reading, lecturing, and teaching computer skills to people with low-quality vision. He lives in Sarasota, Fla.

George Liles, MD’44, BSM’44, DC, is active in retirement by volunteering for a variety of organizations including the United Way Legacy Foundation and North East Medical Center Foundation, among others. He is the 2004 recipient of the UNC-Charlotte Distinguished Service Award, and a 2003 Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. He and his wife Jane have two sons—George and Perry—and seven grandchildren. They live in Concord, N.C.

Robert Ragland, MD’45, HS’45-47, is a specialist in psychiatry, which he recently retired from at North Carolina Memorial Hospital. He is the 2003 recipient of the UNC-Chapel Hill Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching. He and his wife Elizabeth have three sons and two daughters—including Tamy, ’18, and Benjamin, ’16—and 15 grandchildren. They live in Durham.

Robert Lorenzen, MD’48, HS’49-51, says he has recently retired for the second time from running the charity eye clinic at St. Vincent de Paul Medical Facility, which he founded eight years ago in Paradise Valley, Ariz., where he lives with his wife Lucy. He is enjoying retirement by traveling, playing golf, and painting.

Berry B. Monroe, MD’48, is retired from practicing pediatrics, but works two a month days at Mercy Medicine, a free clinic. In 2004, he went to Bolivia on a two-week medical mission trip. Both his wife Susan and daughter Kathy died in 2002. He lives in Florence, S.C.

Robert Sinisky, MD’48, HS’48-49, retired in 2003 from his OB-GYN practice in Columbus, Ohio, where he lives. He and his wife Sondra, WC’47, have four children. Their three daughters are MBA recipients and a son is a urologist.

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Alison Schmit, MSIII
Delphos, Ohio

In honor of Duke University School of Medicine’s 75th Anniversary, you and your fellow students have committed to performing 7,500 hours of community service. What has this meant to you?

It has helped me understand the importance of unity and giving back to the community. Durham has provided each of us with much, and it is wonderful to work together as students to thank the community for everything it has provided us.

Marisa Buchaklian, MSIII
Loveland, Ohio

Since the focus of medical school is to learn constantly, sometimes you just feel like doing something tangible that helps someone right now. Community service satisfies that desire.

Carey Dozier, MSIII
Tallahassee, Fla.

That no matter how busy or how hectic life is, there is always time to help those who are less fortunate. Even the smallest amount of time and effort spent is tremendously rewarding and a great benefit to others.

Aravind Chadrasharuk, MSIII
Indian Wells, Calif.

Over the course of the last few years here at Duke, I’ve come to realize that 7,500 hours is only the beginning of what we as medical students can, should, and do invest into the greater community around us here in Durham. As physicians, we will be afforded the opportunity to contribute even more, should we choose to make service a priority.

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J. Graham “Ske” Smith, Jr., T’47, MD’51, HS’54/56, DC, professor emeritus at the Univer- sity of South Alabama, received the Distingu- ished Service Award of the Southern Medical Association in November 2003. The ophthalmologist and the founding editor of the Southern Medical Journal and the founding editor of the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, Smith has served as president of the American Acad- emy of Dermatology in 1998 and president of the American Dermatologi- cal Association, and the

Community Service ON THE SPOT

Alison Sweeney and I co-coached a 11-13 year old girls’ soccer for Durham Parks and Recreation last fall and will continue another season this spring. It was a fantastic experience for many reasons, but the prize that I take away and into my career in pediatrics is a refreshed understanding of what the world is like for an average kid—fun, friends, and anxiety expressed by the prejudice, fear, and hatred expressed by the movements of the earth-life community. On the environment, he writes, “we must cherish our land…. yet we ignore the fact that oil is poisonous to human beings and other life forms when burned, and ought to be left in the ground.” He lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

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American Board of Dermatology and a board member of the American Board of Surgery. Her most valuable contribution has been the founding chair of the Department of Dermatology at Duke University Medical Center, where she was the founding director and professor of pediatric dermatology. She is also professor emeritus of dermatology at the University of California, Los Angeles and a professor of dermatology in the School of Medicine at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Richard S. Riggins, MD’65, MD’66, DC, retired from practicing orthopedics and now is enjoying adult education, traveling, and doing volunteer work. He is currently a volunteer at the VA hospital in Roanoke, Va. He is now teaching about 20 percent of the VA staff the basics of orthopedics. He is an active member of the American College of Osteopathic Medicine. He and his wife Mary Adams Dudley, WC’59, G’61, G’66, have three children—Alden, Eric, and Emily—and live in Roanoke, Va.

Rufus M. Holloway, MD’62, HS’62-63, DC, retired from otolaryngology in 2002 and has been a partner and president of Holloway Technolo- gies, Inc. He recently invented and put into operation an internally irrigating system and is in the process of marketing it to growers of containerized agricultural products. He has been granted two patents for the system. He and his wife Betty, WC’58, live in Orlando, Fla. Betty has written six books and produced three historical calendars. She is a frequent contributor to The Orlando Sentinel.

J. Freedy, MD, T’53, DC, retired in 2006 as associate professor of surgery and chief of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of California, Los Angeles and a professor of cardiothoracic surgery. It contains contributions from many well-known practitioners of liposuction. When not writing and doing surgery, Wilkinson says he has become a semi-professional angler and wrangling horses. He and his wife Suzanne live in San Antonio.

