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1940s

Nicholas E. Collias, SB '37, PhD '42, was honored as a distinguished animal behaviorist for lifetime achievement in the field by the Animal Behavior Society.

Colin G. Thomas Jr., SB '40, MD '43, completes his 56th year as a faculty member in the Department of Surgery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

1950s

John Jane was awarded the Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

John Westley, PhD '48, PhD '54, professor emeritus of biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Chicago, moved from Park Forest, Ill., to Hyde Park with his wife, **Aiko Westley, SM '54**. They have three children.

George G. Meyer, MD '55, a life fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, teaches at the University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio. A former University of Chicago psychiatry faculty member, Meyer continues to practice psychiatry in Texas three days a week. He and his wife of 54 years, Paula, have three sons and 10 grandchildren.

John A. Jane, AB '51, MD '56, PhD '67, co-founded Diffusion Pharmaceuticals LLC's new scientific advisory board, which will provide scientific and medical advice on the company's clinical development programs. He continues as director of the neurosurgical training program at the University of Virginia and recently was awarded the Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. He also is editor of the *Journal of Neurosurgery*, *Journal of Neurosurgery: Pediatrics* and the *Journal of Neurosurgery: Spine*.

Max Forbes, MD '57, received the 2006 President's Award from the American Glaucoma Society.

Charles S. Tidball, MD '58, is a distinguished research scholar and co-director of the Tidball Center for the Study of Educational Environments at Hood College in Frederick, Md. He and his wife established the center after he retired from George Washington University in 1994, when he was designated a professor emeritus of computer medicine and neurological surgery.

M.R. Koenigsberger, MD '59, retired as director of child neurology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and now leads the child neurology clinic at New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

1960s

“For a motorcyclist, the peak is driving the Dragon’s Tail, a stretch of U.S. 129 with 318 turns in 11 miles.”

—*J. Curtis Kovacs, AB '63, MD '67*

Judith (Tushnet) Broder, SB '60, MD '63, founded the Soldiers Project, which provides free psychological treatment to Operation

Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom active-duty service members. It's made for “an amazing and time-intensive experience,” she said. Judith and her husband, **Donald S. Broder, SB '58, MD '62**, hope to stay in Los Angeles and spend time with their five grandchildren, ranging in age 9–16, who live nearby.

Theodore Weis, MD '64, completed his residency and fellowship in nephrology at the Michael Reese Medical Center and spent two years in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He then moved to Tucson, where he spent two years as a clinical assistant professor at the University of Arizona. Ultimately deciding to go into private practice, Weis moved to Walnut Creek, Calif., where, except for a few misguided attempts at retirement, he continues to practice part time. Past president of the medical staff at Mt. Diablo Hospital and the California Dialysis Council, he enjoys classical singing and performing major roles for Bay Area opera companies and orchestras.

Michael L. Brownstein, SB '62, MD '66, practices as a plastic surgeon specializing in gender-related surgery. He serves on the board of directors and as chairman of the ethics committee for the World Professional Association for Transgender Health.

Julian J. Rimpila, SM/MD '66, received the 2007 American Medical Association Outreach Award this past November.

Robert Rodnitzky, SB '63, MD '66, became head of the Department of Neurology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and the University of Iowa College of Medicine, where he has taught since 1972.

J. Curtis Kovacs, AB '63, MD '67, spends time cruising on a BMW K1200LT with his wife, Lucy. The couple recently trekked 8,001 miles on a motorcycle journey that included travels to the Maine coast, over the tops of New Hampshire and Vermont, and the entire length of the Blue Ridge Parkway. He wrote, “For a motorcyclist, the peak is driving the Dragon’s Tail, a stretch of U.S. 129 with 318 turns in 11 miles.”

Judith Strommer, SB '66, SM '69, is a professor of plant agriculture at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada.

1970s

During one volunteer stint with Habitat for Humanity at the Jimmy Carter Work Project in Los Angeles, Ward Rice served as crew leader for the siding crew that included Garth Brooks and Miss World.

