1950s
Sherman C. Fishman, SM ’52, is executive director of the Small Entity Patent Owners Association, or, as he puts it, “spokesman for the little guy.”

John A. Jane, AB ’51, MD ’56, PhD ’67, is professor and chairman of the University of Virginia Department of Neurosurgery. In 2005, he received the Medal of Honor from the World Federation of Neurosurgeons in Marrakesh, Morocco.

1960s
Frederick R. Schram, PhD ’68, received the Crustacean Society Excellence in Research Award for advancing the field of carcinology at the Sixth International Crustacean Congress in Glasgow, Scotland. A professor emeritus of animal systematics and zoogeography at the University of Amsterdam, he lives in Langley, Wash., and is a permanent visiting scholar in the University of Washington Department of Biology. A festschrift in his honor, Crustacea and Arthropod Relationships, was published by Taylor & Francis this past spring.

1970s
Stephen Rand, MD ’71, is busy with his principal practice in Brooklyn, N.Y., a satellite office in Suffolk County and several part-time hospital allergy clinic positions. A member of the executive committee of the New York Allergy and Asthma Society, he remains very grateful for his Chicago Medical School training. He writes that although he “was not an exemplary medical student, through the lectures and classes with Dr. Frank Fitch, research with Dr. Lauren Pachman, as well as other physicians, he found his [niche].”

Robert J. Bates, MD ’76, has a full-time urology practice and works part-time as the chief medical officer of Holland Community Hospital. He recently earned a master’s degree in medical management from Carnegie-Mellon University.

1980s
Philip M. Diller, PhD ’87, MD ’88, was recognized as the 2005 Family Medicine Educator of the Year by the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians.

2000s
Sonja Rosen, MD ’01, married Richard Rosen in June 2002, and this past February the couple had a daughter, Clarissa Alexandra. After finishing her internal medicine residency at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Rosen obtained a geriatric medicine fellowship and is now an assistant clinical professor in geriatric medicine at University of California-Los Angeles.

Alexander Dehgan, SM/PhD ’03, a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, was awarded a Superior Honor Award from the U.S. Department of State for his outstanding work in Iraq with the Bureau of Near East Affairs. More specifically, Dehgan was recognized for his work on the Iraqi Virtual Library, which has been instrumental in re-establishing functioning science programs in the Middle East. The Superior Honor Award is the third highest award in the State Department.

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Jay E. Berkelhamer, MD, was elected president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the nation’s largest pediatric organization, with a membership of 60,000 primary-care pediatricians, pediatric medical sub-specialists and pediatric surgical specialists. Berkelhamer, a general pediatrician, is senior vice president of medical affairs at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, clinical professor at Emory University School of Medicine and adjunct professor at Morehouse College of Medicine.

In Memoriam

1930s
Roy Brener, PhB ’33, SM ’35, PhD ’39, died at age 92. During his career, he was chief of psychology at Hines Veterans Affairs Hospital and served on the faculties of the University of Chicago, and Northwestern and Loyola universities.

1940s
David Jerome Lochman, SB ’38, MD ’41, died Dec. 5, 2004, at his home surrounded by family and friends.

Ruth Huenemann, SM ’41, a nutrition expert whose long-term studies on children and teenagers expanded the understanding of obesity and its origins, died of natural causes Aug. 19, 2005, at her home in Oakland, Calif. She was 95. Huenemann joined the University of California-Berkeley in 1953 and quickly began to lay the foundation for what would become a nationally recognized graduate program in public health nutrition. She taught at UC-Berkeley for 24 years, founded its public health nutrition program and conducted pioneering studies that helped guide current research into childhood obesity. In the Berkeley Teenage Study...


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(1961 to 1965), she found that the tendency toward obesity begins well before adolescence. In 1969, she organized the Berkeley Preschool Nutrition Study, which found that physical inactivity in infancy and early childhood was a greater risk factor for obesity than excessive calorie consumption. Her studies also provided solid evidence that obesity was related to income level. Prior to her research, people commonly believed that obesity was a problem of the overfed rich, but she showed the inverse to be true. During her career, she traveled extensively as a consultant for the World Health Organization and for the U. S. Department of State’s food aid program.

1950s

Hiroshi Sugiyama, PhD ’50, died in Madison, Wis., on Sept. 4, 2005. He was a former professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the departments of Bacteriology and of Food Microbiology and Toxicology from 1966 to 1990. Sugiyama conducted research for the U.S. Army during World War II and earned a PhD in bacteriology and parasitology at the University of Chicago in 1950 under the GI Bill. He then joined the Food Research Institute at Chicago, later transferring to the University of Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Yuri, and two daughters.