Peter O. Kohler, MD’63, HS’63-64, DC, has announced his intention to retire at the end of 2006 as president of Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Ore. He has held the position since 1988. On November 1, he was awarded the 2005 Hope Award by the Oregon Heart Association and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The award—the highest honor bestowed by the chapters—recognizes an individual who exhibits outstanding philanthropy, community service and dedication to the health and well-being of Oregonians.

Henry G. Magendantz, MD’62, DC, started off 2006 by opening a solo gynecology practice with an emphasis on couples with fertility problems. He and his wife Nancy welcomed their third granddaughter in July 2005, and the last of their four children was married this past summer. The couple lives in Lincoln, R.I.

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Eugene J. Guazzo, MD’65, DC, of Madison, Wis., sent the following Duke memories: “Despite the fact that he was at the ‘hinge-point’ of the old DukeMed to the new DukeMed. Dr. Davison was a remarkable individual. Unfortunately, in spite of the fact that he was not my dean, I got to know him well, since he was very supportive of ‘general (practice) medicine.’ As a matter of fact, at my request, he arranged for Dr. Nicholas Placanica—a general practice physi- cian from Philadelphia—to come to Duke and speak in the medical student preparatory courses in medicine.”

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Lowell H. Gill, MD’70, is president-elect of the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society (AOAFS). In 2002 he opened the Gill Orthopedic Clinic in Charlotte, N.C., where he currently practices. He recently wrote a chapter titled “The Management of Pain in Osteoarthritis” for the American Pain Society’s book on surgical interventions. He and his wife Robin have three children and live in Charlotte.

John D. Butts, Jr., MD’72, recently completed a year as president of the North Carolina Society of Pathologists. This year he begins his 20th year as the chief medical examiner for the North Carolina office of the Chief Medical Examiner, where he has worked for 30 years. He is married and has three children who have graduated from college, including their son Carter, T’96. They live in Durham.

Glenn C. Davis, MD’72, MD’s72-75, has been named a senior client partner of Korn Ferry International’s Healthcare practice. He is the former chief medical officer at FirstHealth, where he formerly served as chief medical officer for the monitoring of brain activity to avoid awareness under anesthesia. He is a native of Raleigh, a fresh- ing, and travel and local politi- cians. His wife Kathleen Walker-Galligan recently obtained her master’s degree as a new ultrasound technolo- gist. (Image 763x581 to 952x368)

Jones A.P. Wilson, MD’73, MD’s72-75, a tenured professor at Duke Uni- versity School of Medicine, and her husband Dr. Kenneth Wilson, have much to report with their family. Most recently was the dean of the College of Medicine at Mississippi State University from 2001-05. His daughter, Nora M., married Paul Dennis in May and started Duke Medical Journal. As an example of a physi- cian community leader.

Sarah, is completing her senior year. She and her husband Thad Jones are the proud parents of five children.

John K. Herpel, MD’72, has finished his first-year residency in family practice in Charlotte in 2001 and has been active on his local planning board where he says he is “trying to preserve the farming, rural, early 19th Cen- tury character” of the local community. He lives in Indianapolis, Ind.

Linda D. Green, MD’70, director of the internal medicine residency pro- gram at Prince George’s Hospital in Cheverly, Md., continues to be active in community activity and to work on health disparities with the local public health association. She serves on the governing council of the American Public Health Association. She and her husband Neal Conner live in Mount Rainier, Md., and have three daughters: Cheryl, who is in medical school, and Patricia, who works for the National Institutes of Health. Lee is a retired orthopedist.

Angela V. Galliano, MD’69, an anesthesiologist, says one of the medical breakthroughs that had the most benefit for him was the monitoring of brain activity to avoid awareness under anesthesia. He is a fresh- man at the University of Pennsylvania. His wife Kathleen Walker-Galligan recently obtained her master’s degree as a new ultrasound technolo- gist. (Image 763x581 to 952x368)

Donald Craig Brater, T’67, MD’71, MD’s71-75, the dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine, has done extensive research on endorphins and post- traumatic stress disorder. He and his wife Naomi have two children.

Michael A. Brownlee, MD’74, has been awarded the 2006 Naomi Benter Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research by Columbia University Medical Center. Brownlee is the Anita and Jack Salz Professor of Dia- betes Research and director of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International Center for Diabetic Complications Research at the Albert Einstein College of Medi- cine. He was honored for his work describing the biological processes responsible for glucose-mediated vascular dam- age. Brownlee is one of only four diabetes researchers in the world to have such a research award given by the European Associa- tion for the Study of Diabetes and the two top research awards given by the American Diabetes Association. He and his wife Karen live in New York City.

Barbara S. Reid, MD’75, DC’77, DCC, is the director of the Primary Care Program in the Division of General Medicine at Ralston Penn- sylvania Hospital and the University of Pennsylvania. She and her husband Steven Douglas, MD, a professor of pediatrics at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, have married. They are the proud parents of two children: Hope, 18, a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania, and Anna, 16, a high school sopho- more. The family lives in Philadelphia.

