


OUTLOOK

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University Strives for 70 by 70

Washington University is embarked on a major capital funds campaign with the intent of raising \$70 million by 1970. The School of Medicine and other University graduate schools are included in the campaign. The administration and the faculty of the Medical School consider this effort to be the most important undertaking of the University—and of the School—in many years.

The campaign got off to a wonderful start with a \$15 million matching grant from the Ford Foundation. Every \$3 coming to the University from private sources will claim \$1 from the Ford Foundation, up to the \$15 million maximum.

In this major endeavor to strengthen the Medical School's teaching and research programs, Washington University is not unique. All private medical schools are under considerable financial pressure. The reason is not hard to find—none of the three major functions of a medical school, teaching, research, or patient care is self-supporting. Each must be subsidized by gifts or endowment so that Washington University may remain one of the world's great medical schools. If we are to build on past achievements, if we are to serve the future, we have no choice but to go to the public and to the friends of the Medical School to ask for help in subsidizing this important institution. The reasons that funds must be raised at this time are several:

1. The joint fund drive with Barnes Hospital, started in 1962, was successful in its early stages because of the generosity of the Medical School and Hospital staff and local donors; however, it was brought to a halt because of differences of opinion over contractual and financial matters. These problems have been resolved and co-operation between the two institutions in continuing, if anything, on a more satisfactory basis than before. Although all the goals of the joint fund drive were not realized, it is not desirable to resume it now. A preferable approach is to join forces with the University in its over-all effort.
2. Many of our old buildings were constructed between 30 and 50 years ago and are greatly in need of renovation or replacement. Maternity Hospital must be enlarged and completely renovated. The McMillan Hospital's patient areas and the West Building (formerly the Clinics Building), housing Pathology and Preventive Medicine, also require complete renovation.
3. Enormous advances in medical science, coupled with the country's requirements for larger numbers of physicians, make it imperative that we construct a new Medical Sciences Building to accommodate more medical students and more graduate students in the basic medical sciences. In addition, we must add new faculty members to represent important areas, such as Genetics, not adequately covered in the traditional medical curriculum.

Institutions go through phases. Each phase has its own particular set of needs and challenges that must be met if the institution is to grow. At this time in the history of Washington University School of Medicine, one of the most important challenges is to establish an adequate financial basis on which to continue the excellence of the past.

Although we are not yet formally asking the Alumni for contributions, it is my hope and conviction that the Alumni will wish to support, financially and in other ways, this endeavor to strengthen Washington University School of Medicine. Alumni interest and enthusiasm is greatly prized. Dr. Ray D. Williams, President of the Alumni Association, has already given of his time to serve on the committee that is determining priority needs for the Medical School.

*William H. Danforth, M.D.
Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs*

From the Dean

Our alumni consist of men and women who have a specific relationship to this Medical School which is unique and clearly definable. The dictionary, in a language which is elegantly concise, defines an alumnus as "A member of a school or college class that has been graduated."

Most of the living members of this large group are professionally engaged in some form of medical activity. All have roughly similar educational backgrounds. Aside from these common features, however, our alumni are dissimilar in many ways.

Because we are a private institution, without geographical quotas and situated near the center of the United States, we tend to attract students from widely scattered areas. Perhaps as a related consequence, our alumni are widely disseminated. Many live in St. Louis, but a large number live in California or in Texas.

Entering students are selected annually from the colleges of the Ivy Leagues, from the large and ever-growing state universities across the country, and from many small liberal arts colleges of various types. In the years following graduation they may become general practitioners, plastic surgeons, ophthalmologists, or professors.

The alumni pattern of some state medical schools is quite different. In certain states the percentage of non-resident students who may be admitted to the medical school is quite small. There are instances in which as many as 60 or 70 per cent of the alumni of the medical school live within a single state. Under these circumstances, the alumni tend to be a homogenous group.

The heterogeneity of our own alumni group makes it difficult to arrive at a strong alumni program without direct response from you. We assume that you like to hear about the Medical School and about your classmates. We plan to continue this flow of information and, in time, to increase it. But we need your suggestions to arrive at a program tailored for our own special alumni group.