1960s


Richard H. Strauss, MD ’64, died peacefully at his home near Venice Beach, Calif., on Aug. 17, 2005, at age 67. After graduating from medical school, Strauss served as a Navy diving medical officer on a nuclear submarine, completed postgraduate work in pulmonary physiology and became a member of a hyperbaric research team at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. In 1975, he completed his residency in internal medicine at Rutgers University. During his career, he also was a team physician at Harvard University, an editor-in-chief of The Physician and Sports Medicine and a faculty member at Ohio State University, where he served as team physician both for OSU and for the U.S. wrestling team. He also was a member of the medical commission of the International Olympic Committee. After retiring in 1998, he moved to the Los Angeles area and volunteered at a medical clinic near Hermosa Beach that treats an underserved population. He is survived by his son, Scott C. Strauss, his sister, Susie Balala, and his former wife, Mary Beth Mathews.

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Richard Jeffrey Jones, MD, former faculty, died Sept. 6, 2005, at 87. A physician at University of Chicago and Northwestern Memorial Hospital, he was known for his early studies on how diet contributes to cardiovascular disease, his attempts to find nutritional substances that could reduce cholesterol and reverse atherosclerosis, and his role as scientific affairs director at the American Medical Association. Jones came to Chicago in 1944 as an intern and later that year became a Navy medical officer aboard one of the ships that entered Tokyo harbor at the end of World War II. In 1946, he returned to the university with his new wife, attorney Helen Hart Jones, completed his residency in internal medicine and in 1950 joined the faculty. He was involved in many clinical trials to lower cholesterol and other risk factors that predispose to coronary heart disease and was proudest of his role as doctor and caregiver to his patients. Among the first physicians at Chicago to perform cardiac catheterization, he taught medical students both at the bedside and the classroom. He co-authored Chemistry and Therapy of Chronic Cardiovascular Disease, published in 1961, and edited Evolution of the Atherosclerotic Plaque, published in 1964. He served as associate editor of Nutrition Reviews and on the editorial board of the Proceedings of the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine. He is survived by his four children, Chris Jones, Ruth Backstrom, Jeff Jones and Alexandria Lyon, and nine grandchildren.

Paul V. Harper Jr., MD, former faculty, died July 15, 2005, at age 89. A pioneer in the diagnostic and therapeutic uses of radiation and the development and testing of radiotracers in the early days of nuclear medicine, Harper was a founder of the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. A professor emeritus in the departments of Surgery and Radiology at the University of Chicago, he was the key member of a team that investigated several tools of modern nuclear medicine. The team is perhaps best known for introducing the radiotracer agent technetium-99m into clinical practice in the early 1960s. He and Katherine Lathrop, who died about four months earlier, developed the commercial method for producing iodine-125, another commonly used diagnostic radionuclide. He and his colleagues also investigated medical applications of dozens of other radioactive isotopes, including thallium to assess the heart muscle and radioactive implants to deliver therapeutic doses to tumors. In 1939 Harper graduated from Harvard, where he did research for his senior thesis with the 1967 Nobel Prize winner George Wald, PhD. Harper married Phyllis Sweetzer in 1939, completed Harvard Medical School in 1941 and began a surgical residency at the University of Chicago. He joined the Army in 1942, returned to Chicago in 1945 and completed his residency in 1951.
In 1953, he became assistant professor of surgery and from 1963 to 1967 he served as assistant director of the Argonne Cancer Research Hospital. Harper published nearly 200 book chapters and research articles and more than 200 research abstracts, and won several honors, including the Paul Aebersold Award from the Society of Nuclear Medicine. The grandson of University of Chicago founder and first president William Rainey Harper, Paul Harper is survived by his sister, Jane Overton of Chicago, four children, Stephanie, Cynthia, William and David, a niece, two nephews and two grandchildren.

Violet J. Stark, AB ’59, died Aug. 27, 2005, in her Hyde Park home. Ms. Stark graduated with a bachelor’s degree in education and joined the hospital as a ward clerk. As her career evolved, she took science classes at Roosevelt University and became the chief technologist in the university’s nuclear medicine section in the department of radiology, retiring in 1998. During her career, she worked with university researchers, including the late Paul V. Harper Jr., MD, a professor in the surgery and radiology departments who pioneered diagnostic and therapeutic uses of radiation, and the late Katherine Lathrop, a nuclear medicine pioneer.

**BSD Award Winners 2005**

**Norman Maclean Faculty Awards**

First presented by the University of Chicago Alumni Association in 1997, these awards are named for English Professor Norman Maclean, PhD ’40, who taught at Chicago for 40 years, and recognize emeritus or senior faculty members for outstanding contributions to teaching and the student experience of life on campus.