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Joshua T. Carter, T’96, MD’99, was inducted as president-elect of the James D. Mills Foundation for 2006. The award is a significant recognition for his many contributions to emergency medicine. (Image 763x581 to 952x368)

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James G. McCully, MD’66, retired from practicing diagnostic radiology in 2002. He has since written the book Beyond the Moon: An Ultrasound Technologist’s memoir of the most remarkable thing he has experienced. He was also appointed to the James D. Mills Foundation for 2006. The award is a significant recognition for his many contributions to emergency medicine. (Image 763x581 to 952x368)

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The Duke of World Record Circa 1980
When William H. “Billy” Bell, III, MD’80, says that his most memorable Duke experience was being involved in a world record-setting dive to 2,123 feet, an obvious question comes to mind: Where the heck is Duke hiding such a monster water tank? The obvious answer, of course, is it isn’t. Bell’s Guinness Book of World Records-earning event took place in 1980 in a dive simulator at the F.G. Hall Environmental Laboratory and Duke Hyperbaric Center in Duke Hospital South. By controlling the pressure inside the thick, iron chambers at the lab, researchers simulate the atmospheric pressure at extreme depths—without having water there. Why, you may wonder? “To measure how a person’s calculating ability and fine motor skills at those depths,” Bell says, to see if humans can perform meaningful, productive work down there. You see, in 1980 during the hey-day of famed French oceanographer Jacques Cousteau, there was tremendous interest in diving to great depths for scientific study and oil exploration. Duke researcher Peter B. Bennett had discovered in the 1960s that adding nitrogen to the then-standard diver’s air mix of oxygen and helium prevented High Pressure Nervous Syndrome (HPNS), more commonly known as “the bends,” a potentially fatal syndrome for divers. But by the 1980s, no diver had experimented with the tri-mix at simulated depths of more than around 1,000 feet. Bennett sought volunteers to take part in a number of simulated deep dives, named the Atlantis Series, to learn how the tri-mix needed to be tweaked to prevent HPNS. The separate "dives" differed in their rates of descent and percentage of nitrogen in the tri-mix. Atlantis I went to 1,559 feet. Bell, an avid recreational scuba and cave diver, remembers being an eager participant when he signed on for Atlantis II. “I was already a diver and really interested in the science,” he says. “I wanted to do my third year research in the Hyperbaric Center, studying pulmonary physiology.” For 28 days Bell, and teammates Bud Shelton—a physician’s assistant at the lab—and commercial diver Steve Porter shared the cozy environment of the seven-foot round chamber, while Bennett and others, over a period of days, adjusted the pressure and air mix inside to simulate great depths. The “divers” performed various motor skills and mental tests and were monitored 24 hours a day.

Richard J. Calvert, T’77, MD’81, a medical officer and captain of the U.S. Public Health Service of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, was deployed in September to Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina relief, and in October in Florida for Hurricane Wilma relief. He treated displaced people in special medical shelters and led a team that searched houses for ill or injured people. Calvert and his wife Norma have two sons—Ryan and John—and live in Galveston, Md.

They developed no significant signs of HPNS—nausea, hallucinations, tremors—largely because of the slow rate of descent, Bennett says. “They had held off at 1,500 feet for three days to adjust. That is unlike a Norwegian diver who, in a Scandinavian dive tank at 1,500 feet with only an oxygen-helium mix, had said he felt fine, but believed it was swaying and was actually moving inside the chamber. That dive was promptly aborted.

The Duke divers, though, fared amazingly well. “We kept holding up signs that said ‘Let’s go deeper!’ We’re just kidding around at first,” Bell says. At 2,000 feet and a world record within reach, Ben- nett got the go-ahead from his superiors to go even deeper and perform an extra day of research. He had the trio of divers sign consent forms. “We all really did want to do it and would have been real upset if we hadn’t,” Bell says. When they set the world record they enjoyed a fun, but short-lived celebration. Roles, which dismayed its time pieces could withstand pressures of 2,000 feet below sea level, sent the divers top-of-the-line watches. A few months later the French broke the record in one of their deep chambers using Bennett’s research. But still, knowing that he had “gone” where no man had gone before left Bell with an indelible and fond memory of Duke. “Diving is important to me, and I was able to do two of my four years at Duke doing research at the Hyperbaric Center,” he says. “Plus, I was in the Guinness Book of World Records.” —Jim Rogalski

Duke's World Record Circa 1980

Duke students and staff from the Department of Anesthesiology teamed with members of the Microgravity Laboratory at NASA’s Johnson Space Center to set a world record by descending to the greatest depth of any person in a pressurized chamber. The Duke University students and staff, two of whom were faculty members, descended to 2,123 feet in the William R. Pogue Jr. Diving Simulator at NASA’s Johnson Space Center. The record was set in May 1980. The students and staff included: William H. “Billy” Bell, III, MD’80; William A. Bennett, MD’80; and Jules G. Topp, IV, MD’80. The students were able to descend to such depths because the research was supported by NASA and the National Science Foundation. The research was conducted to study the effects of pressure on human physiology and to develop techniques for celebrating such depths for human exploration.
Alice Ormsby, MD’82, and her husband, a psychologist, moved to Kirkland, Wash., a private practice she launched with two other women in 2002. She reports that they are very busy and already acquiring additional acdual staff and office space. She recently named a “Top Doctor for Women” by fellow physicians, which was published in Seattle Magazine. She says one of her favorite Duke memories is spending Christmas vacation with her mother and her husband. Ormsby is a Diplomate in cardiology and office space. She lives in Woodinville, Wash.

