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CLASS NOTES

'50s Ralph J. Miller Sr., MD '52, a urologist with a private practice in Indiana, Pennsylvania, has been doing some writing. He recently published Doctor in Jeopardy (Aesculapius Publishing). The book, which details his experiences in medical school and as a local community hospital doctor struggling to improve health care, is available at the University Book Center and at http://www.atlasbooks.com. His son, Ralph Miller Jr., MD '84, also is a urologist.

'60s Thomas J. Martin, MD '60, has spent the past five years as team physician for the football program at Pennsylvania State University after serving as chair of pediatrics at Geisinger Medical Center and the Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville, Pennsylvania. Even though he tapes up a sworn rival team, Martin confesses he's still a Panther fan at heart.

Harvey Rosenbaum, MD '61, joined the Cleveland Clinic in 1957 after 29 years of private practice in internal medicine and endocrinology. Rosenbaum trained at the clinic, and the recent opportunity let him return to those familiar surroundings. At his 40th reunion, he was pleased to learn that women make up half the students enrolled at Pitt med today; only four out of 100 students in his class were women. He notes that Pittsburgh has changed, too—in 1957, his wife used to clean the window sills twice a day.

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EDWARD J. HUMES

On a bike tour two summers ago, Richard Paul, MD ‘61, coasted into a small town in France. It was market day, and a street band was performing. The other bikers stopped to listen, but Paul grabbed the cornet he takes everywhere he travels. Still wearing his helmet, he jumped in, picking up the tune with ease.

Paul, a retired Pittsburgh pediatrician, didn’t need to speak French. He and the street band shared the only language they needed: music. It has always been that way for Paul, the leader back home of a dixieland band.

“Medicine is a very difficult gig,” he says, “It can't be all consuming.” Doctors need diversions, Paul says, and music always has been his. One fall evening, Dixie Doc and the Pittsburgh Dixieland All Stars play at Penn Brewery, in the heart of Pittsburgh’s Germantown. Paul sits in front of the group, resting his horn in his lap. Then he stands, putting trumpet to lips and rousing the crowd to applause. When his solo is through, he sits, smiling, tapping his foot, waiting for the next cue to come around.
for the multicenter African-American Study of Kidney Disease and Hypertension. With his study colleagues, he recently published an article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* showing that Ramipril slows the progression of hypertensive renal disease and proteinuria.

‘70s RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS

**Michael Landay**, MD '68 (Internal Medicine Resident ’70), was recently appointed Jack Reynolds, MD, Chair in Radiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Landay became interested in radiology during a tour of duty in Vietnam, where he was inspired by a colleague’s example.

**Carl Fischer** (Pediatric Anesthesia Fellow ’72), completed research at the Shriners Burns Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, showing that using local anesthesia can make skin grafts for burn patients less painful. (If a local anesthetic is incorporated in the Pitkin solution at the donor site, a much less systemic narcotic is needed to make the patient comfortable—especially in the first 24-36 postoperative hours, Fischer says.)

**James Peoples** (Surgical Intern ’72, Surgical Resident ’77, Surgical Teaching Fellow ’77), chair of the Department of Surgery at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, organizes a wine auction each year that raises about $25,000 a year for the regional chapter of Planned Parenthood. He notes: “I work at Planned Parenthood as a fund-raiser not because I’m a doctor but because it’s a good organization.”

‘80s RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS

**Vincent Verdile** (Emergency Medicine Intern ’85, Emergency Medicine Resident ’87) was recently appointed dean of the Albany Medical College in Albany, New York. Verdile says he loves the administrative aspect of being dean because it reminds him of his younger days. Overseeing the activities of department chairs, professors, and students in some ways reminds him of days spent managing the needs of chefs, prep cooks, and customers at his family’s Italian restaurant. By the way, if you’re ever in Troy, New York, go to Verdile’s.

‘90s

**Robert W. Neumar**, MD ’90, assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, is investigating the cause behind brain cell death following ischemia in order to improve current therapeutic methods. His recent study about activation of protease cascades after injury appears in the July issue of *Experimental Neurology*.

**Keith Williams**, MD ’95, clinical instructor of internal medicine for Boston University, works with the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. He also sees clients from an alcohol and drug detoxification program called Bridge to Recovery. —MH

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**THE WAY WE ARE:**

**CLASS OF ’76**

By Edward J. Humes

Sally G. Osborne, MD ’76, remembers July 4, 1976, well. She was on rounds at Magee-Womens Hospital; it was her first birthday as a doctor. As she settled into a night’s work, she looked up at a television to see revelers gathering on the streets of New York to celebrate 200 years of American independence. Like everyone from the Class of ’76, she was just beginning her career. The holiday would have to go on without her.

