

# A Message to Alumni

## From the Rush Medical College Dean

Henry P. Russe, M.D.



There has been a lot of activity since my last report to you. • At the February meeting of the Medical Center's Board of Trustees, Dr. Henikoff announced appointments to six endowed chairs; a new named professorship was also established this past fall (see page 22).

• Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's was one of six institutions chosen nationwide for a study, conducted by the Rand Corporation, to evaluate the features that identify us as a principal academic medical center judged to be coping successfully with increasingly complex economic factors which impact on the medical profession.

• We established an Alzheimer's Disease clinical program at Rush—one of the first in the state to offer both a complete medical evaluation and a patient management plan. James A. Schoenberger, M.D., chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine, is program director; Jacob H. Fox, M.D., associate professor of neurology and a recognized authority on Alzheimer's, is clinical director.

• The Mark H. Lepper, M.D., Society of Teachers has been established to present a new award for teaching in Rush Medical College. Called the Dean's Recognition Award, it will acknowledge contributions to our teaching program in the form of direct instructional teaching design, organization or administration. Recipients will be chosen by the society, which is comprised of all past and future winners of the Phoenix, Brainard and Dean's Recognition awards.

• A very favorable preliminary report was presented by members of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals during their November 1985 visit; we anticipate maximum accreditation.

• It now appears from national data that the applicant pool for medical school is diminishing slightly. During October 1985, the AAMCAS application numbers were substantially behind October of the previous year. Although later filings have offset this decline, it is clear that the number of completed applications for Rush Medical College will be somewhat lower than in recent years.

Your alma mater continues to meet the challenges presented by our changing health care environment. This report merely highlights some of the tremendous advances Rush has made and continues to make in meeting our total commitment to improving the human condition. ■



## From the Association President

R. Joseph Olk, M.D.

As you read this, final preparations should be underway for distribution of the 1986 Alumni Directory. Watch for it—and the new Rush alumni ID card—soon.

Response to the questionnaire mailings for production of the directory has been remarkable. Forms were sent to 2,627 alumni; 1,860 (71 percent) were completed and returned, many with personal notes attesting to deep feelings of pride and gratitude associated with the Rush Medical College experience. We were happy to hear from each of you; your suggestions for ways the Alumni Association can better serve your needs are always welcome.

We have been gratified, too, by your response to the 1985 annual appeal. While last year's 12 month totals, which included several sizeable bequests and exceptional one-time gifts, have not been surpassed (yet!), there are some promising trends:

• The number of donors is looking good with 280 through December 31, 1985 (6 months), compared to a total of 328 over 12 months last year.

• We received 48 first-time gifts from Rush graduates. Four of these new donors started off on the right foot by joining the Benjamin Rush Society with a gift of \$1,500.

• Fourteen gifts, including two for the Benjamin Rush Society, were received from pre-1942 alumni who had not contributed since the early '70s when Rush was reactivated. Welcome back!

• Another 48 graduates increased their contribution to Rush this year, four up to the \$1,500 level, qualifying for Benjamin Rush Society membership.

These trends are reassuring, but there is still work to be done if we are to reach our goal of increasing alumni participation. I hope too, that this year's 10 and 50-year reunion classes will accept—and perhaps even surpass—the challenge established through the generosity of members of the classes of 1935 and 1975 last June in supporting special reunion gifts to commemorate their anniversaries.

Special thanks to all active volunteers who serve on the Executive Council, the Class Agent Network and the Philanthropic Leadership Committee. Your efforts to sustain and strengthen our alma mater for the benefit of Rush alumni-to-be are gratefully appreciated. ■

# Final Remembrances to Rush

The foresight and thoughtful estate planning of alumni, grateful patients and their families has always provided a substantial base of philanthropic support for Rush Medical College and the Medical Center. During the past year, the college received generous bequests from two alumni. The daughter of a physician and a grateful patient also remembered Rush in their wills.

