Growth factor
The scholarship seed planted by 1961 alumni is flourishing. Contributions to the Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund now total more than $111,000. In addition to providing scholarship funds for medical students, the fund honors class members who have passed away.

For more information about contributing to the 1961 class fund or creating similar Class Scholarship funds, contact Heather Pharris at 404-727-5932 or heather.pharris@emory.edu.

1940s
Goodwin M. Breinin, 43M, retired in 2006 after serving 50 years as Kirby Professor of Ophthalmology at NYU School of Medicine and 41 years as chair of ophthalmology. “As professor emeritus, I will continue teaching and maintaining my research lab as long as my health holds up,” he writes. “I served on the staff for 56 years and greatly enjoyed the experience.”

1950s
Roslyn Taylor, 67M, retired from family medicine after 30 years of clinical practice and teaching. In 2006, she was named the Georgi­gia Family Physician of the Year by the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians. Her last appointment was associ­ate professor at Mercer University, Department of Family Health, in Savannah. She currently chairs the Chatham County Board of Health.

1960s
Charles Zapf, 75M, recently volunteered at the Ankaful Psychiatric Hospital in Ghana under the auspices of the Edward A. Ulzen Memorial Foundation. “It was a powerful experience to work with friendly people in such a foreign world that struggles with even the most basic of medical services,” writes Zapf.

1970s
Mark Steves, 84M, and wife Stacey

1980s
MARRIED: Mark Steves, 84M, and Stacey Feldman on April 14, 2007, in Arlington, VA. They met in 2000 at Washington Hospital Center, where they continue to work. He has a surgical oncol­ogy and general surgery practice. She is a nurse practitioner at the Wash­ington Cancer Center.

1990s
Scott Isaacs, 93M, has published The Leptin Boost Diet: Unleash Your Fat-Controlling Hormones for Maximum Weight Loss (Berkeley: Ulysses Press, 2007.) He is a clinical instructor of medicine at Emory and also medical director at Intelligent Health Center in Atlanta for the treatment of endocrine disorders and obesity.

BORN: To DeAnne (Har­ris) Collier, 98M, and her husband, Gregory, a son, Bradley, on Oct. 30, 2006, in New York City. The family now lives in Jupiter, FL, where she opened a dermato­logy practice.

BORN: To Joshua A. Jakum, 98M, and his wife, Erin Brand Jakum, 97PH, a daughter, Amelia Flattery Brand Jakum, on Nov. 17, 2006. She has two older brothers, Ethan William and Adam Edward. Joshua is a partner with Piedmont Pedia­trics in Warrenton, VA, and Erin is a development manager at Intelligent Health Center in Atlanta.

2000s
MARRIED: Alison Sis­tsky, 01M, and Edward­Curcio, on Sept. 3, 2006, at Cape Cod, MA. They both practice emergency medicine and live outside of Boston.

Residency Notes
Michael B. Alexander (internal medicine) of Doylestown, PA, was named medical director of CFGNA Healthcare.

Steve Carpenter (internal medicine) was appointed chair of the department of internal medicine and residency program direc­tor at Mercer University School of Medicine and Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, GA.

John C. Hagan III (op­thalmology) is the editor of Missouri Medicine, which won the first Randy Award for the Best Association Maga­zine Writing earlier this year. The peer-reviewed medical journal has been published for more than a century.

BORN: To David Law­rence (medicine) and his wife, Gay, a son, Har­rison Gray, on Dec. 5, 2006.
An Emory alumnus credited with saving the eyesight of millions of babies received a new award named in his honor. The Arnall Patz MD Lifetime Achievement Award, created to recognize national and international leadership and accomplishment, was presented to Patz, 45M, during Medical Alumni Weekend this fall.

As a young ophthalmologist, Patz noticed a disturbing pattern among premature infants treated in incubators with high levels of oxygen. Many babies who spent weeks in a highly oxygenated atmosphere suffered from infant blindness. Patz conducted his own clinical trials and discovered the condition known as retinopathy of prematurity. His willingness to pursue his convictions led to the revision of the medical protocol used to treat premature infants. Patz currently is a professor emeritus at Johns Hopkins, where he founded the Retinal Vascular Center and pioneered the management and treatment of diabetic retinopathy.