Lorna Straus, SM ’60, PhD ’62, Professor Emeritus of Organismal Biology and Anatomy, represented the Biological Sciences Division among the 2005 winners. A former dean of students in the College, Straus is the university marshal and chief ceremonial officer. For 45 years, she has been an active campus force, striving to improve student life while engaging undergraduates in the classroom and research lab. Straus taught in the biological core curriculum for more than 30 years. Her upper-level mammalian biology course, team-taught with her physician husband, was so popular that students lined up—and camped out—to enroll. Many alumni cite her encouragement and teaching as the primary reason they completed their undergraduate degrees and were able to enter graduate programs.

Straus received two Quaintrell Awards, in 1970 and 1987, for her commitment to excellence in undergraduate teaching. In 2003, the Medical and Biological Sciences Alumni Association presented her with the Gold Key Award for outstanding and loyal service. She also was elected chair of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Well known for indefatigable school spirit, Straus was instrumental in building the Women’s Athletic Association and volunteered in several administrative capacities, including chairing the College Curriculum Committee and serving on the University Council, the Task Force on Undergraduate Education and the Committee on the Future of International House.

**Alumni Service Citations**

Created in 1988 by the University of Chicago Alumni Association, these citations recognize outstanding volunteer work that ensures the institution’s welfare through service in alumni programs and on advisory committees.

David Terman, Lab ’51, AB ’55, SB ’56, MD ’59, represented the BSD among the 2005 winners. He shares his extraordinary commitment to Chicago with his wife Mari (de Costa) Terman, Lab ’51. Their dedication to their alma mater, as well as to each other, began at the Lab Schools, where they met as students.

David, a distinguished psychiatrist, psychoanalyst and director of the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis, graduated from both the College and the School of Medicine. Mari matriculated at the university, but earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at Radcliffe College and an MBA from Northwestern University. The couple’s younger son earned an MD from Pritzker in 1994, becoming the family’s fourth generation to graduate from the university’s medical school.

Fellow alumni know the Termans as dedicated, effective advocates on behalf of Chicago. David served as executive council member and president of the Medical and Biological Alumni Association and served six years on the university’s Alumni Board of Governors. He has participated in reunion planning and gift committees for his college class, and currently serves on the visiting committee to the Social Sciences Division. Mari has served the Oriental Institute for many years and in many capacities, including work with institute archaeologists excavating an ancient site in Tell Atchana, Turkey. A member of the institute’s visiting committee, she also serves as a museum docent.
Happy Birthday, Dean Joe!

This year, thousands of former students, faculty and friends will raise a glass and toast one of Pritzker School of Medicine’s favorite deans: Joseph J. Ceithaml, SB ’37, PhD ’41, turns 90 on May 23, 2006.

Ceithaml has touched countless lives during his 70-year association with the University of Chicago, first as a student, later as a teacher and researcher, and then as dean of students for 35 years beginning in 1951. Dean Ceithaml presided over the education of 2,914 physicians and 1,460 research biologists—guiding, encouraging, admonishing and also helping find financial resources to complete their training. And though he officially retired 10 years ago, Ceithaml continues to raise funds for the education of current and future students.

At birthday celebrations around the country, alumni and others not only will wish the dean a happy birthday, but also will honor his life’s work with gifts to the Joseph J. Ceithaml Scholarship Fund for students in the Biological Sciences Division.

Norman Zinner, MD ’58, a Torrance, Calif., urologist, launched the yearlong celebration by hosting the kickoff 90th birthday party at his home in July 2005. As a student, Zinner benefited from Ceithaml’s fundraising efforts; that’s why he created the new scholarship fund in 2000 to honor the beloved dean.

“The party part of it I could do without, but to raise money for the scholarship fund, I’ll do virtually anything that needs to be done because I know how much it meant to a lot of students when they were coming through,” Ceithaml said. “I can’t think of one instance where I let a student take time off to work. I told them, I’ll find money, loan funds with no interest, and you take all the time you want to pay it back, but pay it back so the next generation can have those funds.’ And that’s what they did.”

Now as the parties roll on, the birthday wishes and gratitude for Ceithaml keep multiplying. “Consider the impact that one well-trained clinician or research scientist has on his or her community, then multiply that by the 3,000 students he admitted to medical school and you begin to understand the magnitude of his legacy,” said John Martell, MD ’83. “We are his legacy.”

To learn more about Ceithaml’s birthday celebrations, including the big bash during reunion 2006, please visit: http://bsdalumni.uchicago.edu/ceithaml.

—Susan Soric

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Although he’s not particularly a party animal, Ceithaml sees this yearlong celebration as just another opportunity to continue his life’s work.