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1940s

Ray C. Anderson, M.D., Ph.D. (Residency 1947), wrote a number of papers in the field of human genetics and, in March of 1951, became the first pediatric house officer at the heart hospital that was opened that year adjacent to the main University of Minnesota Hospital. Upon completion of his residency, Anderson was appointed assistant professor and devoted himself to pediatric cardiology. He became associated with the Lillehei-Varco surgical team that is now viewed as the founder of open-heart surgery. The 50th anniversary of the first operation (on a patient of Anderson’s) was celebrated with a two-day symposium at the University of Minnesota last November, to which he was invited to return as a speaker. Anderson retired in 1980 as professor emeritus of pediatrics (cardiology) and now resides in Sun City, Arizona.

1960s

Glenn W. Geelhoed (M.D. 1968), professor of surgery, international medical education, and microbiology and tropical medicine at George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., was unanimously elected as a 2005 recipient of the Medical Mission Hall of Fame Award. The award was given on behalf of Geelhoed’s “exceptional, exemplary, and significant contributions to medical mission activities throughout the world.” Geelhoed and a group of students he recruits spend several months each year on international trips to places like Southeast Asia, Sudan and Haiti to provide medical services to people who would otherwise have no access to health care.

Save the Dates: Reunion Weekend is October 7-8, 2005!

Invited to this year’s reunion are all those who received their medical degrees from the University of Michigan in any years ending in “0” and “5,” all those who earned their medical degrees in any year prior to 1955, and all those who, in any year, completed their residencies, fellowships or doctorates within the University of Michigan Health System.

The weekend’s activities — which include a bus tour of the medical campus and new construction, an awards luncheon, and class dinners — will culminate in the Big House on Saturday as the Wolverines take on the Minnesota Gophers.

You may register online at www.medicineatmichigan.org/alumni. Deadline for registration and purchase of football tickets is August 31. Confirmation packets will be mailed in September. Football tickets will be available for pick-up throughout Reunion Weekend.

Questions? Contact B.J. Bess, director of Alumni Relations, at bjbess@umich.edu or (734) 998-6044.

See you in Ann Arbor!

White Coat Ceremony on the Web

View a videotape of the August 7 White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2009 on the Web at: www.medicineatmichigan.org
1970s

Edward B. Feinberg, M.D. (Residency 1977, Fellowship 1978), has been appointed professor and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at the Boston University School of Medicine and chief of ophthalmology at Boston Medical Center where he has practiced since 1999. After completing his fellowship training at the U-M, he practiced retina surgery as a member of the faculty at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. He spent 1997-98 at the Harvard School of Public Health and 1998-99 at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and Harvard Medical School.

Thomas E. Price (M.D. 1979), an orthopaedic surgeon from Roswell, Georgia, was elected in November 2004 to the U.S. House of Representatives from Georgia’s 6th Congressional District. Price, originally from Lansing, served in the Georgia State Senate from 1996-2004. After completing his residency at Emory University, Price started an orthopaedic surgery practice in Roswell, a suburb north of Atlanta, in the 1980s. By the mid-1990s, his practice was the largest private orthopaedic practice in the United States. Price’s Congressional Web site can be found at www.house.gov/tomprice.

1990s

Jamie Stalker, M.D. (Residency 1991), was appointed medical director at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois on November 1, 2004. Stalker has been working as an occupational health physician and internist at Argonne since 2001, and prior to that was a clinician and instructor at Rush Medical Center and Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She was recertified in internal medicine in 2003 and became certified as a medical review officer in 2004. Stalker lives in Lemont, Illinois, with her husband, Joel Whitehouse, an attorney and private investigator, and their children, Justin and Eliana. She can be reached at jstalker@lanl.gov.

LIVES LIVED

James S. Benedict (M.D. 1954), 75, died October 27, 2004. After completing his residencies at Iowa Methodist Hospital and Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, he and his family settled in San Pedro, California, in 1963. A thoracic surgeon for 31 years, Benedict served several hospitals and was past president of the Long Beach Surgical Society and a former chief of staff at St. Mary’s Medical Center in Long Beach. After his retirement in 1994, Benedict concentrated on his hobby, painting, and in 1995 enrolled at California State University-Long Beach to study art. He completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1999 and a Master of Fine Arts in 2002. He was a life member of the American Physicians Art Association and served as editor of its newsletter for 24 years. He also belonged to the San Pedro Art Association and was a life member of the Long Beach Arts.