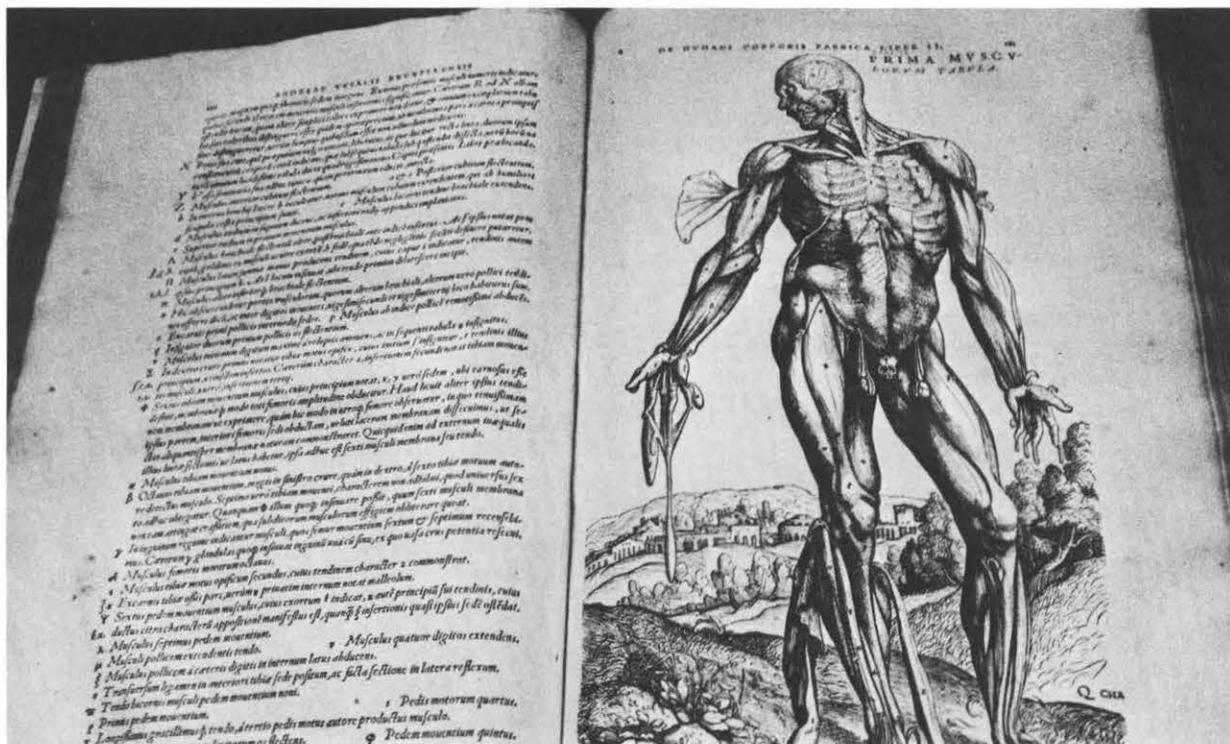
A provision in the will of **Orpheus William Barlow, M.D. '36**, established a new medical student scholarship fund. Dr. Barlow's actual practice of medicine was limited; his real interest was biochemistry. As director of research at Winthrop Laboratories (now a division of Sterling Drugs, Inc.), Dr. Barlow was involved in research of sulfa and other antibiotic drugs during World War II. In 1945, he retired to his farm in New Hampshire, taking occasional consulting contracts to keep busy. After his wife's death in 1970, he sold his farm and moved to California for a year and then to Stanfield, Arizona, where he lived until his death in 1983. The Orpheus William Barlow, M.D., Scholarship was established in 1985 at Rush Medical College through his bequest.