M. K. King



First viewing of the Arthur R. Lindberg Laryngeal Laboratory proved to be a happy occasion. At the dedication were Mr. Lindberg, Vice Chancellor William Danforth, Dr. Robert Gibson, fellow in otolaryngology, and Mrs. Lindberg. The Laboratory provides expanded facilities for research on the vocal cords and is located on the 12th floor of McMillan Hospital. It was named for the prominent St. Louis businessman in appreciation of his support of research on the larynx over the past few years.

Hugh Chaplin Is Kountz Professor

Dr. Hugh Chaplin, Jr., has been named Kountz Professor of Preventive Medicine. He is the first faculty member to hold the newly established position, which honors the late Dr. William B. Kountz, a medical school faculty member for 35 years.

The professorship was endowed by a grant of \$375,000 from the Gerontological Research Foundation which Dr. Kountz served as scientific director from 1954 until his death in 1962. Dr. Kountz was a 1926 School of Medicine graduate.

Dr. Chaplin, who has been a member of the faculty since 1955, heads the Irene Walter Johnson Institute of Rehabilitation. He has served as director of the Student Health Service and Associate Dean.

The new chair has been assigned to the head of the Rehabilitation Institute at this time because many problems of aging and diseases associated with aging are concentrated at the Institute. At other times the chair may be assigned to other Medical School divisions where pertinent work on aging is in progress.

41 States Contribute To Student Enrollment In 65-66 School Year

The student body of the School of Medicine 1965-66 is representative of its wide-spread reputation as an outstanding school.

This year's 333 students come from 41 states and two foreign areas. Seventy-two students are from Missouri, 43 from Illinois, 32 from Texas, and 26 from California.

The freshman class represents 20 states and Cyprus. Fifty-six undergraduate colleges are represented in that class. Of the 86 students, 21 have physician fathers including six who are Washington University graduates.

Outlook is published periodically by Washington University School of Medicine for alumni and faculty. Contributions and suggestions may be sent to the Editor at 660 South Euclid, St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

Patricia Brown. Editor

Honors Awarded to Faculty Members

Dr. Bricker Heads Advisors on Kidney

Dr. Neal S. Bricker, Professor of Medicine, has been named chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the National Kidney Foundation. Dr. Bricker is head of the renal division of the Medical School, which recently began a large multi-disciplinary research project on the kidney.

Dr. Cori Receives Honorary Degrees

Dr. Carl Cori, Distinguished Service Professor and Head of the Department of Biochemistry, has received two honorary degrees.

Dr. Cori, winner of the Nobel Prize in 1947 jointly with his first wife, the late Dr. Gerty Cori, received an honorary D. Sc. degree from St. Louis University. He was among four other Nobel Prize winners attending a day-long symposium honoring Dr. Edward Doisy, 1943 Nobel Prize winning biochemist.

He also received an honorary degree from Brandeis University at a convocation dedicating the university's new science center.

Dr. Lorraine Lake Consults for USAF

Dr. Lorraine Lake, Assistant Professor of Anatomy and of Physical Therapy and Assistant Director of the Irene Johnson Institute of Rehabilitation, has recently been appointed National Civilian Consultant in Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy to the Surgeon General of the Air Force.

As her first duty she toured United States Air Force Medical Facilities in Germany and England for nearly a month, inspecting facilities, consulting, lecturing, and participating in rehabilitation activities pertaining to occupational and physical therapy.

She visited ten medical facilities, and for the last week of her tour participated in a conference in Wiesbaden, Germany, sponsored by the Air Force for NATO medical personnel from all over Europe, Africa, and the Near East. More than 300 members of the Nurse Corps and medical specialists of the new Biomedical Sciences Corps were at the conference where she presented several lectures.

Dr. Lake was the first civilian consultant to the USAF medical service to tour European facilities.

Dr. Eliasson Wins Bond Award Medal

Dr. Sven G. Eliasson, Associate Professor of Neurology, has received the Bond Award Gold Medal of the American Oil Chemist's Society.

Dr. Eliasson received the medal for research on the metabolism of a complex carbohydrate-fat substance in experimental neurological diseases.

Dr. Eliasson, a member of the medical faculty since early 1964, received his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Lund, Sweden.