Karl R. Brinker, M.D. (Residency 1975), a kidney transplant specialist in Dallas, died on January 22 when the plane in which he was a passenger crashed near Brownwood, Texas. He was 58. His friend and colleague Paulose Mathai, M.D., 50, a lung transplant specialist who was piloting the plane, was also killed. Brinker was clinical associate professor with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center for more than 20 years and also held positions at Methodist Medical Center in Dallas. He served as director of dialysis with Dallas Nephrology Associates and was a founding member of the Texas Transplant Society. Brinker earned his medical degree from McGill University in Montreal and, after his residency at Michigan, served as a surgeon in the military with the U.S. Public Health Service Center for Disease Control at Fort Collins, Colorado, from 1975-77. He completed a fellowship in nephrology at the University of Texas Health Science Center. Brinker was an avid outdoorsman who loved dry fly-fishing, enjoyed hockey, and coached youth baseball.

Homer C. Brown (M.D. 1948), 81, died on December 25, 2004, at his home in Defiance, Ohio, after a long illness. Brown graduated from Ohio State University with a bachelor’s degree in 1944, received his M.D. from the U-M Medical School, performed an internship at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit, and did his residency in surgery and obstetrics at St. Francis Hospital in Hamtramck, Michigan. He also served with the U.S. Army Medical Corps, U.S. Army Reserves, and was honorably discharged with the rank of captain in 1962. He held various positions during his long career at Defiance Hospital, including chief of staff, and was honored by the Ohio State Medical Association in 2000 for his 50 years of medical practice. A dedicated Wolverine with, in the words of his daughter Rebecca, “a burning passion for all things Michigan,” Brown made frequent trips back to Ann Arbor to attend U-M football games. Gifts in Brown’s memory may be made to the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital Building Fund, 301 E. Liberty, Suite 400, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48104-2251.

MPulse

E-news to keep alumni informed!

In May, the Medical Center Alumni Society launched the first issue of its bimonthly e-newsletter, MPulse.

Intended to keep alumni up-to-date on news of other alumni, special events, awards, reunion activities, volunteer opportunities and more, MPulse is distributed to all U-M Health System alumni (former medical, graduate and doctoral students, as well as former residents and fellows) for whom the Medical School has working e-mail addresses. Alumni are encouraged to go to the Alumni Directory at www.medicineatmichigan.org/alumni to add or update their e-mail addresses, or to contact Chris Anne McCartney in the Office of Medical Development and Alumni Relations at chrisam@umich.edu or (734) 988-7584.

Alumni with ideas for future issues of MPulse should contact McCartney with their suggestions.
Charles W. Butler (M.D. 1955), age 75, died on January 15 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Leroy O. Carlson (M.D. 1943) died on March 29, 2004, at the age of 85. After receiving his medical degree from the U-M, he moved to Portland where he completed his internship and residency at the University of Oregon Medical School and also met his future wife, Marian Cobb, whom he married in 1946. In 1947 Carlson became the first practicing pediatrician in the southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon area. He was a member of the Walla Walla, Washington, school board. From 1954-56 he served as a major in the U.S. Army where he was chief of pediatrics at Fort Bragg Hospital. In 1961 he returned to Portland and accepted a position in the Pediatrics Department of Oregon Health Sciences University, where he helped in the establishment of the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center. Carlson’s many awards and accolades include the Oregon Developmental Disabilities Council Award for Compassionate Leadership and Educator of the Year for the Association for Retarded Citizens from 1983-84.

Milton Goldrath (M.D. 1951), 77, died from a stroke on February 16 in Delray Beach, Florida. During his career, Goldrath served as chairman of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Sinai Hospital and as associate professor at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, both in Detroit. He developed a hydro-ablation system that is now used worldwide, and he was a pioneer in the laser endometrial ablation technique and hysteroscopy. He was a member of Temple Israel and served on the board of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, the Allied Jewish Campaign and ORT, a non-governmental education and training organization. Contributions may be sent to the Milton H. Goldrath, M.D., Resident Scholarship Fund, 301 E. Liberty St., Suite 400, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2251.