The bequest of **Lois Dixon Greene, M.D. '26**, added considerable support for the Rush University Rare Book Room. Dr. Greene's specialty was otolaryngology and bronchoesophagology. She studied under George E. Shambaugh, Sr., M.D., and was one of the first recipients of the **Stanton A. Friedberg, M.D. (Sr.)**, Fellowship at Rush Medical College. (A Rush graduate, the senior Dr. Friedberg was a member of the **Class of 1897**.) For five years, Dr. Greene served on the staff of the Yale in China Hospital in Changsha, China. She returned to the United States in 1937 to practice in Highland Park, Illinois. Dr. Greene retired in 1974 and

moved to Hendersonville, North Carolina, where she died in 1984. During her lifetime, Dr. Greene made many gifts to various medical college projects supported by her good friend, **Stanton A. Friedberg, M.D. '34**. Her last gift in honor of Dr. Friedberg was her bequest to the Rush University Rare Book Room.

Mrs. Audrey Timm Poppert, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, provided a legacy of more than \$650,000 to Rush Medical College for research in memory of her father, Edmund Walter Timm, M.D. Dr. Timm attributed his skills as a surgeon to the postgraduate training he received at Rush. In reverence for her father and his profession, Mrs. Poppert, who died in 1983, remembered Rush Medical College in her will.

Susanne G. Swift of Ottawa, Illinois, was a grateful patient of Drs. Fred W. Hark, the late William A. Hark, and Carl A. Hedblom, Jr., at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital. Although her annual gifts to the Medical Center during her lifetime were modest, she made a substantial provision in her estate for the Medical Center's Department of Orthopedic Surgery. Her bequest, combined with gifts from the orthopedics faculty and Mrs. Marguerite Hark, as well as friends and colleagues of the late Dr. William A. Hark, has brought the endowed chair of orthopedic surgery well past the three-quarter mark toward its goal of \$2 million. The Trustees, in deep appreciation and recognition of both Miss Swift and Dr. Hark, passed a resolution on February 12, 1986, that the chair carry their names. At the same meeting, Jorge O. Galante, M.D., chairman of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery, was appointed The William A. Hark, M.D.-Susanne G. Swift Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Rush University (see page 22).



Vesalius' *De Humani Corporis Fabrica*, published in 1543, is just one of the 3,000 volumes in the Rare Book Room of the Rush University Library.

# In Memoriam

with cerebral palsy, was often described as a "fine gentleman and a friend of children." He established the premature infant nurseries at two Chicago hospitals, Little Company of Mary and at Mercy where he was on the staff for more than 50 years and served as chairman of the department of pediatrics. A former president of the Chicago Pediatrics Society, Dr. Fleming also founded and directed the Institute for Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he went back to school after his children were grown to receive a master's degree in public health. He remained with the program for eight years before returning home to Chicago. Dr. Fleming is survived by his wife, Ann; daughters, Nancy Resk, and Mary; son, Arthur Fleming, Jr., M.D.; brother, Walter; and 12 grandchildren.

**Earl J. Hatleberg, M.D. '34**, of Chipewewa Falls, Wisconsin, on July 11, 1985.

**Kenneth R. Nelson, M.D. '34**, of Washington, D.C., on April 17, 1985.

**Mitsuo Nishihara, M.D. '34**, of Wahiawa, Hawaii, on October 10, 1985.

**Abraham I. Perley, M.D. '35**, of Birmingham, Alabama, on March 4, 1986.

**Marshall Cohen, M.D. '36**, of San Mateo, California, in September, 1985.

**Edwin G. Hausman, M.D. '36**, of Aurora, Illinois, on February 24, 1986.

**Seymour Greewald, M.D. '37**, of Chicago, Illinois, on January 30, 1986.

**Eugene V. Simison, M.D. '37**, of Boise, Idaho.

**Michael A. Viggiano, M.D. '37**, of New Martinsville, West Virginia, on May 20, 1985.

**J. Coburn Whittier, M.D. '39**, of La Canada, California, on January 27, 1986.

**William P. Ward, M.D. '41**, of Birmingham, Michigan, on November 26, 1985.

**Herman F. Boerner, M.D. '42**, of Rosemont, Pennsylvania, on September 28, 1984.

**Harold S. Jenson, M.D. '42**, of Farmington, Utah, on August 19, 1985.

## At the Medical Center

*Geza de Takats, M.D.*, professor emeritus and co-founder and former director of the cardiovascular unit at St. Luke's Hospital, died October 3, 1985. He was 93.