Alan I. Faden, MD '71, professor of neuroscience, neurology and pharmacology at Georgetown University Medical Center, serves as president for the American Society for Experimental NeuroTherapeutics and as editor in chief of the journal *Neurotherapeutics*.

William W. McIntyre, MD '72, is chief of medicine at the Cheyenne VA Medical Center in Wyoming, where he also serves as director of the gastroenterology, hepatology and chemotherapy clinic.

William W. Jacobs Jr., SM '71, PhD '73, reports that he works as a biologist for the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Pesticide Programs in Arlington, Va.

Edward Linn, MD '74, serves as the 2007–2008 president of the Chicago Gynecologic Society. Last year, graduating residents from Rush University Medical Center named him Obstetrician and Gynecology Teacher of the Year.

David G. Ostrow, SB '69, PhD '74, MD '75, published two major studies of factors contributing to HIV infections among men this past year. The first study, published in the journal *AIDS and Behavior*, showed the relationship between increasing rates of unprotected sex among men and reduced concern about HIV and safe-sex fatigue. The *Journal of AIDS* published the second study, co-authored by Ostrow and colleagues, about the affect of methamphetamines and volatile nitrites on HIV infection among susceptible men. Ostrow has chaired the MultiCenter AIDS Cohort Study Behavioral Working Group since 1999.

Nathan Moses Szajnberg, AB/MD '74, was appointed as a visiting scholar to the Freud Center of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where he teaches courses in psychoanalysis and the representation of inner life in Western literature, from “Bible to Bellow,” he writes.

Maga Jackson-Triche, AB '71, MD '75, moved from New Orleans to Sacramento, Calif. She serves as director of mental health for the VA Northern California Healthcare System. She is also professor of clinical psychiatry at the University of California-Davis.

W.K. Alfred Yung, MD '75, begins his 26th year at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas. “Glad to see our brain tumor research program is growing extremely well,” he writes.

Mark L. Friedman, AB '73, MD '77, recently was elected to life fellowship in the American College of Emergency Physicians and continues to practice as assistant clinical professor of trauma and emergency medicine at the University of Connecticut. He also serves as chief executive officer for Premium HealthCare Services, a medical cost containment consulting firm. Friedman lives with his wife, Mary, and their son, Glen, in Westport, Conn., where his pastimes are skiing, cycling and sailing. One son, Adam, works in Colorado and another, John, in Illinois. His daughter, Laura, attends the Art Institute of Chicago.

Ralph W. Kuncl, PhD '75, MD '77, a neuroscientist, was named provost of the University of Rochester this past August.

Richard M. Bergenstal, MD '76, serves as executive director of the International Diabetes Center in Park Nicollet, Minn., where he is the principal investigator on the organization’s National Institutes of Health-funded trials. The American Diabetes Association recently awarded Bergenstal the Outstanding Physician Clinician in Diabetes Award.

Art Reingold, AB '70, MD '76, joined the School of Public Health at the University of California-Berkeley, as professor and chairman of the epidemiology division, with concurrent appointments in medicine and epidemiology at the University of California-San Francisco School of Medicine.

Ward R. Rice, PhD '76, MD '78, volunteers with Habitat for Humanity at the Jimmy Carter Work Project in Los Angeles. During one volunteer stint with the organization, he served as crew leader for the siding crew that included Garth Brooks and Miss World.

Debra E. Weese-Mayer, MD '78, has announced the opening of the first Center for Autonomic Medicine in Pediatrics, located at

Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Ill. Weese-Mayer, the center’s director, plans to have the newly constructed laboratory operational in April so she can “more comprehensively evaluate an expanded population of the special patient population” she serves.

1980s

“The advantages of being my own boss in private practice have been quite liberating.”

—Janet Hill Prystowsky, MD '83

Walter J. Scott, MD '81, became chief of thoracic surgery for the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia this past October. Since joining Fox Chase in 2001, Scott has developed a minimally invasive thoracic surgery program that performs procedures such as robotic pulmonary resections and video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery.