Herbert Humphrey (M.D. 1956) died on September 26, 2004. He was 76. Humphrey graduated from Marshall High School in Marshall, Michigan, in 1944 at age 16 and then attended

Remembering George Morley

George W. Morley (M.D. 1949, Residency 1954), 81, professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology, founding member of the gynecologic oncology subspecialty, and beloved teacher and mentor to hundreds of U-M students and residents, died on February 20 after a brief illness.

Morley’s history with the U-M and the Medical School is a long and illustrious one. In addition to earning his medical degree and completing his residency here, he also received his bachelor’s degree (1944) and Master of Science (1955) at the U-M. His University Hospital career spanned more than five decades and included the titles of chief of the Gynecologic Oncology Service, director of the Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship, and the Norman F. Miller Professor of Gynecology. He also served as president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Society of Pelvic Surgeons, the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists, the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons, and the Norman F. Miller Gynecological Society.

Morley was a true Michigan man. In a written statement to the University community following Morley’s death, Medical School Dean Allen Lichter said, “In 2002 I presented the Distinguished Alumni Service Award to Dr. Morley, and I can’t think of anyone more deserving. [He] exemplified the very best in Michigan traditions.”

John O.L. DeLancey, M.D., the Norman F. Miller Professor of Gynecology, in his words of remembrance at the memorial service, said of Morley, “His enthusiasm for surgery was infectious, and many of us were infected for life. Throughout this country and around the world, his trainees take better care of their patients because of what they learned from his teaching wisdom. So many surgical careers were launched by his unique combination of surgical mastery, stimulating excitement and personal support. His influence will be felt for generations because of the young people he encouraged and stimulated to pursue careers of surgical excellence.”

Visit the George Morley Memorial Web site at www.med.umich.edu/obgyn/morley.htm. To read a profile of Morley in the fall 2003 issue of Medicine at Michigan, go to www.medicinematmichigan.org/magazine/2003/fall/history. Gifts in Morley’s memory may be sent to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Michigan, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr., L4000 Women’s Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0276. Please write “George Morley Fund” on the memo line.
Robert G. Lovell (M.D. 1944, Residency 1950) died in his home on December 31, 2004, after a long battle with cancer. He was 84. After completing his medical degree, Lovell was diagnosed with tuberculosis, and his first published book, *Taking the Cure*, described his experiences as a tuberculosis patient during World War II. Following his recovery, he began his career at University Hospital as a research assistant in the Division of Allergy in 1948, and completed his residency in internal medicine here. He was named assistant dean of the Medical School in 1957 and served in that capacity until 1959. He held the position of clinical professor of internal medicine at the time of his retirement in 1985, when he was named professor emeritus of internal medicine. He continued to teach at the U-M and treat patients at the North Outpatient Allergy Clinic, and also entered into private practice as an allergist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in 1959. Lovell held consulting positions at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor (now the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System), Wayne County General Hospital in Eloise, Michigan, and served on President Eisenhower's Commission on Veterans Pensions. He retired from private practice in 1990. His medical affiliations included membership in the Michigan Allergy Society, which he served as president in 1960. He achieved the rank of major during his service in the U.S. Air Force from 1955-56. He was a founding member of the John M. Sheldon Society, and his extensive community service included volunteering for the American Red Cross, YM-YWCA, the Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Department, Friends of the Library, and as University High School team physician. In 1970, Lovell fulfilled a lifelong dream by teaching himself to play the great Highland Bagpipe and was certified as a senior instructor in 1978 by the Scottish College of Piping in Edinburgh, Scotland. Widely known as an Ann Arbor bagpiper, he appeared at many special events and occasions in the area and taught piping lessons in his home until early 2004. He was also an avid stamp collector and gardener whose gardens produced many award-winning roses over the years.

Robert M. Lugg (M.D. 1952, Residency 1955) died on November 3, 2004, at the age of 80, of complications from respiratory problems. He enlisted in the Navy Hospital Corps during World War II at the age of 18, and received the Silver Star and Purple Heart during his service. After that experience, he was driven to pursue medicine. He met Margaret Shannon while attending Purdue University and they were married in 1949. The couple moved to Ann Arbor where Lugg attended the U-M Medical School and did his residency, and then settled in Port Huron where he maintained a private practice for 29 years. A pediatrician, Lugg was an active supporter of children’s mental health services and, in 1983, was named Public Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers for his contributions to social service organizations in St. Clair County. In 1985, he closed his practice and accepted a position with the U.S. Army as a developmental pediatrician assessing the needs of developmentally handicapped children of military families in Stuttgart, Germany. Lugg and his wife returned to the U.S. in 1991 and moved to Silverdale, Washington, to be closer to their daughter, Lois Jane.