By 1999, a series of neck injuries limited sensation in Osborne’s right arm, ruining her ability to perform surgery. Osborne, an ob/gyn, became director of a Tampa Bay, Florida, research group that examines women’s
WE KNEW YOU WHEN, CAMPBELL MOSES

For a decade, Campbell Moses (MD ’41) hosted Grand Rounds, a medical-education television program in Pittsburgh aimed at doctors. “It was promoted in the local newspapers: ‘Don’t call your doctor between noon and 1 p.m. on Friday; he’ll be taking a postgraduate course,’” Moses remembered during the recent Homecoming weekend.

His career began in 1942 at Pitt as an instructor of physiology and pharmacology. By 1957, Moses had helped the School of Medicine obtain grants to start the Addison H. Gibson Laboratory, a research facility he directed (marking Pitt’s return to live animal studies), and the University’s first radioactive isotope program. He would go on, in 1967, to head the American Heart Association for a decade, before retiring in the ’80s from a New York medical advertising agency that produced interactive educational videos for hospitals. Today, now mostly retired, Moses divides his time between his homes in Manhattan and Spring Lake, New Jersey. —DRE

IN MEMORIAM

'20s
L. HARVEY STEELE (MD ’29)
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CYRUS P. MARKLE JR. (MD ’37)
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ANGELO A. PETRAGLIA (MD ’38)
OCTOBER 21, 2001

'40s
EMMA WEBB CLARKE (MD ’47)
JANUARY 31, 2001

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M. DOROTHY BURNS (MD ’53)
FEBRUARY 8, 2001
EDWARD R. SEITZ (MD ’54)
SEPTEMBER 16, 2001

'60s
JAMES M. POMARICO (MD ’63)
AUGUST 15, 2001
WILLIAM E. BROWN (MD ’64)
OCTOBER 12, 2001
DONALD S. FRALEY JR. (MD ’68)
NOVEMBER 14, 2001

LIVE FROM BEANTOWN: Pitt took Dean Arthur S. Levine, Alan Russell, director of the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine, and Alan Meisel, director of the Center for Bioethics and Health Law, on the road to Boston in October to discuss the potential of stem cell research before about 150 University of Pittsburgh alumni. More Pitt Med: On the Road events are planned for Florida, Washington, DC, and California.
When Kim Johnson walked into an undergraduate biology lab in 1972 at the University of Pittsburgh, Timothy Eberlein leaned toward his lab partner and boasted that she would be his future wife. His partner laughed, doubtful, but Eberlein knew.

After a few dates, Johnson wasn't sure about Eberlein. She thought he was too serious; she wanted a career. But he knew they would marry. Two and a half years later, they did.

Eberlein, MD '77, says he is one of those people who sometimes happens to be in the right place at the right time. He credits meeting his wife to “divine intervention,” and he believes a chance to witness an aortic surgery at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Oakland led to his career in surgery. Eberlein does this a lot, attributing his accomplishments to happenstance. His actions tell a different story.

As chair of surgery at Washington University in St. Louis, where he specializes in treating breast cancer, he brought National Cancer Institute (NCI) recognition and funding to the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center just three years after his arrival. “That’s obviously a tremendous reward for a lot of hard work by a lot of individuals,” he says. Eberlein himself is notorious for putting in 18 to 20 hour workdays.

It’s not surprising that, decades earlier, as a second-year resident at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, he one day received a page from the chairs of surgery and oncology at Harvard University. They wanted to see him immediately. Thinking he was getting fired and wondering what he did wrong, Eberlein trudged off to meet them. When he arrived, they told him they didn’t want him to leave the institution. Would be like to join the faculty? He accepted the offer, and 10 years later became chief of Harvard’s division of surgical oncology.

And he doesn’t give up easily. When he trained at the NCI in the early ’80s, Eberlein began researching the protein IL-2, high concentrations of which, he theorized, might elicit immune systems to eradicate tumors. Eight years went into the investigation, only to find out “it just doesn’t work” as an immune-response cure as he thought it might. (Though IL-2 is used as a treatment for advanced melanoma and kidney cancer.)

Today he believes he has developed a cancer vaccine, currently in a Phase I trial. It’s a peptide called GP2, derived from the HER2/nue gene. In ovarian, breast, pancreatic, and other cancers, the HER2/nue gene propagates out of control. Eberlein thinks GP2 could help people’s immune systems resist these cancers. “Our hope is not to cure cancer in a Phase I trial,” he says, “but to understand how this immune response works, and how we can make it better.”

Eberlein’s colleagues speak of him as a talented surgeon, researcher, and department chair known for his willingness to burn the midnight oil. But his family notes his energy carries into all aspects of his life. Eberlein’s passions include golf and hockey, a sport he watched his son play for many years. Mentoring has become a passion of his as well. Eberlein enjoys fostering the careers of those around him as well as faculty at other institutions. It’s not unusual for him to invite colleagues to golf outings or entertain them in his home.

But what sustains and propels him to put in such marathon hours? Really, it comes down to wanting to make a difference, he says. Besides, the professional relationships he has built are immensely satisfying, he adds; and it’s hard not to be inspired by the courage he sees in his patients.

It appears he is in the right place.