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1960s



Jerry A. Shields (M.D. 1964) is director of the Ocular Oncology Service at Wills Eye Institute and professor of ophthalmology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has been active for 30 years in the care of patients with ocular tumors, and in clinical research to improve methods for the diagnosis and treatment of eye cancers. He resides in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Carol Shields, M.D., and their seven children.

1970s



Richard F. Lockey, M.D. (Residency 1970), has been named one of the first six Distinguished University Health Professors at the University of South Florida (USF) Health Sciences Center College of Medicine. His peers recommended him for the honor,

which was given based on substantial achievement in research, teaching or clinical care. Lockey serves as director of the Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and as professor of medicine, pediatrics and public health at USF. He resides in Tampa, Florida.



Walter Willett (M.D. 1970) has co-written *The Fertility Diet*, outlining dietary, exercise and lifestyle changes to help women increase fertility. Willett is chair of the Department of Nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health, and a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. He has previously co-authored *Eat, Drink, and Be Healthy*, and resides in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

1980s



Lawrence Chin (M.D. 1987) has been professor and chair of neurosurgery at Boston University School of Medicine and neurosurgeon in chief at Boston Medical Center since May 2006. He was previously professor of neurosurgery and medical director of the Gamma

Knife Center at the University of Maryland. He resides in Wayland, Massachusetts.

1990s



Emmanuel J. Zervos (M.D. 1992) has been appointed professor and chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. He also will serve as associate director of the Leo W. Jenkins

Cancer Center there. For the first six years of his career, Zervos established his clinical and research expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of hepatobiliary malignancy at the University of South Florida/Moffitt Cancer Center, and continues these studies in his new appointment.

Lives Lived

Norman F. Bach (M.D. 1948), of Chelsea, Michigan, died on June 11, 2007, at age 86. A longtime resident of Owosso, Michigan, Bach practiced internal medicine at the former Owosso Medical Group from 1952-90, and served as its president for 10 years during that time. He also served as president of the Shiawassee County Medical Society and as chief of staff at Owosso Memorial Hospital. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Physicians and a member of the Society of Internal Medicine. Bach was a member of the Owosso Rotary Club and Salem Lutheran Church, among other organizations, and was an Army veteran of World War II. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, golf, crossword puzzles, following the Detroit Tigers and spending time with his family. Bach is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean, five children and seven grandchildren.

Norman L. Banghart (M.D. 1945, Residency 1953), died on June 17, 2007, in Greenwood, South Carolina. He was 85. Banghart served as

an Army doctor in World War II, then opened a private obstetrics/gynecology practice in Ann Arbor where he saw patients for more than 40 years. During his career, he served as head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and chief of staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was an avid swimmer and golfer, an involved U-M sports fan, and took pride in being an Eagle Scout and a member of the Ann Arbor Kiwanis, Phi Rho Sigma medical fraternity and the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, four sons, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

George W. Cheek Jr., M.D. (Residency 1958), 78, of Burlington, North Carolina, died on June 12, 2006. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in World War II. Cheek, a surgeon, is survived by his wife, Janette, four daughters and four grandchildren.

Emma Jane Conklin (M.D. 1949) died on March 13, 2007, in a hospital near her home in Troy, Michigan. She was 82. Conklin specialized in internal medicine and nuclear medicine. She was the only woman to hold the position of executive administrator at Wayne County General Hospital, where she worked for most of her career. Conklin liked to travel, especially to Scotland, and enjoyed reading and spending time with her family, including a niece whom she mentored to become a doctor. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman A. Nelson, M.D., and is survived by a son. ▶

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E-news from the Medical Center Alumni Society

To receive your bimonthly e-newsletter, go to the Alumni Directory at www.medicineatmichigan.org/alumni and add or update your e-mail address, or contact Mary Morency in the Office of Medical Development and Alumni Relations at marymore@umich.edu or (734) 998-7584.

Peter VanVechten Hamill (M.D. 1953), 80, of Annapolis, Maryland, died of complications from pneumonia on March 10, 2007. He was the scientific director and medical coordinator under U.S. Surgeon General Luther L. Terry, who in 1964 issued the groundbreaking study stating that smoking was the major cause of lung cancer and other diseases. He served as chair of a government study that contributed to the creation of the growth and development charts used by nutritionists and physicians. In addition to his medical career, Hamill served in the Navy during World War II and was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service. He was an avid sportsman and a Golden Gloves boxing champion at Notre Dame in 1944. He enjoyed sailing and researching his ancestors' roles in the Revolutionary War. He is survived by his wife, Margot, four children and 11 grandchildren.

Morris Weiss (M.D. 1951, Residency 1956), died on June 1, 2007. He was 82. Weiss received his bachelor's degree in science from the U-M College of Literature, Science, and the Arts in 1947 before completing his medical degree and residency here. He is survived by his wife, Fae, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Richard Lowell White, M.D. (Residency 1967), 73, died June 9, 2007, at his home in Yarmouth, Maine, after an eight-year battle with cancer. After completing residencies in surgery at the Boston City Hospital, and in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at the U-M, White joined Chris Lutes, M.D., at the Maine Medical Center in Portland. As the first board-certified cardiac surgeons in Maine, White and Lutes initiated and improved the standard techniques of cardiopulmonary bypass and cardiac surgical patient care management in the state. White appreciated and supported Maine artists, played piano and studied jazz. He also enjoyed hiking, camping, sailing and training Labrador retrievers for field trials. He is survived by his wife, Catherine, two children and two stepchildren.