Harold Proctor McGinnes (M.D. 1945) died on June 29, 2004, at McLean County Nursing Home in Normal, Illinois. He was 84. McGinnes was born and raised in Charlotte, Michigan, where he graduated from high school in 1938. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1942 and from the U-M Medical School in 1945. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and founding member of its Downstate Illinois Chapter, as well as a founding member of the Illinois Surgical Association. During his career he served on the staffs of Brokaw Hospital, Menomonite Hospital and St. Joseph Medical Center, all in Illinois.

Robert F. Schugmann (M.D. 1941), 87, a former Navy captain, died in Fort Bragg, California, on November 3, 2003, after a brief illness.

Merlin C. Townley (M.D. 1952), 77, of Plymouth, Michigan, died on December 16, 2004, after battling pancreatic cancer. Townley grew up in Jackson, where he attended a one-room country school and worked on the family farm in the summers, then went on to graduate as co-valedictorian from Jackson High School in 1945. He was active in a variety of student organizations while attending the U-M, both as an undergrad (he received his bachelor’s degree in 1949) and as a medical student. He completed an internship at Wayne County General Hospital in 1953 and was a resident in psychiatry there from 1953-54. From 1954-56 he served in the U.S. Air Force as director of the psychiatric service of a 400-bed hospital in Nagoya, Japan. Townley then returned to Wayne County General as a psychiatrist and was director of the female service of the psychiatric division until the hospital closed in 1977. He became a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association in 1967, a life fellow in 1991, and a distinguished life fellow in 2003. He was active on the staff of Ardmore Psychiatric Hospital, provided consultation services at the Veterans Hospital in Allen Park, and saw patients privately at his practice in Wayne and Plymouth. He married Serena Louise Pittman in 1968 and they had three children. He retired in 1995 and purchased the farm on which he grew up, where he spent much of his free time gardening. He also enjoyed traveling, visiting more than 70 different countries in his lifetime.
During a game a few years ago in San Francisco, Giants first baseman J.T. Snow whipped a throw that second baseman Jeff Kent deflected before it banged shortstop Ramon Martinez in the head.

The stunned Martinez left the night game at SBC Park and the Giants immediately reached the team’s head physician, Robert E. Murray (M.D. 1962), at home around 10 p.m. Murray quickly called St. Francis Memorial Hospital in San Francisco, alerting the staff to call in a radiology team to perform a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) test. An ambulance sped Martinez to the hospital, where doctors diagnosed a concussion and called Murray with the information. Murray relayed the news to the Giants within hours of the injury.

Kent now plays for Los Angeles and Martinez for Detroit, but Murray’s job remains the same. In his seventh year as the Giants’ head physician, he coordinates treatment of players, their families, team executives and administrators.

In recent years Murray supervised ace pitcher Jason Schmidt’s treatment for rotator cuff tendinitis, first baseman J.T. Snow’s arthroscopic knee surgery and former closer Robb Nen’s four shoulder operations. In every situation, he says, it’s crucial to begin treatment quickly.

“We’re very proactive,” says Murray, who also maintains a full practice as a general, vascular and thoracic surgeon. “If we suspect anything is wrong, we’ll get an MRI or treat the condition immediately.”

Robert Murray and Daniel Goodman at SBC Park, home of the San Francisco Giants
immediately. We try not to allow any delay between a perceived injury and the treatment.

“That’s important because the faster the player starts rehabilitation, the quicker he will heal. Also, if someone goes down with an injury we have to move players from the AAA team to the majors, and we try not to create any delay in that process.” In addition to players, Murray’s patients with the Giants include baseball Hall of Fame members Willie Mays, Willie McCovey and Orlando Cepeda, who work for the team.