Bennett Shatkin, MD '81, and his wife, Anne, recently downsized “now that the kids are out of the house.” They live on a golf course in Moorestown, N.J., though Bennett notes, “I still cannot golf.”

Louis Philipson, PhD '82, MD '86, professor of endocrinology at the University of Chicago, received the 2007 Outstanding Scientist Award from the National Disease Research Interchange.

Ronald M. Davis, MD '83, became the 162nd president of the American Medical Association this past year. He works as the director of the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at Detroit’s Henry Ford Health System.

Mary G. Cormier, MD '83, lives in Virginia with her husband, Gregory Love, and their six children (three biological, three adopted). When not immersed in their family routine of dinners, music and exercise, Cormier swims and says she has “rediscovered my college bicycle.” In her professional life, Cormier works at Georgetown University Hospital and gives a monthly lecture on chest radiology. “I am not in touch with any of our classmates,” she writes, “but would love to hear from any of you.”

Janet Hill Prystowsky, MD '83, taught at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University for 14 years before starting her private practice in 2002. While she enjoyed researching cultured keratinocytes and clinical studies of psoriasis and artificial skin, Prystowsky writes, “the advantages of being my own boss in private practice have been quite liberating.” Two of her four children will graduate from law school in May of this year. As for the other two, one is a college junior and the other is a high school sophomore. Her husband chairs the pathology department at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, which keeps Prystowsky “associated, albeit at arms length, with academia.”

Nicholas P. Sauter, MD '83, switched from academic medicine to industry two years ago and now works in clinical development for the Novartis oncology business unit.

R. Lawrence Hatchett, MD '85, was inducted into the West Aurora (Ill.) High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Honor. An accomplished urologist, he founded Incontinence Center Consultants Inc. in 1996.

Neil Hersh, AB '81, MD '85, recently joined a multispecialty group and does neck and back rehabilitation. He and his wife, Jean, enjoy

living in Bakersfield, Calif., with their 8-year-old daughter, Anna, but they miss Chicago pizza.

Joseph Geradts, MD '87, returned to North Carolina in 2005 after a seven-year hiatus. Now a pathology professor at Duke University, he combines teaching, research and surgical pathology with an emphasis on breast cancer.

David Toub, AB '83, MD '87, serves as vice president and medical director for SciFluent, a continuing medical education company, and will represent the organization at this year's Continuing Medical Education Congress in Vancouver. Toub's alter ego composes music, available for free at homepage.mac.com/dtoub/dbtmusic.html.

Michele M. A. David, MD '88, recently was promoted to associate professor of medicine at the Boston University School of Medicine. She also serves as director of community health programs for the Boston University Center of Excellence in Women's Health, second vice president of the Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad and co-director for the Boston Medical Center Haitian Health Institute. David's artwork has been exhibited at the Fort Smith (Ark.) Art Center, the Mennonite Heritage Center in Harleysville, Pa., the Museum of Biblical Arts in New York City and the Cincinnati Museum Center, among others.

Andrew Satinsky, AB '85, MD '89, moved with his wife, Marla, and their two sons to Chevy Chase, Md., after 14 years living in Milwaukee, Wis. Satinsky works as a radiation oncologist at Georgetown University Hospital.

1990s

John Alroy received the Schuchert Award of the Paleontological Society from the Geological Society of America.

Rajiv Jauhar, MD '91, completed his interventional cardiology training at Cornell Medical Center and is now the director of interventional cardiology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New York.

Hossein Jadvar, MD'93, PhD, MPH, MBA, works as a tenured associate professor in radiology and biomedical engineering at the University of Southern California, where he also is director of radiology research. Jadvar is a charter member of the National Institutes of Health-National Cancer Institute Medical Imaging study section, and the Los Angeles Radiological Society appointed him president of its nuclear medicine section.

Russell Khater, SB '90, MD/MBA '94, was named president-elect of Provena St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, Ill.