Kenneth W. Yost (M.D. 1954), of Port Huron, Michigan, died June 20, 2007, at age 90. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Yost practiced pediatrics and obstetrics in Marysville, Michigan, for 42 years and presided over more than 7,000 deliveries. He also was on the staff of Mercy Hospital and Port Huron Hospital. Yost enjoyed electronics and golf. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alma, in 2003, and is survived by four sons and two grandsons. [m](#)

REUNION '07: FRIENDS, MEMORIES, TOURS ... AND VICTORY!

Medical School alumni from classes ending in "2" and "7" enjoyed meeting old friends – and making new ones – during Reunion '07 in October. Friends gathered to celebrate and reminisce during dinners, campus tours, tailgate parties, and, of course, during the Michigan Wolverines' victory over the Minnesota Golden Gophers, 34-10.

Reunion weekend also marked the fall meeting of the Medical Center Alumni Society (MCAS) board of directors, during which the board thanked outgoing President Clifford L. Craig (M.D. 1969) and welcomed incoming President James C. Hays (M.D. 1977). The board also welcomed new MCAS board members Jean Holland (M.D. 1977) and James K. Sobeski (M.D. 1993).

Reunion '08 will take place September 26-27, and alumni from classes ending in "3" or "8," as well as emeritus alumni, can participate in planning the event by contacting Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Julie Antis at (734) 998-7703 or antisj@umich.edu.



Photo: Call Photography

Jim and Elizabeth Woolliscroft and Jeri and Bob Kelch show their loyalty along with other alumni at Reunion '07.



Hays



Holland



Sobeski

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CALL FOR MCAS AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Medical Center Alumni Society annually bestows awards on medical professionals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership. Awards include the Distinguished Achievement Award, Early Distinguished Career Achievement Award and Distinguished Service Award. Visit www.medicineatmichigan.org/MCAS/awards.asp for award criteria and nomination forms. Send completed nominations to:

Julie Antis
Assistant Director of Alumni Relations
U-M Office of Medical Development and Alumni Relations
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2251

Nominations must be postmarked by February 29, 2008. The MCAS Awards and Nominating Committee will review all nominations and recipients will be recognized during Reunion '08.

In the next ISSUE

of Medicine at Michigan: How does an embryo grow? The first 21 days ... Pain, its origins and ways to treat and manage it, including alternative approaches ... From trucker to surgeon: the incredible life of Jimmy Crudup. Also: Looking back on legendary neuroanatomist Elizabeth Crosby.

Determined to Make a Difference

Anand Parekh finds satisfaction in public service

Anand Parekh (M.D. 2002) likes to look at the big picture, whether treating a patient at the clinic where he volunteers, advising the Secretary of Health and Human Services on a public health policy issue, or mentoring medical students at Johns Hopkins, where he's an adjunct faculty member.

The son of a family practitioner and a hospital administrator, Parekh grew up in West Bloomfield, Michigan, and, at 31, already has a formidable resume. After graduation from Detroit Country Day High School, he was accepted into the University of Michigan's now-defunct Inteflex program, which guaranteed exceptional students a place in the U-M Medical School before they began their undergraduate studies.

Finding himself with an "extra year" after finishing his bachelor's degree in political science in three years and with highest distinction, he spent it completing most of the work for a master's degree from the U-M School of Public Health, which he finished — presumably in his spare time — while he was in medical school.

After his residency in internal medicine at Johns Hopkins, he joined the Office of Public Health and Science, a unit of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as its senior medical adviser. Last August, he was appointed acting deputy assistant secretary of health and "operationally in charge," as government-speak has it, of the OPHS.

"There are lots of things I could do right now that are more lucrative or involve less bureaucracy," he says, "but this is satisfying to me, to be a public servant." It suits him because it engages all his expertises, because he is, he says, "a

problem-solver," and because it provides about as big a picture as there is in his field.

"Where I'm trying to go and where I've always tried to go is governed by how I can make a difference in people's lives," says Parekh. "When I see patients on Saturday mornings, the focus is that patient and how I can make a positive difference in this person's life. When I do policy work Monday to Friday, it's not better or worse, it's just different. Instead of seeing patients one-on-one and making that difference, it's really taking a step back and looking at the broad population and seeing how with good science you can improve the health of an entire population."

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He has no idea how long his current gig will last. The previous assistant secretary, John Agwunobi, left to help Wal-Mart set up small clinics in its stores, and it's unclear whether the President will submit a nominee to succeed him for Senate approval or fill the vacancy with an acting assistant to serve the remainder of the President's term. It doesn't make much difference to Parekh.

"I am a career appointee, not a political appointee," he says. "Where I am right now — not in many ways, but in all ways — really allows me to do what I've always wanted, which is to try to make a difference on a broader level. My men-



Anand Parekh

tor here, William Raub, is the secretary's science adviser. He's been here [at HHS] for 35 years and had such a fulfilling career. I could see myself being here a long time, as long as I feel I'm able to make a difference."

Parekh does his own share of mentoring, including serving as co-chair of alumni events for the week that Presidential Scholars — an elite group of about 140 high school seniors, one of whom he once was — spend in Washington.

"I want to make sure they understand that even though it's great that they're getting this award, there are thousands of other students who could have received it," he says. "Much has been given to them, and they should remember to give back."

—Jeff Mortimer