Barry Wood Portrait Presented to School

A portrait of Dr. W. Barry Wood, Jr., former head of the Department of Medicine, has been presented to the School.

The portrait is a gift of physicians who trained under him at the School of Medicine. Dr. Wood served as Busch Professor and Head of the Department of Medicine from 1942 until 1955.

He left to become vice president of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. He is now chairman of the Department of Microbiology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

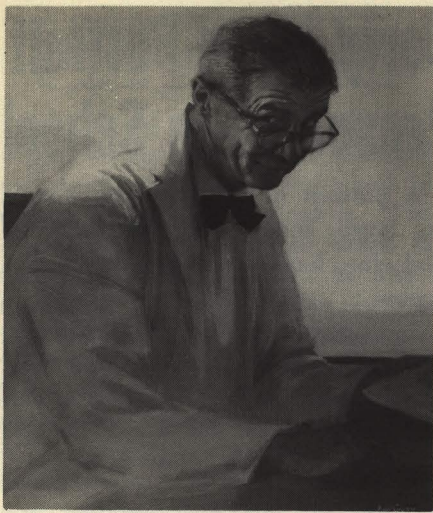
Dr. Wood is best known for his studies of the mechanisms of recovery from pneumonia and studies of the causes of fevers.

Dr. Edward Reinhard, '39, Professor of Medicine and Dr. Wood's first chief resident at WUSM, made the presentation. Dean M. Kenton King, who was also a house officer under Dr. Wood, accepted the gift for the School.

The portrait hangs in the Lobby of Clopton Amphitheatre in the David P. Wohl, Jr., Memorial-Washington University Clinics.



Dr. M. Kenton King, left, and Dr. Edward Reinhard, who both trained under Dr. Barry Wood, were participants at the portrait presentation held at a Medical Grand Rounds.



Moyer Portrait Hung in Clopton

A portrait of Dr. Carl A. Moyer, former Bixby Professor of Surgery and head of the Department of Surgery, was presented to the School of Medicine on December 21.

The portrait, by St. Louis artist Fred Conway, is a gift of surgeons who trained under Dr. Moyer at the School. It hangs in the Lobby of Clopton Amphitheatre.

Dr. Moyer resigned from the School on October 15. He is now director of research at Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Mich. Before coming to the School of Medicine in 1951, Dr. Moyer was Dean of Southwestern Medical School of the University of Texas. Working under a grant from the Hartford Foundation at Barnes Hospital, Dr. Moyer received recognition for his treatment of extensive third-degree burns, which involves repeated application of dressings soaked in a weak solution of silver nitrate. In addition to control of most types of bacteria found associated with burns, Dr. Moyer's method proves successful in preventing hypermetabolism.

A search committee is presently assessing candidates for the surgery post. In the interim, Dr. Henry Schwartz, chief of the neurological surgery division, is serving as acting head of the department.

Dr. William Danforth Is Elected President Of WUMSAH Board

Dr. William H. Danforth has been elected President of the Washington University Medical School and Associated Hospitals (WUMSAH) board for a three-year-term.

Dr. Danforth succeeds Dr. Carl V. Moore, who served as the first president of the WUMSAH board for 15 months. Dr. Moore asked to be relieved of his administrative duties in connection with the Medical Center board in order to devote full time to his position, Busch Professor and Head of the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Danforth is Washington University's Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs.

Jewish Hospital Gets Simon Professorship

A joint undertaking in medical education has been begun by WUMS and the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis as a result of a \$500,000 gift of Mr. John Simon, a St. Louis investment banker.

The John and Adaline Simon Chair in Medicine has been established at the Hospital by the St. Louis couple, who have supported many local charitable and educational institutions.

First recipient will be Dr. Stanford Wessler, physician-in-chief at Jewish Hospital, and Professor of Medicine at WUMS.

Fund Established to Honor The Late Dr. Bruce Martin

A memorial fund in honor of the late Dr. Bruce Martin, '35, has been established by his family and friends at the Medical School Library. Proceeds have been used to buy books for the Library.

