



SUMMER 2005

# Classnotes

## 1960s

**D. Jackson Coleman, MD '60,** writes: 'I am still professor and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at Weill-Cornell Medical Center, New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. E-mail address is djceye@aol.com.'

**Bert Rappole, MD '66,** was named Physician of the Year by WCA Hospital in

Jamestown, NY. He was chosen by his peers for his dedication to excellence in patient care, his exceptional service to WCA Hospital, his significant and continued academic

efforts, and his longtime humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Rappole founded the town's Hospice board of directors and recently

established the Allegany Region Missions, a local nonprofit organization that provides medical care to underserved populations overseas. He has participated in several missions to Haiti and recently returned from a trip to Central America.

Rappole was also commended for the difference he has made in the area of physician recruitment. "What would make me the happiest is to continue to see young, competent physician specialists recruited to this area," he says.

## 1970s

**Karl Beutner, MD '79, PhD '76,** has been named chief medical officer at Anacor Pharmaceuticals, a biotechnology company located in Palo Alto, CA, that is developing novel pharmaceuticals for dermatology. Beutner is widely recognized for his research activities developing new therapies for viral infections of the skin and other common skin conditions. In addition to his position at Anacor,

Beutner serves as an associate clinical professor of dermatology at the University of California at San Francisco and has been in private medical practice based in Vallejo, CA, since 1985. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and a diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology. He also is a past president of the Solano County Medical Society and of the San Francisco Dermatological Society.

## 1980s

**Richard V. Homan, MD '82,** has been named senior vice president and dean of the College of Medicine at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA, effective September 1, 2005. Homan previously served as dean of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine in Lubbock, TX.

## 1990s

**Andrew C. Stoeckl, MD '98,** has joined Excelsior Orthopaedics in Amherst, NY, where he will focus on general orthopaedics and sports medicine and work closely with John P. Hurley, DPM. Stoeckl completed his residency training in orthopaedics in Buffalo and a fellowship in sports medicine at Harvard



## In Memoriam

**Edmund M. Collins, MD '44,** died on October 22, 2004.

**William J. Mangan, MD '59,** died on April 26, 2005.

**William G. Cross, MD '66,** died on April 25, 2005.

**Correction:** Kent E. Durfee was in the Class of 1957, not 1951, as stated in the spring issue.

## Terplan, Klocke and Paroski

### 2005 Alumni Achievement Awards

EACH YEAR AT SPRING CLINICAL DAY, MEDICAL ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS ARE PRESENTED TO GRADUATES OF THE UB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES. RECIPIENTS ARE NOMINATED BY THEIR FELLOW ALUMNI, WITH FINAL SELECTIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### Martin Terplan, MD '55

After graduating from UB medical school with honors awarded by the National Board of Medical Examiners, Martin Terplan served a rotating internship at Parkland Hospital, attended the School of Aviation Medicine in Pensacola, Florida, and completed two years of military duty. He then pursued a career in internal medicine as a specialty, completing one year of training at the Boston City Hospital and one year at the Massachusetts General Hospital.



Terplan was awarded a Fulbright Travel Grant and a von Humboldt Fellowship and spent 18 months in pulmonary medicine at the University of Munich. His last year of medical residency was at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), where he has continued as a member of the faculty and currently serves as clinical professor of medicine. Terplan has received numerous teaching awards, including

Teacher of the Year for the Department of Medicine in 2000. He is board certified and the author or co-author of over 25 medical publications. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and an expert medical reviewer for the Medical Board of California.

Terplan has a special interest in aging disorders and lectures extensively on the topic. He is past governor of the American Geriatric Society, Western Division; past chair of the Committee on Aging of the San Francisco Medical Society; and is currently on the editorial advisory board for *Clinical Geriatrics*.

A rare appearance on radio or television has not interfered with his major ongoing activity—maintaining an active practice of medicine, including the care of many health-care professionals (a doctor's doctor). Terplan also currently serves as a member of the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences' Dean's Advisory Council and has helped to establish the Kornel L. Terplan Memorial

Lecture at UB in honor of his father, a former professor and chair of pathology in the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.



#### Francis Klocke, MD '60

Francis Klocke's interest in an academic career was stimulated by Dr. Hermann Rahn and colleagues in the UB Department of Physiology with whom he worked as a student research fellow throughout medical school. Following graduation from UB, Klocke took his medical house staff training at Yale University, and his cardiology training at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), under Dr. Eugene Braunwald. In 1965, he joined the faculty of the UB School of Medicine, where he remained for 26 years.

At UB, Klocke led an interdisciplinary cardiovascular research program that received NIH program-project grant support for 20 consecutive years. His personal research centered on the coronary circulation, including both normal control mechanisms and abnormalities in coronary artery disease and other pathologic states. Clinical studies were initiated at Buffalo General Hospital with Drs. David

Greene and Ivan Bunnell, and extended to Erie County Medical Center in the early 1970s.

In 1976, Klocke became director of UB's Division of Cardiology, and in 1983 he was named to the newly established Albert and Elizabeth Rekatte Professorship in Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease. He undertook major assignments for the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association, and other external groups throughout his time in Buffalo. He also served as a member of the NHLBI National Advisory Council and as president of the American College of Cardiology.

In 1991 Klocke was recruited to Northwestern University Medical School to serve as the director of its newly established Feinberg Cardiovascular Research Institute. The institute—which was charged with expanding, coordinating and supporting cardiovascular research programs and research training throughout the university—now includes over 13 faculty members from 13 academic departments on Northwestern's Chicago and Evanston campuses. External research support for cardiovascular research and training has increased

from \$6.6 to \$25 million dollars annually.