John Alroy, SM '93, PhD '94, received the Schuchert Award of the Paleontological Society from the Geological Society of America. An associate researcher at the Santa Barbara, Calif., National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, he is the only person to win both the Schuchert and the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology's Romer Prize.

Petar Igetic, MD '99, writes that he and his wife, **Jennifer Penzotti, MD '99**, moved to Madison, Wis., after completing their training. Their children are ages 5, 3 and 1, and the family stays "plenty busy on all fronts," but, Igetic writes, he looks forward to seeing everyone soon.

Road to White House begins at Pritzker

While preparing for a career path in health care at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, Jaewon Ryu, JD '01, MD '04, didn't know his journey would lead him to Bob Costas, Colin Powell and President George W. Bush.

But meeting policymakers and decision leaders is now routine for the 33-year-old Pritzker grad, who is serving this year as a White House Fellow in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"We have a speaker series where we meet with three to four people each week for a brown bag lunch," Ryu said. "We get to have off-the-record, frank discussions to learn about how leadership and decision-making happen at the highest levels of business and government."

The White House Fellowship is a non-partisan program in which participants are placed in various government agencies and report to Cabinet-level leaders. In addition to the speaker series, the fellows attend four policy trips to learn about issues ranging from labor and management to global competitiveness.

During one such trip to Detroit, the fellows met Ford Motor Company Chairman Bill Ford and United Auto Workers President Ron Gettelfinger. The meetings became especially timely: They coincided with the October 2007 strike of the United Auto Workers.

"We talked to them to learn their perspective on what was happening," Ryu said.

Ryu's Washington office works on issues such as meeting the complex demands for health care among the aging veterans' population and the influx of soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It was a nice placement exposure to health care," Ryu said, noting the opportunity to use his medical knowledge in a policymaking setting. "It's been great just learning about the VA's health system."

He didn't exactly take a straight road from medical school to working for the largest integrated health care provider in the United States. Ryu enrolled in Pritzker in 1996, then took a leave of absence in 1998 to earn a degree from the University of Chicago Law School. He then worked as a corporate health care attorney for the firm McDermott, Will and Emery.

"I wanted to understand the regulatory overlay that permeates the whole health care system," Ryu said. "Health care is a business. It's a highly-regulated industry, and it's a hot-button topic in the political world."

Then in 2002, he returned to Pritzker. He completed his residency in June 2007 at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, where he worked in emergency medicine.

Now at the headquarters of the Department of Veterans Affairs on Vermont Avenue, Ryu puts all his varied academic and work experience to use.

"There are people who can approach the subject of medicine from a variety of backgrounds. It's increasingly interdisciplinary," he said. "I think the U of C really fostered my understanding of that."

—Megan Seery

Match Day Results

What Chicago recruits will do:

Internal Medicine	24
Pediatrics	8
Family Practice	6
Emergency Medicine	5
General Surgery	5
Medicine, Preliminary	5
Obstetrics and Gynecology	5
Medicine, Primary Care	4
Orthopaedic Surgery	4
Pathology	4
Transitional	4
Medicine, Pediatrics	3
Anesthesiology	2
Neurology	2
Neurological Surgery	2
Physical Medicine & Rehab	2
Psychiatry	2
Surgery, Preliminary	2
Urology	2
Radiology, Diagnostic	1
Medicine, Psychiatry	1
Plastic Surgery	1
Otolaryngology	1



Where Chicago recruits will go:

University of Chicago Medical Center	18
Northwestern University Hospitals, IL	7
Columbia University Medical Center, NY	5
University of California-San Francisco Medical Center	4
University of California-San Diego Medical Center	4
University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals	3
Stanford University Programs, CA	3
Children's Hospital Boston, MA	2
Einstein/Montefiore Medical Center, NY	2
Georgetown University Hospital, DC	2
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania	2
Johns Hopkins Hospital, MD	2
Oregon Health and Science University	2
Brigham and Womens Hospital, MA	2
SAUSHEC-Lackland Air Force Base, TX	2
Yale-New Have Hospital, CT	2
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics	2
Advocate Christ Medical Center, IL	1
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, MA	1
Barnes-Jewish Hospital, MO	1
Baylor College of Medicine-Houston, TX	1
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PA	1
Denver Health Medical Center, CO	1
George Washington University, DC	1
Indiana University School of Medicine	1
Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center, CA	1
MacNeal Memorial Hospital, IL	1
Massachusetts General Hospital	1
Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, MN	1
Morehouse School of Medicine, GA	1
Mt. Sinai Hospital, NY	1
Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, TX	1
Brown University Rhode Island Hospital	1
St. Joseph's Hospital, AZ	1
University of Alabama-Birmingham Medical Center	1
University of Illinois-Chicago COM	1
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics	1
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor Hospitals	1
University of North Carolina Hospitals	1
University of Southern California	1
University of Tennessee-Chattanooga COM	1
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health	1
University of California-Davis Medical Center	1
University of Illinois-Chicago/Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center FMR	1
University Hospitals Case Medical Center, OH	1
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center MEP, PA	1
Ventura County Medical Center, CA	1

From top right: Audrey Brewer (center) is heading to Advocate Christ Medical Center, and Jocelyn Slaughter (left) to Morehouse School of Medicine; Troy Leo, Stanford; Pritzker spirit; Danielle Kiggins (left) and Bahareh Khatibi, UC-San Diego; and (from left) Alan Thong, Stanford, David Sisul, UC-San Diego, Caroline Cottrell, University of Pennsylvania, Danielle Kiggins, UC-San Diego, David Konczal, UC-Davis, and Michael Luc, Georgetown. Photos by David Christopher



William O. Ogle, SM '93, PhD '98, teaches in the J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Florida. In 2006, the Ellison Medical Foundation awarded him a New Scholar in Aging Award to research hormonal control of plasticity, memory and neurogenesis.

Michael Allen Gertz, MD '97, had a son, Brandon Isaiah Gertz, in November 2007.

2000s

Stephen Keefe sends good wishes to all. He says he'd love to hear from classmates at stephen.keefe@uphs.upenn.edu.

Rachel Jones-Stringfellow, AB '96, MD '00, enjoys sweet tea in Clinton, Miss., where she works in a private practice group. She practiced in a community health center in Jackson, Miss., after completing her family-practice residency at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Ill. In Jackson, she met and married Eric Stringfellow, a journalist and professor.

Jeremy Mayes, SB '98, SM '01, lives on the north side of Chicago with his wife, **Angira Patel, AB '97, MD**, who completed her pediatric residency at the University of Chicago Medical Center, and their two children, Sofia and Kieran.

Ekaterina Korobkova, SM '02, PhD '04, joined the John Jay College of Law as assistant professor in the sciences.

Michael Rubin, MD '02, serves as a vitreoretinal surgery fellow at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. Last year, his wife gave birth to their son.

Stephen Keefe, MD '03, writes that he and his wife, Gillian Gottlieb, are doing well in Philadelphia with Eliza, 6, Tessa, 4, and Max, 2. Keefe has another year and a half of training left in hematology and oncology at the University of Pennsylvania and sends good wishes to all. He says he'd love to hear from classmates at stephen.keefe@uphs.upenn.edu.

Elizabeth Kieff, MD '03, writes that she and her husband, Tom Levinson, JD '05, still live in Hyde Park with their son, Asher, and would love to see everyone this spring.

Daniel Aaron Pollyea, MD '03, married Jessica Joy Gadenken this past May at the University of Chicago's Newberry Library. He served as a chief resident at Cook County Hospital and now works as a hematology and oncology fellow at Stanford University. The couple lives in Menlo Park, Calif.

Luba Romantseva, AB '00, MD '04, gave birth to Alexander Benjamin Blander on Nov. 26. She and her husband, **Benjamin Blander, SB/SM '98, PhD '03**, live and work in Chicago.