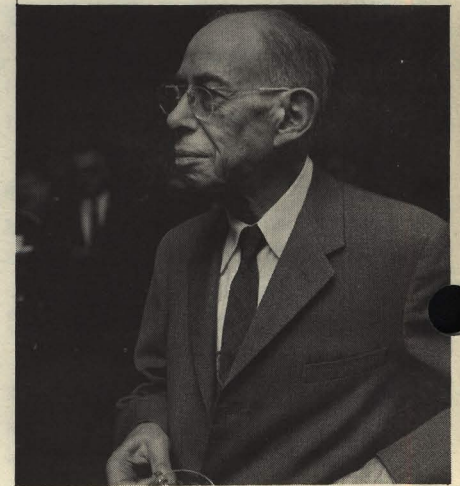
Dr. Martin died in September. He practiced plastic surgery in Columbus, Ohio, and was on the faculty of Ohio State University until his retirement in 1961. He had lived in Amiston, Ala., since that time.

Dr. Martin was a member of the American College of Surgeons and the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Joseph Erlanger Dies in December

Dr. Joseph Erlanger, Professor Emeritus of Physiology and 1944 Nobel Prize winner, died December 5, after a brief illness. He was 91 years old.

He had been a faculty member at the School of Medicine since 1910. Dr. Erlanger was one of the young scientists brought here by Robert Brookings to reorganize the Medical School and was one of the leaders in developing the School to its pre-eminent position in medical education. He served as Head of the Department of Physiology until his retirement in 1946.



In 1944 he shared the Nobel Prize with the late Dr. Herbert S. Gasser, who was a faculty member at that time, for their work on the function of individual nerve threads. Their best-known contribution was a method of applying the cathode ray oscillograph to the study of nerves.

Memorial services were held January 14 for Dr. Erlanger by the School of Medicine. Tributes were paid to Dr. Erlanger by Washington University Chancellor Thomas H. Eliot, Dr. George H. Bishop, Professor Emeritus of Neurophysiology; Dr. Joseph C. Hinsey, Cornell University Medical School; Dr. F. O. Schmitt, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. Philip Bard, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and Dr. Hallowell Davis, Central Institute for the Deaf.

Psychiatrist Sees Great Needs at Honduran Hospital

Young alumnus and faculty member Richard Hudgens, MD '56, recently returned from a three-week visit to Honduras. The visit proved enlightening on both sides of the exchange board. The Honduran psychiatrists heard Dr. Hudgens speak on current trends in the field and received consultations. The WU psychiatrist got a new view on how much can be done to improve mental health when physical and personnel difficulties seem almost overwhelming.

Last summer a notice in the Newsletter of the American Psychiatric Association caught Dr. Hudgens' attention about the plight of the neuropsychiatric hospital in Tegucigalpa. This is the only psychiatric hospital in the country.

Of the thousands who probably saw the notice, which had been placed by a Peace Corps volunteer, only eight psychiatrists answered, and Dr. Hudgens has been the only one so far to make the trip. He received the joint support of the Department of Psychiatry, where he is an assistant professor, and of the School of Medicine.

Dr. Hudgens spent three weeks talking with the staff of the National Neuropsychiatric Hospital, which included in addition to four part-time psychiatrists, two general practitioners and a neurosurgeon.

"They are doing a remarkable job surmounting the difficulties of their facilities and budget," Dr. Hudgens said.

The hospital was originally designed for 200 patients and contains only that number of beds. However, more than 500 patients are now housed in the four wings surrounding open-air patios. Until last year, the patios were dirt-floored. There is running water, but no plumbing. The institution, which is an annex of the National General Hospital of San Felipe, is run on about 54¢ a day per patient.

The out-patient clinic handles 100-1,000 patients per month and is dependent on outside gifts for its drug supplies.

"They were very anxious to have

someone there for consultation service," Dr. Hudgens said. "But I found they had greater basic needs.

"First of all they need personnel and a place to train them. A few social workers are being trained in the country, but there is only one small nursing school for the entire country. There is a medical school, but specialty training in psychiatry must be done outside the country.

"In view of these obstacles, the hospital director, Dr. Asdrubal Raudales, does an excellent job. New patients are worked up thoroughly, and active treatment is appropriately instituted with drugs and electrotherapy. Individual psychotherapy with in-patients is rarely practical in view of the work load, but modest programs of recreation and occupational therapy are conducted and there is an Alcoholics Anonymous group."

