All of 5 feet tall, Davenport Hooker was an imposing figure in the School of Medicine. As the chair of the Department of Anatomy from 1919 to 1956, Hooker was often the barrier between the first and second year for Pitt med students. Macy Levine (MD '43) won’t soon forget him: “He had a loud booming voice, and he commanded attention. When he said something, you listened.” On the off chance students weren’t listening, they’d be dealt a piercing blow from a whistle (shown here), which the professor carried primarily to herd students into lecture. (Please send your Hooker memories to medmag@pitt.edu or the editorial office address on the inside front cover.)

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