Paula Kadison, MD’83, E83–87, has sold her medical practice, Med- cal Scientists, Inc., and contract manufacturing, have eight-year-old twins—透露 and Spencer—to live in Woodinville.

Richard A. Brown, T’81, MD’85, DC, of Del Mar, Calif., submitted the fol- lowing thoughts about his 20th reunion in October:

“While the trip was an obligation, I had an obligation to pack fully—however, I kept feeling the tug. Every time I tried to put the issue off, I got a reminder. So last week- end, there I was, in back of Durham under perfect skies, a fog out, and in the company of special friends. It took only a second to realize that not only was I deciding a good one, but an absolutely neces- sary one. Two decades have passed since med- ical school graduation. I have always cherished those four years. Never before and never again will I share a similarly intense, yet wonder- fully positive experience with such a great group of quality individuals. I haven’t forgotten the difficult times; they enrich and office space. She lives in Woodinville, Wash.

Jean have three chil- dren—Erik, who will start medical school in 2006, he and his wife Linda live in Wytheville, Va.

Martin A. Morse, T’79, MD’82, DC, is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon with the Great Falls Plastic Surgery Center, an associate clinical profes- sor at Georgetown Uni- versity, and the director of the National Ophthalmology Service.

Carol A. Hulka, MD’86, an assistant professor of radiology at Harvard Medical School, has been named director of the Comprehensive Breast Cancer and Breast Imaging/Mammography at Boston Medical Center. She opened in the fall of 2000. It is part of the Comprehensive Health Alliance of Cam- bridge, Mass. Using a team approach, the facility brings together experts in breast surgery, plastic and reconstructive surgery, oncology, radiology, nutrition, nursing, and psychology. Hulka and her husband John DiPietrantonio live in Wayland, Mass.

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Father-Son Bonding on Kilimanjaro

My father, Sheldon Fisher, and I recently returned from two weeks in Tanzania, where we went seeking father-son bonding and a physical challenge. We were ostensibly celebrating my 40th birthday and my father’s 70th. This trip included one week climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro and a second participating on a safari to the Serengeti and other sites.

On the journey from Amsterdam to Arusha, I saw an old friend, Dr. Ralph Corey, T’70, HS’40–’43, ’74, DC, who had trained me as a medical student at Duke. He was headed to a local hospital where Duke has a strong presence and exchange program.

The Kilimanjaro climb was exceptional. While we had a large series of porters to help in the ascent, the climb was still a challenge. It included four days of ascent and is transitioning out of base camp to assume leadership of phase I clinical trials at Massachusetts General Hospital. She also practices with the hospital’s oncology staff and cancer genetics group. Denis is a professor of cell biology at Clark University, currently on sabbatical. The family lives in Marlborough, Mass.

Joseph S. Miles, T’93, MD’97, was awarded the Edward Viner Teaching Award for 2005 from Pennsylvania Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania. He is an attending physician at Pennsylvania Cardiology Associates. He and his wife Jessica, T’93, have a daughter, Katherine, 2, and live in Philadelphia.

Michael P. Bologna, MD’98, HS’98–03, DC, has been awarded the Zimmer ORIF Career Development Award, as well as a Japanese Orthopedic Association Travel Fellowship. He is an adult reconstructive orthopedic surgeon and an assistant professor at Duke University Medical Center. He and his wife Kelly welcomed their son John in March 2005. They live in Durham.

Jeffrey A. Drayer, MD’98, a dermatologist in group practice, married Natalie Wolcott, a third-year medical student, in September. He reports that The Cost-Effective Use of Leeches, his book detailing his four years as a Duke medical student, is in its second printing and is selling well. He lives in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Amie W. Hiusa, MD’98, has been named associate director of the WHC Stroke Center in WakeMed Traveling Fellowship. He and his wife Steven Kellys. Colleen is completing an orthopedic surgery residency at Duke. Mary is an account supervisor in Research Triangle Park in Durham, N.C. that invests in biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and medical device companies. Melissa is a second-year resident in internal medicine at Duke. The couple lives in Durham.

Susan E. Scott, MD’99, and her husband Thomas welcomed their second child—a son, William—on Aug. 25. He joins sister Sarah, T’04, in a family of physicians and recently obtained certification in hospice and palliative medicine. The family lives in Bird in Hand, Pa.

George A. Manousos, MD’82, HS’82–85, has completed his residency at Duke and is now a clinical associate in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology at Duke Hospital. He is single and has a “wonderful girlfriend.” In his free time he enjoys running, reading non-medic als, and gardening. He lives in Durham.

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G. B. Hodge, MD, HS’42–47, Davison Club Lifetime, has written The History of USC Upstate, a book about the institution that was known until 2004 as the University of South Carolina Spartanburg. The retired surgeon says that his most memorable Duke experiences involve working with Drs. Deryl Hart and M. Barnes Woodhall. He and his wife Katie, N’43, have three children—Byron, MD’78, John, T’77, and Susan, B’83—and live in Spartanburg, S.C.