Dr. Hudgens said there was also the need for money to improve the existing facilities and to build new ones. The Honduran government has

made available a lump sum for new construction and an increase in the 1966 budget. However, outside sources of aid or loans are desperately needed to bring these plans to fruition and to provide other services, such as a proposed children's neuropsychiatric clinic.

Dr. Hudgens said Honduran problems were compounded by widespread poverty, malnutrition and intestinal parasites, along with a 70 per cent illiteracy rate, poor communications, and poor roads.

"An attack on some of the gravest public health problems will directly benefit mental health," he said.

It is Dr. Hudgens' hope that others will become interested in the problems of mental health in Honduras and give both counsel and financial support to the eager Honduran psychiatrists. Tentative plans are underway to bring one of the Honduran psychiatrists to the School of Medicine for several months to observe treatment both at the School and other institutions in the area.



Honor students from St. Louis high schools toured the Medical School in November for a preview of the medical education they hope to receive. They were guests of the Medical Alumni Association at lunch and listened intently, as shown above, to details of admissions policy and school life. This was the fifth year the tour has been held, and several students from earlier groups are enrolled at the School.

Lines of Communication

The Alumni Relations Committee is the end point of an urgent need for a forum for Alumni expression.

These columns are available to Alumni to express an opinion, ask a question, register a complaint, receive an answer and be kept informed about the dynamics of the Medical Center.

Four times a year we will have an opportunity to serve you. The success of our efforts depends on free and frank utilization of these lines of communication.

Today is yours. Use it.

Samuel D. Soule, M.D.

Chairman

Alumni Relations Committee

Barnes Hospital Plans Future Growth

The last several years have been marked by striking changes in the Barnes Hospital-Washington University Medical School complex. There has been a constant movement forward—both in physical construction and medical care.

The Queeny Tower is a forerunner in a new concept of medical care involving doctor's offices, nursing divisions, and an ambulatory care section within one building.

Barnes Hospital has been the recipient of \$1,407,871 in grants from the Hartford Foundation centering on post-operative wound infection, chromosomal defects, investigation of electron microscopy, study of arthritic and rheumatic disease processes, and a study for the treatment of severe burns.

A new basic contract was signed

The Alumni Relations Committee has asked those who develop and direct the programs of the Medical Center to speak directly to Alumni. On this page you will hear from the Medical School Librarian and the Barnes Hospital Director, and on Page 2 from the Dean. Other views will be expressed in the future.

by the Washington University and Barnes Hospital Board of Trustees on December 2, 1964, which continues in force until June 1, 1995. This document depicts the spirit of cooperation between the University and Barnes Board in their determination to make this Center one of the most outstanding in our country.

Our bed component has grown to

1,105 beds and during the week of October 18, 1965, Barnes Hospital experienced its highest occupancy in its history—93 per cent.

Our growing pains are not terminated with the completion of the Queeny Tower. The Barnes Hospital Board of Trustees is now attacking the number one problem in our center—parking.

Negotiations are underway to ascertain the feasibility of a 1,000 car parking garage under the street in front of Barnes Hospital.

Preliminary discussions are also being held about the construction of a new center core building which will extend from the main east-west corridor of Barnes south to a line 25 feet out in the street. Consideration must be given to construction of this building in stages since a tremendous dislocation problem would result.

Nevertheless our problems are happy ones. The anguish which at times we have to go through is remunerated with new construction and facilities which will last for years to come.

Harry E. Panborst

Director, Barnes Hospital

Dr. Ewing Appointed

Dr. George M. Ewing, '46, Honolulu, has been appointed Council-Member-At-Large of the Medical Alumni Association.

He will serve in place of Dr. Yasuyuki Fukushima, '43 December, who was elected in June but was unable to serve.

Library Has Services Available to Alumni

The Medical Library of Washington University is the largest collection of medical literature in a wide area—from Chicago to the Gulf and from the Mississippi River to the West Coast.

But in addition to its size, it likes to think it is performing useful services for physicians in the area by devising systems of computer control of scientific publications, by lending material to other libraries and by offering services to its alumni who may be situated where there are no comparable facilities.