Jaewon Ryu, JD '01, MD '04, was chosen for the 2007–2008 class of White House Fellows. He serves as a special assistant in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Joseph Sorg, PhD '06, married his wife, Jaime, in October 2006. The couple now lives in Boston, where Joseph researches as a fellow for Tufts University.

Paula Williams, MD '06, and her husband, Jason, had a baby girl, Ainsley Evelyn Williams, in August. The newborn weighed in at 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

In Memoriam

1930s

After retiring in 1984, Benjamin Libet continued his research on the physical origins of consciousness and free will.

Alan P. Freedberg, MD '35, a dermatologist, practiced at Massachusetts General Hospital for more than 50 years. He died in January 2007 and is survived by his wife, Charlotte, two sons and two grandchildren.

Benjamin Libet, SB '36, PhD '39, died at the age of 91 in July 2007. After serving in the Air Force materials-engineering lab during World War II, Libet, a physiologist, joined the University of California-San Francisco. After retiring in 1984, he continued his research on the physical origins of consciousness and free will. He is survived by his wife, Fannie E. Libet, AB '40, two sons and two daughters.

Marguerite Faerber Riddick, SB '36, SM '39, died in mid-April in Santa Fe, N.M. A dietician, Riddick worked at Yale's New Haven Hospital in Connecticut, and for the federal government. For some 20 years, she also served as a docent for the National Gallery of Art. Survivors include a son, a daughter, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1940s

A groundbreaking hematologist, Ernst Richard Jaffe helped uncover the functions of a hereditary disorder that impairs the ability of red blood cells to transport oxygen.

Albino J. Marchello, SB '41, MD '44, of Billings, Mont., died in June 2007.

George Krakowka, SB '43, MD '45, died this past July in Wenatchee, Wash., where he retired after serving in the Helena (Mont.) Veterans Hospital and as a fellow at the Mayo Clinic. He leaves behind his wife, Patti, a son, two daughters and six grandchildren.

Raymond E. Robertson, SB '43, MD '45, operated a private practice as a psychiatrist for 53 years before his death in October. He served in the Army Medical Corps before directing the University of Illinois at Chicago's Institute for Juvenile Research and later the Illinois Department of Mental Health. Robertson also served as a clinical professor at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine and worked as clinical director for the adolescent unit at Riveredge Hospital in Forest Park, Ill. He is survived by his wife, Mary B. Robertson, SB '45, his son, his daughter and four grandchildren.

John Hogness, U-High '39, SB '43, MD '46, died in Seattle this past July. Hogness served as dean of the University of Washington School of Medicine beginning in 1964, then became the university's president in 1974. The National Academy of Science named him the first president of its Institute on Medicine. Survivors include his wife, Margaret, two sons, three daughters and four stepchildren.

Ernst Richard Jaffe, SB '45, MD/SM '48, died at the age of 83 on Feb. 16, 2008. After graduating from and teaching at the University of Chicago, Jaffe went on to complete post-doctoral work at Yeshiva University. There, he served as a teacher and administrator at the

school's Albert Einstein Medical College from 1955 to 1992. A groundbreaking hematologist, he helped uncover the functions of a hereditary disorder that impairs the ability of red blood cells to transport oxygen. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Jane; a son, Richard; a daughter, Stephanie Green; and four grandchildren.

Daniel E. Koshland Jr., PhD '49, was a biochemist who worked on the Manhattan Project. He died in mid-July in Walnut Creek, Calif., at the age of 87. Koshland reorganized the biology department and had a research building named for him at the University of California-Berkeley after joining the school's faculty in 1965. He received the National Medal of Science in 1990 and edited the journal *Science* from 1985 to 1995. The University of Chicago awarded him an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1992. Koshland's first wife, Marian "Bunny" Koshland, to whom he was married 52 years, died in 1997. His survivors include his second wife, Yvonne, two sons, three daughters, three stepchildren, two sisters, nine grandchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and 17 step-great-grandchildren.

1950s

Duncan E. Govan received a Rotary Foundation fellowship for his help establishing a free health care clinic and an Alwin C. Rambar Award for patient care.