Marvin L. Weil, MD, HS’46–48, professor of pediatrics and neurology emeritus at the University of California–Los Angeles, retired in 1989 to work at the University of Oxford, England, where he is still active, he reports. His most memorable Duke experiences include isolating a microvirus avium from a patient with immune deficiency disease—“unknown in those days”—and working in the virus lab with Joseph and Dorothy Beard and Gordon Sharp. He and his wife Joyce, a published poet, live in Oxford.

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Colin G. Looney, MD’98, HS’99-current, married Mary Muehlberg on June 11, 2005, in Minneapolis, Minn. Colin is completing an orthopedic surgery residency at Duke. Mary is an account supervisor in Research Triangle Park in Durham, N.C. that invests in biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and medical device companies. Melissa is a second-year resident in internal medicine at Duke. The couple lives in Durham.

▲ Melissa Houston, MD’04, and Gartheng Kong, PhD’99, MD’01, MBA’03, were married May 21, 2005 at Duke Chapel. Kong is a partner with Intersouth Advisors, Inc., a venture capital fund in Research Triangle Park in Durham, N.C. that invests in biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and medical device companies. Melissa is a second-year resident in internal medicine at Duke. The couple lives in Durham.

2. Susanne is a family medicine resident in internal medicine at Duke University. She also lives. Dur- ing her career, she says she has seen “breast cancer evolve from a diffuse disease to one that is more localized only by surgeons to its present state.” Her hus- band Carl, a city planner, died ten years ago. She has three sons and seven grandchildren.

Finn Magnusson, MD, HS’53–56, is a retired private practice psychiatrist in Oslo, Norway. He says important medi- cal breakthroughs he has seen include the step-wise introduction of modern psycho-phar- maceuticals and the gradual recon- organization of psychiatry as psychotherapy made its way into the clinic after World War II and allowed the further development of family- and community-based approaches. He and his wife Jonun have two children—Mada and Katil.

Herbert Kaplan, MD, HS’55–57, has retired from the Denver Arthis- tin Clinic, which he co-founded. He was the first Distincted Chlinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Colo- rado Health Sciences Center, was president of the American Col- lege of Rheumatology in 1993–94, and was Colorado Internist of the Year in 1988. He and his wife Beatrice have three children and eight grand- children. Kaplan says he has had two total hip replacements and three laminectomies. They live in Denver.

Robert K. Myles, MD, is a clinical professor of medicine at the University of South Carolina’s College of Medicine. Myles recalls one of his most memorable Duke experiences was winning a nickel from Dr. Stead as a first-year resident working on the women’s ward. He and his wife Jean, his wife of 55 years, live in Reno and have four grown children. Lori is an attorney; Rob- ert, a hospital computer security vice president;
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Angenieta A. Biebel, MD'58-60, is enjoying retirement by traveling around the U.S., volunteering in various civic groups including the national women’s organization Executive Service Corps and is doing computer entry for the Indiana University archives rare book collection. Her adopted daughter is an electrical engineer who recently earned an MBA, lives in Indianapolis, Ind.

Harold R. Silberman, MD'56-57, '60-61, professor emeritus at Duke, is a volunteer physician at the Open Door Clinic in Raleigh, N.C. He also spends time outdoors where he is converting his vegetable garden into a help farm. He and his wife Audrey live in Durham, N.C.

Lourdes A. Zabala-Ombao, MD’66-61, practices OB/GYN endocrinology in Langhorne, Pa. She has married two children, Alice, TBS, MBA'89, and Elizabeth, T'86, and four grandchildren. They live in Pass A Grille, Fla.

Norman Bauman, MD’56-60, has retired from practicing rheumatology since 1992 and is practicing one day a week at the Bellevue, N.Y., Arthritis Clinic. His wife Jean died in April 2004. He has three married children and six grandchildren. He enjoys morning hiking, travel, concerts and spending time with his five children and grandchildren. He and his wife of 45 years—Janet

William A. Hunter, Jr. MD, MD’56-57, ’61-63, has been semi-retired from ophthalmology since 1992 and is practicing one day a week at the Bellevue, N.Y., Arthritis Clinic. His wife Jean died in April 2004. He has three married children and six grandchildren. He enjoys morning hiking, travel, concerts and spending time with his five children and grandchildren. He and his wife of 45 years—Janet

William D. Bradford, MD’65-66, DC, a Duke professor of pathological anatomy who retired in 2002, is still working half-day a week at the Duke University School of Medicine, where he interviews prospective students and serves on the executive committee for admissions and undergraduate medical education. He is also interested in the YMCA of the Triangle and is particularly active with Camp Seagull and Camp Seahaven, where he is a surgical advisor, and Camp Seagull, where his focus is segregation and character development. He also likes playing tennis and testing his children and grandchildren. He and his wife Anne, DC, live in Durham.

Roel J. Temple, MD’60-61, ’66-66, DC, a private practice allergist in Dover, Del., where he lives, said Duke “was a very hard place to be an intern in 1960.” He worked as the Army returned to Duke in 1963 where he found it to be “a more friendly environment. I loved Duke and stayed up for all the rest of my medical training.” He takes special pride in winning the 1965-66 EKG contest. He and his wife Mary have eight children and 25 grandchildren.

Jack W. Bonner III, MD, MD’66-69, the medical director for Behavioral Health Services of the Greenville Hospital System (GHS) and Marshall I. Pickens Hospital in Greenville, S.C., has been named as the associate professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Neurology at Brown University School of Medicine. He also was recognized in 2005 as the recipient of the Duke University School of Medicine Distinguished Educator Award.