In recognition of this, the Public Health Service has just awarded the Library a five year training grant to educate medical librarians in computer techniques, and earlier grants allowed it to develop systems now used in a number of other libraries in the U. S. and abroad. All of this has been possible only because our predecessors have built up the collection wisely and widely, and because some alumni have aided it financially and with advice and counsel.

At present, the Medical Library offers some services to the alumni which may not be known to everyone. It will make Xerox copies of articles needed by them at a nominal 10¢ per page. It will search out medical data of a specific nature from the literature. It will check citations for completeness and accuracy. It will make up short reading lists of books and journals on a particular medical subject.

For a fee of \$5 per month plus 10¢ per item found, it will maintain a continuing "current awareness service" for an alumnus, calling his attention to new material in his field. It will send him a list of new books received eight times yearly for a charge of \$1 for two years. It will give advice on binding personal copies, purchasing books, or arranging reprints.

We invite alumni to come visit us or write to us for aid.

Estelle Brodman, Ph.D.
Librarian and Professor
of Medical History

Alumni Notables



Dr. John E. Hobbs, '27, Vice President of the Medical Alumni Association presented the annual Medical Alumni Scholarship Award to senior student William Wood of Muskogee, Oklahoma

Chairmen Named For '66 Reunions

Reunion chairmen have been chosen for 1966 for the classes ending in six and one. Reunions will begin Thursday, June 2, with the scientific program and annual banquet scheduled for Friday, June 3.

The chairmen are Drs. Philip I. Woerner and William G. Juergens, '61; Richard W. Hudgens, '56; Alex Hartmann, Jr., '51; Stanley W. Wald, '46; Calvin Ellis and J. W. Noah, '41; Robert W. Elliott, '36; Delevan Calkins, '31; Max Deutch, '21; O. C. Zink, '21; and Paul H. Stevenson, '16.

Alumni Parties Set For March and April

Two receptions for alumni will be given by the Medical Alumni Association in the coming months.

A reception will be held in the Tea Room of the Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City, Mo., from 6 to 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, March 29, 1966, for those attending the meeting of the Missouri State Medical Association.

Another reception will be held when the American College of Physicians meet in New York on April 19 in the Americana Hotel.

'25—Charles H. Beasley has retired as Director of the Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital. Dr. Beasley began his government career in 1926 in the Army Medical Corps.

'27—John E. Hobbs, Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology at WUMS, was honored for 34 years of service as head of the gynecological pathology division at St. Louis Maternity Hospital.

'32—C. Gordon Stauffacher, Sedalia, Mo., was presented a Silver Lily of the Missouri Society for Crippled Children and Adults for his 25 years of service in the society's programs.

'34—Helen Aff-Drum was elected President of the St. Louis Pediatric Society.

'36—Robert W. Kelley, St. Louis, has been named President-Elect of the Constantinian Society. The society is a national organization of physicians who served in the Mediterranean area during World War II.

'46—Frank Vellios, Professor of Pathology and Director of Surgical Pathology at the Indiana University School of Medicine, has been named head of the school's Department of Pathology.

'47—Harvey Bernard has returned from 14 months at St. Bartholomew Hospital in London in the Department of Bacteriology where he worked on surgical infections. He is Associate Professor of Surgery at WUMS.

'48—Lawrence E. Maze, Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology at WUMS, has been appointed Medical Director of the Human Development Corporation's birth control program for the poor.

'49—Marvin Stein, Professor of Psychiatry at Cornell University Medical College, will head a seven-year team study under a Public

Health Service grant on the possible psychosomatic causes of bronchial asthma.

'41—D. M. Bramwell has been appointed Director of Mental Health for the State of New Hampshire. He has responsibility for the supervision of all mental health programs throughout the state, including two state institutions and a rapidly expanding community mental health program of twelve community mental health clinics.

'43 March—Parker Beamer has been named Professor of Pathology at the University of Southern California School of Medicine. He is also chief pathologist for the Los Angeles County Hospital.

'43 December—Morris Alex was chosen President-Elect of the St. Louis Heart Association.