Irving S. Bengelsdorf, SM '48, PhD '51, worked as a research chemist with U.S. Borax before becoming a science editor for the *Los Angeles Times* in 1961. He died in Oceanside, Calif., at the age of 84. Bengelsdorf later taught at the University of California-Los Angeles and the University of Southern California. He also directed science communications at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He leaves behind his wife, Beverly, three daughters and a grandchild.

Jane Overton, PhD '50, see "Former Faculty/Housestaff" entry.

Stanley L. Miller, PhD '54, died at the age of 77 in National City, Calif. A biochemistry and chemistry professor emeritus, Miller belonged to the National Academy of Sciences and the American Chemical Society. He joined the University of California-San Diego in the early 1960s and served as president of the International Society of the Study of the Origin of Life. He is survived by a brother.

Duncan E. Govan, PhD '57, a two-time winner of the Henry Kaiser Foundation Award, died in September in Portola Valley, Calif. A member of Stanford University's urology department since 1961, Govan received a Rotary Foundation fellowship for his help establishing a free health care clinic and an Alwin C. Rambar Award for patient care. Govan leaves behind his wife, Paddy, two daughters, four sons and 15 grandchildren.

1960s

Pediatric cardiologist Charles L. Cooper founded a camp for pediatric heart disease patients.

Robert E. DeMar, SM '60, PhD '61, a vertebrate paleontologist and research associate at the Field Museum, died in Chicago in April. An expert in the teeth and jaws of Paleozoic and Mesozoic reptiles, he joined the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1956 and helped found the school's geology department.

Sherwin Harold Rubenstein, SB '59, SM '61, died earlier this year at the age of 70. Survivors include his wife, Judith; a daughter, Jennifer; two sons, Jason and Robert; three grandchildren; and two nieces.

Lewis S. Seiden, AB '56, SB '58, PhD '62, see "Former Faculty/Housestaff" entry.

Charles L. Cooper, MD '64, died in Tulsa, Okla., in November 2000. A pediatric cardiologist, he founded a camp for pediatric heart disease patients and served as a faculty member at the University of Oklahoma Medical School for more than 30 years.

Former Faculty/Housestaff

Lewis S. Seiden, a pioneer of psychopharmacology, published more than 220 scientific papers and 40 book chapters on neurochemistry, the brain and behavior, drug effects and neurotoxicity.

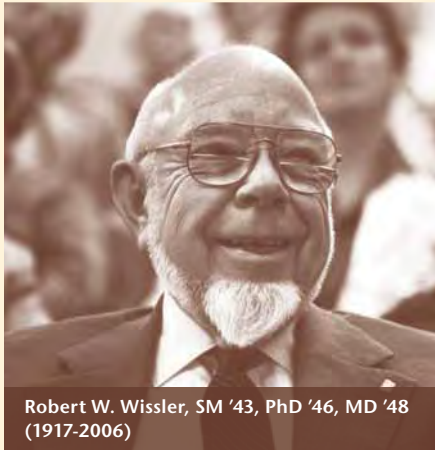
Jane Overton, PhD, professor emerita in molecular genetics and cell biology at the University of Chicago, died in June 2007 at the age of 88. The granddaughter of William Rainey Harper, the first president of the University of Chicago, Jane Harper grew up in Hyde Park and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Bryn Mawr College in 1941. She married George Overton, a prominent Chicago lawyer and political activist, and completed a PhD at Chicago before joining the faculty as a research assistant in zoology in 1950. Among the first to use the electron microscope for research, Overton rose through the ranks and became a professor of biology in 1972 before joining the newly created Department of Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology in 1985. Widely published in the areas of genetics and cell biology, Overton belonged to the American Society for Cell Biology and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Later in her life, Overton further explored her visual talent and studied at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. In the 1990s, several Chicago and New York art galleries exhibited her artwork, which also was featured in two solo shows at the Artemisia Gallery in Chicago. Overton leaves behind a daughter, two sons and two grandchildren.