Born in Budapest in 1892, Dr. de Takats received his medical degree from the University of Budapest and did postgraduate training there. A pioneer in vascular surgery, he came to Chicago in 1952 and eight years later joined the staff of St. Luke's Hospital (which later became Presbyterian-St. Luke's) where

he co-founded the cardiovascular unit in 1952, and served as its director from 1954 to 1959. Dr. de Takats also served on the faculties of Rush Medical College, the University of Illinois College of Medicine, and Northwestern University. A prolific author, he wrote widely on medical subjects, with emphasis on cardiovascular research, but was also well known as a short-story writer and raconteur.

*Paul W. Greeley, M.D.*, former professor of surgery and former chairman of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Medical Center, died September 22, 1985. He was 83.

Renowned for his lifelong work in plastic surgery, Dr. Greeley was one of only about 200 plastic surgeons in the United States before World War II. He was a hospital chief of plastic surgery during the war and subsequently became a rear admiral in the Naval Reserve. Except during the war, he practiced medicine and surgery in Chicago from 1927 to 1969. He was a professor of surgery and chairman of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Rush from 1957 to 1967. He also was a clinical professor of surgery and head of the division of plastic surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine from 1937 to 1967. A graduate of the University of Illinois and Northwestern Medical School, he received advanced training at the University of Freiburg in Munich, Germany, and in London, England. He wrote more than 125 manuscripts and textbooks on plastic and reconstructive surgery. ■

# Paul Patchen, M.D. '30 (1904-1985)

Fifty years ago the study of medicine at The University of Chicago and Rush Medical College was a continuous grinding enterprise with few social amenities. Students often found their closest friends tucked away in fraternity houses as roommates or lab partners. But Paul Patchen and I were neither roommates nor lab partners — just two guys who happened to meet in med school and found time to talk about some things other than anatomy and to enjoy a meal together occasionally at Men's Commons.

Ten or more years after graduation, Paul and I chanced to meet at a Human Rights Conference, a very pleasant surprise to be sure. We introduced our wives; we reminisced, laughed and found that we lived and practiced only seven or eight miles apart. From that time until Paul was called to eternity in December '85, we visited in each other's homes and together attended theatre and other cultural, social and community affairs. Paul and I talked about the practice and advances in medicine, the growth of friendships between doctor and patients, and local and world social and political problems. These conversations were natural, especially since Paul was born and reared in Chicago's multiethnic "melting pot" environment.

Paul was an unusually good student so it wasn't surprising that he kept up with medical advances. He was a soft spoken man of humility, with pride and kindheartedness, who

loved people and their human causes. He remained in family practice for 50 years and for those same years remained married to Ann, a nurse, and they reared two fine children who became professionals.

Through the years our friendship became closer and closer and Rush ties became more and more meaningful. Paul was mindful and proud of the training he received at The U. of C. and Rush and felt a reciprocal responsibility to support his alma maters. He greeted out-of-towners at alumni luncheons and faculty lectures and was especially active in soliciting returnees for our 50th anniversary reunion; it was called one of the largest in recent memory. Paul and I were class agents. He especially enjoyed bringing old friends and medical schoolmates together and noting their professional growth, medical and social contributions and attainments, while diplomatically suggesting financial support for our alma mater.

Fifty years and changing times taught us what Kipling meant when he wrote, "East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet . . . But there is neither East, nor West (nor North nor South), nor border, nor breed nor birth, when two strong men stand face to face though they come from the ends of the earth!"

So long Paul . . . happenstance is destiny.

By Leonidas H. Berry, M.D. '30



Paul Patchen, M.D. '30, and classmate Leonidas Berry, M.D. (right), at their 50-year reunion in 1980.