Robert F. Mote, MD, MD’62-66, the medical director of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Lake Oswego, Ore., lives in Lake Oswego, Ore.

William R. Seabrook, Jr., MD, MD’65-66, a professor of psychiatry at Duke, was recently appointed to the Mayo Clinic and the Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research in Rochester, Minn.

Robert A. Runyon, MD, MD’62-66, was recognized by the American College of Surgeons as a Distinguished Educator. He also was recognized by the American Academy of Dermatology— the largest dermatological society in the world—with the Gold Triangle Award. In 2005 he was awarded the Thomas G. Pearson Memorial Education Award. He was a graduate of Duke Medical School. He and his wife have two children—Katherine, and Roy III—and live in Rochester.

John M. Harpper, MD, MD’62-66, is keeping busy in retirement by volunteering with a medical transportation program that serves low income patients and visiting Haiti, where he performs urologic surgery at Hospital Lumiere. He and his wife Sally have four children and two grandchildren. The live in Sea Ranch Lakes, Fla.

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John mother, MD, MD’63-64, is a general practitioner, says his most memorable Duke experiences involve working with Drs. Susan Dres, Rebecca Buckley, Madison Spach, and Robert Rider. He has been married to Sundus since 1967, and they have four grandchildren, two daughters, and two—Hadi, who holds an MBA from Georgetown University, and Hanan, an ophthalmologist with the University of Kansas in Kansas City. The Bathans live in Amman, Jordan.

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Richard S. Pan- ush, MD, MD’66- 69, chairman of the Department of Medicine at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, N.J., was awarded the fifth-anniversary Distin- guished Service Award from the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) in October 2005. The ACR’s award, presented on behalf of the American College of Rheumatology, recognizes active career volunteers involved with local, regional, and national rheumatol- ogy-related activities separate from their usual employment. Currently he is the editor-in-chief of the Yearbook of Psychiatric and Neuroendocrine Association. He cur- rently is revising his book "Death and Dying" and has said he has a “happy family. They keep me occu- pied well to my disease (cancer).” He lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Roy S. Rogers III, MD, MD’62-66, a professor at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., was recognized there in 2004 as a Distinguished Educator.

John L. Soule, MD, MD’70-71, a physician with Adriana Associate Neurology in Bethesda, Md. He has been appointed to the board of governors for Glenn Fells Hospital. He is also his wife have twins, both of whom are in college. They are enjoying the experience and as one a business consultant in Sydney, Australia—and lives in Lake Oswego, Ore.

David B. Bilstrom, MD, MD’70-71, is director of the Allergy Immunology Clinic in Portland, Ore. He has three sons—one a U.S. Air Force pilot cur- rently serving in Iraq; one an internal medicine resident at Oregon Health Sciences University, and one a business consultant in Sydney, Australia—and lives in Lake Oswego, Ore.

James H. Carter, MD, MD’67-67, a tenured professor of psychiatry at Duke, was recently awarded the Solomon C. Fuller Award by the American Psychiatric Association. He cur- rently is revising his book "Death and Dying" and has said he has a “happy family. They keep me occu- pied well to my disease (cancer).” He lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Don E. Detmer, MD, MD’69-72, is now the president and CEO of the American Medical Informatics Association in Bethesda, Md. He and Mary Helen live in Crozet, Va.

William N. Gross, D’74, MD’70-74, a pro- fessor of psychiatry at Albany Medical College in New York, is also a tenured pro- fessor and head chaplain for pastoral care at the New York State Capital District Psychiatric Center. He also provides leadership in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at the Children’s Hospital and the Beth Israel Hospital. He and his wife Kay have a son
and daughter, their son Adam currently is in his 13th year at UNC—Chapel Hill, where he was named the 2005 Practitioner of the Year by the Dermatology Foundation. He was scheduled to receive the award March 4, 2006, at the American Academy of Dermatology’s annual meeting in San Francisco. In 2003 he was named a distinguished professor by Greenberg’s Greenberg’s distinguished professor. He and his wife Martha, A’75, live in Greensboro.

A.D. Gouliamos, MD, HS’76-’77, has been appointed chairman of the second radiology department at Attikon University Hospital in Athens, Greece, where he has been a professor of radiology since 2003. He and his wife Despina live in Athens.

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Victoria S. Kapellian, HS’85-’88, is a clinical professor at Duke’s Family Medicine Center, says she enjoyed being part of the revision process for the medical school curriculum, and now is directing the new inter-disciplinary sessions program. She and her husband Jona- than Lus live in Durham.

James, grade 6. They live in Greensboro, N.C., is the assistant professor, the second dermatology department at Attikon University Hospital in Athens, Greece, where he has been a professor of radiology since 2003. He and his wife Despina live in Athens.

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Christine M. Chrusciicki, MD, HS’95-00, board certified in adult and child adolescent psychiatry, moved back to New York state from Lynchburg, Va. in fall 2005 and joined a private practice group in a suburb of Buffalo.