Lewis S. Seiden, PhD, a pioneer of psychopharmacology and professor emeritus at the University of Chicago, died in July 2007 after a 50-year battle with dystonia, a neurological movement disorder. Seiden grew up in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood and went to a rural high school close to the newly created suburb of Park Forest before receiving early admission and a full-tuition scholarship to the University of Chicago. Diagnosed with the disease at age 20, he had originally planned to attend medical school but the illness tilted his interests toward neurobiology. Seiden graduated from Chicago with his AB in 1956, his SB in 1958 and his PhD in 1962. An expert on how drugs, especially amphetamines, can selectively damage certain neurons, Seiden published more than 220 scientific papers and 40 book chapters on neurochemistry, the brain and behavior, drug effects and neurotoxicity. In addition to rising through the academic ranks and becoming a full professor in 1977, he served on various national committees, including the President's Advisory Committee on Mental Health, the board of scientific counselors for the National Institute of Environmental Health Services, and the Life Sciences Working Group for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He leaves behind his wife, **Anne (Maxwell) Seiden, AB '59, MD '64**, three children and a grandson.

Rudi Schmid, MD, PhD, an expert in diseases of the liver and a former University of Chicago faculty member, died in Kentfield, Calif., this past October. In 1966, the University of California-San Francisco recruited him to establish a division of gastroenterology at the medical school, where he went on to establish a strong basic research program. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sonja, a son, a daughter and one grandchild.

Fred Winsberg, MD, retired professor of radiology at the University of Chicago, died this past November. Survivors include his wife, Katherine Davison-York, a daughter, a son, two step-children and three grandchildren.

Endowment fund honors pathologist



Robert W. Wissler, SM '43, PhD '46, MD '48 (1917-2006)

“He was a pathologist’s pathologist. A terrific guy, a punster par excellence, an active participant in the academic and social life of the University and a valued, outgoing colleague who was concerned about and enormously helpful to those who worked or studied with him.”

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Research training for pathology residents will receive a boost from a new fund created in honor of Robert W. Wissler, SM '43, PhD

'46, MD '48. Wissler, who died in November 2006, was the Donald N. Pritzker Distinguished Service Professor emeritus in pathology.

Wissler “trained hundreds of pathologists, was a mentor to many and a friend to all,” said Seth Haber, SM/MD '58, retired chief of pathology at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Santa Clara, Calif.

Now, former students and colleagues have created the Robert W. Wissler Fund, which aims to raise \$150,000 to create an endowment that will support research training in pathology.

After earning his doctorate, Wissler became an associate professor of pathology at the University of Chicago, where he remained the rest of his career. He served as chairman of pathology from 1957 to 1972, and then became director of the Specialized Center of Research in Atherosclerosis at the university, one of the first centers to focus on atherosclerosis—the buildup of fatty deposits on arterial walls that is a major cause of clogged arteries.

Known for documenting the effects of elevated cholesterol and smoking on atherosclerosis in teenagers and young adults, Wissler tirelessly advocated for understanding how heart disease develops. He pioneered studies of the immune system and connecting the arterial disease with the role of smooth muscle cells that line vessels. After developing some of the first non-human primate animal models for studying arterial disease, he showed that drastically reducing dietary fat decreases artery-clogging plaques.

“He was a pathologist’s pathologist,” said colleague Godfrey Getz, MD, distinguished service professor of pathology and of biochemistry and molecular biology at Chicago. “He was at the top of preventive pathology. He played a role in all of the major societies in the field and received leading awards and honors from most of them.”

More than \$80,000 has been collected for the fund so far. The Wissler family will match gifts up to \$50,000. Gifts can be made online at <https://alumniservices.uchicago.edu/Giving/> or by calling (888) 303-0030.

Getz, who made a personal donation to the fund, added that the fund is a way to perpetually honor “a terrific guy, a punster par excellence, an active participant in the academic and social life of the University and a valued, outgoing colleague who was concerned about and enormously helpful to those who worked or studied with him.”

—Megan Seery

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