Murray’s work with the Giants extends far beyond the 162-game season. It can involve 11 months of the year. “We go from December 1 through the end of October if we’re in playoffs,” he says. “If not, our work ends October 1. Truly, the only time off is in November.” The work starts again in December with a training camp for players and winter meetings for executives that doctors attend for continuing medical education.

Doctors helping Murray on the Giants staff include orthopaedists and an internist, podiatrist and ophthalmologist.

The ophthalmologist, Daniel Goodman (M.D. 1980), also received his medical degree from Michigan, and was a Phi Beta Kappa Wolverine undergraduate. Team owner Peter A. Magowan invited Goodman to join the staff after becoming Goodman’s patient.

Goodman specializes in corneal transplant, cataract and lens implant surgeries and laser vision correction. The former Chicago high school third baseman sees fewer games than Murray, and most players needing treatment come to his office.

In recent years, Goodman has performed LASIK (laser vision correction) surgery to correct contact lens problems for former Giants shortstop Rich Aurilia, who signed a minor league contract with Cincinnati during the off-season, and Robb Nen, now retired. Nen “had extremely high near-sightedness and was having difficulty with contact lenses, especially at night — to the point where he was having a hard time seeing the catcher’s signals,” Goodman says. Each player’s vision was better than 20-20 after surgery.

The team medical staff is necessary because “although these men are all under the age of 41, the wear and tear of a 162-game season carries a price,” Murray says. “They all sooner or later start breaking down a little.”

Because he deals with healthy young men, Murray says, “we are just treating colds, allergies and gastrointestinal disorders. ... Several guys have had acute appendicitis, but most of the major problems are dealt with by the orthopaedists.” The staff’s treatment of these problems has helped the Giants register “one of the lowest number of disability days in major league baseball,” Murray says. “That’s been consistent over the last six years.”

To ensure that the Giants get proper care, Murray spends weekends in spring training in Scottsdale, Arizona, and attends about 50 of the team’s 81 home games. He arrives about an hour before the first pitch and heads for the training room in the clubhouse to see players.

When the game starts he watches from his seats behind home plate. After the game he waits in the trainers’ room, in case he’s needed, until the players leave. Murray also traveled with the Giants to the 2002 playoffs and World Series, where San Francisco lost to Anaheim in seven games. Being at the World Series tops his baseball thrills. “It’s extremely exciting,” he says. “You’re on the inside and you know everything that’s happening.

“You are at another level of competition, so your day-to-day activities with the team are greatly accelerated. In a real sense you are living in the moment. You are not thinking about tomorrow or the next day because everything is so much more intense.”

Events like the Series make him appreciate the job. When he became director of the Catholic Healthcare West Sports Medicine Team, the organization asked if he’d also direct health services for the Giants. “I jumped at the job,” Murray says.

Murray reacted quickly because he grew up a baseball fan in Muskegon, Michigan, and rooted for the Detroit Tigers. “We just mowed down a field across from our house and built our own playing field for the summer,” he says. “Playing was one of our major enjoyments. Money was tight and it occupied our time.” He also played American Legion, high school and semi-pro baseball.

Murray’s father was a mechanical engineer but his mother, a housewife, influenced his career choice. “My uncle was a doctor,” he says, “and my mother was a strong influence that I be a doctor. ... I was not bothered by career choices.” He completed undergraduate and medical school at Michigan in seven years.

“I had a wonderful time,” he says. “We had about 18,000 students and one campus, but it didn’t feel like you were at a large school. Everything was within walking distance. You got around on a bike or you walked.”

After medical school he chose a surgery specialty, and baseball factored into the decision.

“Surgery required a certain eye-hand coordination and it fascinated me,” he says. “It probably goes back to when I played sports. And the second fascination was the ability to make a difference in the health of patients in a short period of time.”

Murray interned in San Francisco, completed a residency at St. Louis University, served two years in the Army and, in 1970, returned to San Francisco to join a practice. He immediately became a Giants fan, and today delights in taking his grandchildren to games.

“One of the biggest joys of having this job is that during game time I will bring in one or two friends’ kids, or my grandchildren, to tour the locker room,” he says. “They’ll usually bring their dad along and take a picture by one of the lockers and look at the weight room, and I try to give them each a baseball so they usually get an autograph.”

“It leaves a lasting impression. They just light up and, according to their parents, talk about it at home for days.”