Karen M. Kiang, MD, MS’98-02, will return for a visit to the U.S. in April and May from Australia where she is a senior Fellow in the emergency department of the Northern Hospital in Melbourne. Once here, she will join 24 other physician “ambassadors” for the ride to raise funds for the non-profit Community Health in Philadelphia. (PHH) The community-based health organization has chapters in Haiti, Latin America, the Caribbean, Russia, and the U.S. and delivers innovative health care programs to impoverished communities. The Ride for World Health will start April 2 in San Francisco, Calif., and end May 22 in Washington, D.C. Among the groups, which includes medical centers, schools, and community groups to talk and raise awareness of global health issues and money for PHH. Kang will participate in the entire 3,700-mile journey. For more information visit www.rideforworldhealth.org

Scott M. Robert, HS’99-03, and Sara R. Robert, HS’99-02, welcomed their second child, Carolina, in June. She joins sister Eli who was born in September 2003. Scott R. Robert is an assistant chief resident at Children’s Hospital in Durham, D.C. He was a former president of the American Medical Association’s Alexandria chapter and a former board member of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and First Commonwealth Savings and Loan. Other board work included the Alexandria Boy’s Club and Head Start. He was a vestryman at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Alexandria. He is seen in another role: Caretaker for his wife, Dena has two children—Stephan, 7, and Paul—and five grandchildren.

Jennifer, a 1990 alumna from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, received the Clinical Orthopedic Society Nicks Award as Physician of the Year for his work with handicapped children and adults. He is a founding member of the Piedmont Orthopedic Society. He was president of the American Orthopaedic Association, the Southern Medical Association, the North Carolina Orthopaedic Association, and in 1967, he received the North Carolina Governor’s Award as Physician of the Year for his work with handicapped children and adults. He is a founding member of the Piedmont Orthopedic Society. In 1981, Goldster received the Distinguished Civilian Service Award by the Secretary of the U.S. Army, and in 2004 he was awarded the “Medallion of Merit” by the American Medical Alumni Association. He was a founding member of the American Orthopaedic Association, and in 2004 he received the Clinical Orthopedic Society Nichols Award in 2004. He is married to his wife, Eunice Ruth Kohler, and they live in Davidson.

Jeffrey F. Kopita, HS’89-95, has been named vice chief of staff at Baylor Medical Center in Garland, Texas. He is also medical director of care coordination and the critical care physician champion. He and his wife Alison have two children—Philip, 8, and Lilly, 11. In his free time he enjoys cycling, travel, photography, and volunteering at his children’s schools. The family lives in Dallas.

J. Michael DiMaio, HS’87-94, DC, was recently awarded the Laurence and Susan Hinch Center Distinguished Professorship in Health and Disease at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas where he lives. He has also been named director of cardiovascular and thoracic research. He and his wife Ruth Irvin have a daughter, Melissa, who was married this summer and now is living in Toalanne, Va.

Rajiv K. Jain, HS’00-01, and his wife, Monica, HS’00-01, welcomed their second child, Amrit, in June. Jain has been named assistant chief resident at Children’s Hospital in Charleston, S.C. and is known especially for his expertise in the management of cerebral palsy, children’s foot deformities, and management of hand, upper extremity, and spinal problems. Jain is known especially for his expertise in the management of cerebral palsy, children’s foot deformities, and management of hand, upper extremity, and spinal problems.

Robert H. Anderson, T’74, MD’84, DC, died August 10, 2006 of prostate cancer. He was 82. Anderson ran a private pediatrics practice in Alexandria, Va., for more than 50 years. He also was on staff at what is now Inova Alexandria Hospital, where he once was chief of pediatrics and president of the medical staff. He was a native of Wilson, N.C. Anderson served as a U.S. Army station hospital in Heidelberg, West Germany, from 1947 to 1949. In 1951, he joined what is now the Department of Veterans Affairs, where he served as an orthopedic assistant chief resident at Children’s Hospital in Washington, D.C. He was a former president of the American Medical Society and the Alexandria Rotary Club, where he also founded the Rotary Rooters jazz group. He played saxophone and clarinet in the band, which specialized in New Orleans-style jazz. He was a former assistant chief resident at the Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio, recently received the North Carolina Governor’s Award as Physician of the Year for his work with handicapped children and adults. He is a founding member of the Piedmont Orthopedic Society. In 1981, Goldster received the Distinguished Civilian Service Award by the Secretary of the U.S. Army, and in 2004 he was awarded the “Medallion of Merit” by the American Medical Alumni Association. He was a founding member of the American Orthopaedic Association, and in 2004 he received the Clinical Orthopedic Society Nichols Award in 2004. He is married to his wife, Eunice Ruth Kohler, and they live in Davidson.

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Steven—three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Thomas F. Kelley, Jr., MD ’46, DC

Margaret Getaz Taylor Ramage, a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, died November 28, 2005, in Jacksonville, Fla., following a brief illness. After graduating from Hendersonville (N.C.) High School, she served as a pharmacist in the U.S. Navy and in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve before attending Duke University School of Medicine. In 1958, Williams began a 32-year OB/GYN practice at Riverview Clinic in Jacksonville. After the clinic closed in 1990, he established 40-PLUS, a private practice dedicated to the care of post-menopausal women. He ended his career with Southeast GYN Oncology at St. Vincent’s Women’s Center in 2005. A past president and founding member of the Gynecologic Laser Society, the North American Menopause Society, and the Florida Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, he also was a lifetime member of the Dallas County Medical Society, American Medical Association, Florida Medical Association, and the North Carolina Medical Society. Williams also helped found the Timucuan Country Club. He is survived by Glo, his wife of 54 years; sons Jay and James; daughters-in-law Susan and Amy; daughter Helen; son-in-law Tim; five grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