'44—Samuel P. Bessman has been named Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

'45—Donald W. Bussman has been appointed Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at St. Louis University School of Medicine. Dr. Bussman, Assistant Professor in Internal Medicine, is Director of the Heart Sound Laboratory at the University Hospitals.

'51—James A. Cutter has been appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center.

'53—William Shieber, Director, Division of Vascular Surgery at Jewish Hospital of St. Louis, is the co-author of the recently published book "Anatomy and Surgical Technique of Groin Dissection."

'56—LeRoy Pesch has been named Associate Dean and Professor of Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Kenneth E. Pletcher MD '36

Air Force General Is Active Medical Alumnus

Kenneth E. Pletcher is an alumnus who cares—and who does something about it. Serving a one-year term now as a member of the Medical Alumni Association Council, Dr. Pletcher feels it his responsibility to take an active part in Alumni Association affairs including attending all council meetings. For Dr. Pletcher this means commuting from Washington, D.C., where he now lives.

This predilection for long distance travel is not unexplained when you consider Dr. Pletcher's career, for he has been a member of the U. S. Air Force and before that the Army Air Corps for more than 25 years. In his present assignment Major General Pletcher is Deputy Surgeon General of the United States Air Force Medical Corps.

It will be 30 years in June since Dr. Pletcher received his MD degree but his pride in the school and feeling of loyalty have only increased. He also bears similar feelings toward his undergraduate school, Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri, for their part in helping him achieve an education during depression years.

"It makes me feel good to hear something nice about Washington University, General Pletcher has said, "because I'm proud of the school. I have a feeling of

belonging and from that a desire to help the school maintain its educational prominence."

Looking back on his school experiences, General Pletcher recalled it was during the clinical years where his respect and admiration for the School developed. "My introduction to medicine was working under Dr. John Lawrence, who ran the Clinics at that

time. I became aware of the exceptionally good men who were on the faculty and the excellent quality of men being trained there."

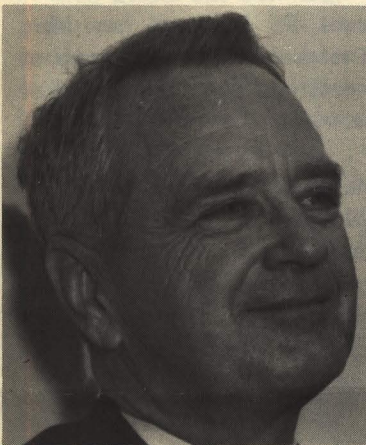
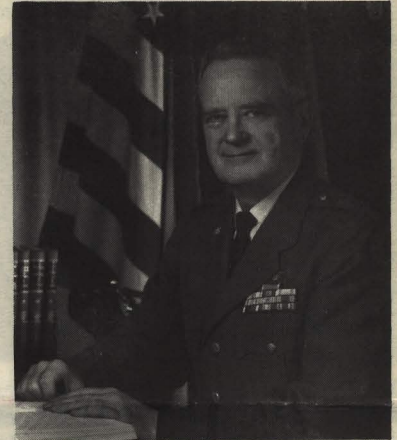
Dr. Pletcher also has a kind word for the Alumni Association for the scholarship and loan aid he received. "One hundred dollars in those days was a lot of money when an intern earned \$5, maybe \$10, a month."

Washington University feels a justified pride in General Pletcher for his accomplishments in the military.

Having completed the medical ROTC course while in school and thereby holding a commission, he was one of the first called for active duty in 1940 as the involvement of the United States in war drew closer.

He completed the course of the School of Aviation Medicine and later taught there. He was sent in 1946 as adviser to the Central Government of China where he established the first school for the training of aviation medical officers in that country. He was the first medical officer in the Air Force to serve as assistant air attache at an embassy (in London) and subsequently aided the establishment of similar posts in other European embassies. He also directed the reorganization of a specialty care center for United States Forces in the United Kingdom. Before his present assignment he was Command Surgeon at the Military Air Transport Service Headquarters at Scott Air Force Base. He now holds the second ranking position in the USAFMC.

The Pletchers have three children including a daughter, now a translator for a government agency, who studied at Washington University. Another daughter is married, and a son is a first year student of veterinary medicine.



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