Klocke continues to teach at the student, house-staff and postdoctoral levels. His clinical practice is conducted as a member of Northwestern's Division of Cardiology and the Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation (the medical school's 450-physician practice group).

#### Margaret Paroski, MD '80

Margaret Paroski is executive vice president and chief medical officer for the Kaleida Health System. Prior to assuming this position in April 2005, she served for two years as interim vice president for health affairs at UB and interim dean for the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Prior to that



she was senior associate dean for academic affairs and admissions in the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (2001–2003), responsible for overseeing the offices of medical education, admissions and curriculum.

An accomplished educator and board-certified neurologist, Paroski has been a member of the UB medical school faculty since 1984 and continues to serve as professor of clinical neu-

rology. In 1988 she received the medical school's coveted Seigel Award for Excellence in Teaching.

While senior associate dean, Paroski taught in five medical school courses and served as the course coordinator for the mandatory senior neurology rotation. She also continued an active practice in neurology with a focus on adults with developmental disabilities and supervised residents in the neurology clinic.

Before joining UB's administration, Paroski served as medical director of the Erie County Medical Center for five years and as clinical director of neurology at the medical center for four years.

In 2004, she was one of 10 women named "Erie County's Women Making History" in conjunction with National Women's History Month. That same year, she was also named winner of the Women Who Mean Business Award.

A native of Buffalo, Paroski earned a bachelor's degree in biology and psychology from Canisius College in 1976. Following medical school, she completed her residency training in neurology in UB's affiliated teaching hospitals. In 2000, she completed a master's degree in medical management at Carnegie Mellon University. **BP**

University. His areas of practice include general orthopaedics, sports medicine, and knee, shoulder, foot, and ankle injuries.

**Oren Fix, MD '99**, writes: "I finished my fellowship in gastroenterology and a master's degree epidemiology at Boston University and am heading to San Francisco, CA, for a fellowship in transplant hepatology and clinical research at UCSF."

### 2000s

**Damian and Kristen Compa, MD '01**. Damian writes: "Kris and I met in medical school and were married during our third year."

Kris is a pediatrician in Clifton Park, NY, and I am a pulmonary and critical care fellow at Albany Medical Center. We have a son, Gabriel Thomas (born 9-26-02), and baby girl, Hannah Jane (born 4-21-05). We look back at our time in Buffalo with cherished memories and stay in contact with several close friends. E-mail address is damiancompa@yahoo.com.

**Brian Malm, MD '02**, is currently a third-year medicine resident at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Cornell and will begin a cardiology fellowship at Yale-New Haven Hospital this July. E-mail address is brianmalmmd@yahoo.com



### Andrew C. Friedman, MD '85, LTC, MC,

writes: "I recently returned from a deployment in southwest Asia as the commander of a forward surgical team and general surgeon in the army. Our unit was distinguished in that we were the only hospital to serve in both Iraq and Afghanistan in a single tour (one year). We saw many casualties and operated on a lot of U.S. servicemen and other foreign nationals. It's good to be home on American soil and makes me appreciate the freedom of the U.S. all the more. I am practicing plastic surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC. E-mail address is: andrew.friedman@us.army.mil

### Marcella Fierro, MD '66,

was prominently featured in the cover story in the May 2005 issue of *National Geographic*, titled "Poison: 12 Toxic Tales." She is highlighted in "Tale #6: In the Morgue with Al and Marcella" (p. 18-19). The article is in a question-and-answer format and begins with Fierro being asked: "When does the red flag go up? How do you know you're dealing with a murder by poison?"



Fierro is the chief medical examiner for the Commonwealth of Virginia—the state's highest position in forensic science—and professor in the Department of Legal Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Medicine in Richmond. Only the ninth woman to have been certified by the American Board of Pathology in forensic pathology, Fierro is today a fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and a past president of the National

Association of Medical Examiners. Since 1983, she has served as a consultant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Task Force on National Crime Investigation Center, Unidentified Persons and Missing Persons Files, in Washington DC.

Fierro's talents inspired mystery writer Patricia Cornwell to write a series of crime novels in which the protagonist, Kay Scarpetta, was modeled after Fierro. Cornwell met Fierro when she worked as a computer analyst in Fierro's Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

Fierro graduated cum laude in biology from D'Youville College in Buffalo, NY. Following graduation from UB's school of medicine, she completed an internship and residency at Ottawa Civic Hospital in Ontario, Canada. She then pursued residencies in pathology at the Cleveland Clinic Educational Foundation and at VCU, where she became chief resident in pathology. She then served a fellowship in forensic pathology in the Department of Legal Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia/VCU from 1973 to 1974.

This past spring, Fierro returned to UB, where she was the keynote speaker at the medical school's Alpha Omega Alpha induction ceremony. 

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## Medical Alumni Association Officers



**Martin Brecher, MD '72**, was elected president of the Medical Alumni Association on April 16, 2005, at Spring Clinical Day.

Brecher is chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, chief of the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Kaleida Health's Women and

Children's Hospital of Buffalo and chief of pediatric hematology/oncology in the UB Department of Pediatrics.

**Martin Mahoney, MD '95, PhD '88**, will serve as the new vice president for the association. Mahoney is chair of the Department of Clinical Prevention at Roswell Park Cancer Insti-



tute and associate professor in the UB Department of Family Medicine.

**Helen Cappuccino, MD '88**, will serve as treasurer. She is an attending surgeon in the Division of Breast Surgery at Roswell Park Cancer Institute and a UB clinical assistant professor of surgery. 



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