John L. Wooten, MD’47, died December 4, 2004, in his native home of Greenville, N.C., where he practiced orthopedic surgery for 34 years. After earning a medical degree at Duke University School of Medicine, he trained in pathology at University of Maryland and in orthopedic surgery at the University of Maryland. He served for two years as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Korean Conflict before establishing eastern North Carolina’s first orthopedic’s practice in 1955. Chief of the Division of Orthopedic Surgery at East Carolina University, he retired from the Department of Orthopedics in 1988-89, after he was emeritus professor of surgery. In addition, he had served as president of the Pitt County Medical Society and the N.C. Orthopedic Society, chief of staff and board of trustees member at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, president of the Greenville Rotary Club, senior warden of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, and chair of the Greenville Housing Authority. A man who was known for his optimism and compassion, Wooten studied history, researching genealogy, sailing, golfing, and gardening in his spare time. He is survived by his wife, Harriet Wooten; sons John, David, and Lamont, T’77; and six grandchildren.
Thank you, Half Century Club Chair Dr. Paul Cook, and all of the class agents and reunion chairs whose hard work and generosity made the 2005 Reunion Program a rousing success.

Thank you, R. Sanders “Sandy” Williams, MD ’74, H.57/’80, Dean of School of Medicine.
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In my first night as junior-assistant resident, I learned keen attention because the responsibility for the thirty-some patients on the ward would be mine. The obviously-exhausted young resident mechanically described the case of a stage-four cervical carcinoma in an elderly woman for whom full radiation therapy had hardly slowed the grim disease; he called her “terminal” and implied that she might not even survive the night. With rounds completed, most of the “night shift” departed for the cafeteria, but I stayed behind to explore the new facility. I was startled to see Hattie’s hemoglobin level—seven grams. The curtain about the patient I had come to see, however, was drawn and no voices were heard. I drew the curtain aside and stepped to meet her. Hattie’s wasted body hardly altered the neat contours of the thin face; she hardly looked as I introduced myself, but only picked listlessly at the bedclothes. Her breathing was labored, and she responded haltingly to my inane student questions.

The persistence of the ridge left on the back of her hand by my gentle pinch and the amber urine in the collection bag meant dehydration, and I noticed she did not have an IV. After six sweating attempts, I finally managed to establish a line, and in a flourish of junior-resident genius, I added a dose of potassium to the bottle. As I documented my treatment in her chart, I flipped through the lab work and was startled to see Hattie’s hemoglobin level—seven grams. Already committed to playing real doctor, I never occurred to me to consult with my immediate superior—the assistant resident—when I ordered the transfusion. Very shortly, I was called away to the emergency department, but felt confident I left Hattie in the hands of my favorite nurse, a veteran

I was overjoyed to find a watch fob of sterling silver, engraved with my initials and the date. My brain swimming with visions of a truncated career medicine—than I did on that night so long ago at Duke.

“Doctor,” he said with what sounded to me like pure sarcasm, “have you seen your patient this morning?” I could not look him in the eye and everyone seemed to edge away from me as the charge-in. “Well, maybe you should go in and see for yourself the effects of your—” he paused for effect, “therapy.”

I heard nothing of Hattie for over a month, until late one evening when I was paged to the nurse’s station on the next wing and informed that a family in a room down the hall was asking for me. Walking down the hall, I knocked on the door and was invited into the dim semi-private room. In the far bed lay Hattie, comatose. Around her stood nine people, all dressed in the plain, well-worn but clean clothes of farm folks.

Hattie’s eldest daughter told me what had happened since the family had taken Hattie home for what she called the good weeks of the early spring when her mother seemed happier than anyone could remember, even getting out to church twice and singing in the choir from her wheelchair. The best thing of all, she said, was that all the relatives finally got together and managed to organize the big family reunion they had been talking about for years.

“Doctor,” she said, “we can never repay you for what you gave us, but we all get you something.” I was too overcome and embarrassed to open my gift on the spot, but later, alone in the resident’s sleeping room, I unwrapped the package to find a watch fob of sterling silver, engraved with my initials and the date.

Just before dawn the next morning, Hattie died. In all my years, I have not witnessed any greater display of the power and the glory of the nobility of all calling—medicine—than I did on that night so long ago at Duke.
He was a medical student.
She was a student nurse.

It all started at Duke for Joe McAlister, T'46, MD’48, and his late wife, Shirley, N’47. The couple met, married, and had the first two of their five children at Duke, where he completed a radiology residency. He remembers visits to Dean Davison’s mountain cottage in Roaring Gap, N.C., and was a personal friend of Carl Rodgers, the Dean’s beloved assistant. The mentor who inspired his career in radiology was Robert J. Reeves, MD.

“Duke taught me how important it is to learn all you can about a subject so you can do the very best for your patients,” said Dr. McAlister, who often treated patients in the final stages of cancer, getting to know them personally and visiting in their homes.

Dr. McAlister recently established a gift annuity at Duke. It provides him with income during his life, and ultimately will benefit the Duke School of Medicine through the Davison Club.

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