Two other physicians were honored during Medical Alumni Weekend. Stanley C. Topple, 57M, received the 2007 Distinguished Medical Achievement Award for his efforts to care for those isolated by poverty, disease, and disability. Former chief of orthopedics at the VA Medical Center in Atlanta and an orthopaedic surgeon at Charlotte Medical Center and McDowell Hospital in North Carolina, Topple is a longtime medical missionary with the Presbyterian Church. For 22 years, Topple was a surgeon, then medical superintendent, for the Wilson Leprosy Center and Rehabilitation Hospital in South Korea. There, he transformed the isolated colony into a fully functioning medical facility, helping return patients to mainstream society. Topple later became the first orthopaedic surgeon in East Africa at Kikuyu Hospital in Kenya. While at Kikuyu, Topple brought refugees from neighboring countries to the hospital for corrective surgery. More recently, Topple and his wife Mia, a dermatologist, have worked with hospitals in Afghanistan and Ethiopia.

The Medical Alumni Association also presented Ramon Suarez, 78M, with the 2007 Award of Honor for his leadership in the gynecology and obstetrics community. Suarez completed his medical residency at Emory and launched a successful private practice at Piedmont Hospital in 1984. Since that time, he has come to be regarded as an outstanding surgeon and champion for women. As a clinical professor at Emory, he is dedicated to educating the next generation of GYN/Ob physicians. Suarez serves as program director for the Emory/Piedmont residency program and also leads Piedmont’s continuing education program. Additionally, he has held a number of leadership roles locally and nationally and currently serves on the Emory School of Medicine Alumni Board.

Foad Nahai (plastic surgery) is president of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. He is a plastic surgeon at Pacific Plastic Surgery in Atlanta, specializing in breast and facial surgery. He is also associate editor of the Aesthetic Surgery Journal.

Bernard P. Scoggins (internal medicine) received the “Heroes in Health Care Ethics” award from the Health Care Ethics Consortium of Georgia. He is the first clinician in the state to receive the award in its four years of existence. Scoggins, a specialist in geriatrics, helped organize the ethics committee at Phoebe Putney Hospital in Albany, GA, nearly 20 years ago and now serves as co-chair.

Richard Jackson, 35M, of Myrtle Beach, SC, on Nov. 20, 2006.

1940s


Courtney Brooks, 43M, of Loganville, GA, on Dec. 16, 2006, at age 87. After serving with the U.S. Army, he practiced medicine and surgery in Cumming, GA; owned and operated a general hospital in Blue Ridge, GA, and the Toney Valley Medical Clinic in Decatur, GA; and practiced medicine in Marietta, GA.

Charles E. Brown, 43M, of Atlanta, on Feb. 26, 2007, at age 96. He practiced internal medicine for 48 years and served five more years as a consultant to the Social Security disability determination service. During WWII, he was stationed in occupied Germany in the Public Health Branch of the military.

Jeffres Palmer, 44M, of Chapel Hill, NC, on Dec. 19, 2006. After serving in the U.S. Army, he completed a fellowship at the University of Utah College of Medicine. He then joined the medical school faculty at the University of North Carolina in 1952 and served as the first chief of the division of hematology.

Tom Duke, 45M, of Dallas, TX, on Feb. 3, 2007, at age 84.

Thomas A. Harris, 43M, of Stone Mountain, GA, on Nov. 22, 2006, at age 85. He practiced obstetrics-gynecology from 1951, establishing the
Deaths

Robert Graham, 64M, of Orlando, Fl., on Dec. 17, 2006, after a long illness. He was 77. Graham served on the staff at Florida Hospital for 33 years and was chairman of the psychiatry department from 1989 to 1992. He received the hospital’s Outstanding Clinician Award in 1990.

Bealer T. Rogers Jr., 54M, of San Antonio, TX, on July 31, 2006.

1950s

Wallace McGloed, 52M, of Atlanta on Dec. 4, 2006, of cancer at age 85. He was the first dermatology resident to train at Emory and maintained a private practice at the Atlanta Medical Center from 1963 to 1994.


1960s

F. Conyers Thompson, Jr., 63M, of Atlanta, on Dec. 31, 2006, at age 69. He was a psychoanalyst in Atlanta for more than 40 years.

W. Earl Bobo, 64M, of Snellville, GA, on March 8, 2007, due to complications of Alzheimer’s disease. He practiced general surgery at DeKalb Medical Center until his retirement.

R. Beauches Randall Jr., 65M, of Decatur, GA, on Nov. 11, 2006. He served as chief resident at Grady Hospital under J. Willis Hurst and then entered private practice in internal medicine and cardiology in Decatur for 23 years.

1970s

Robert C. Parker, 71M, on June 9, 2006, at age 61.

Leonard Oscar (“Buddy”) Sider Jr., 74M, of High Point, NC, on Jan. 31, 2007. He was 57.

Huddie Lee Cheney Jr. (medicine) of Thomasville, GA, on Jan. 7, 2007, at age 79. He served as J. Willis Hurst’s first chief resident at Emory. Cheney practiced internal medicine from 1958 until 1992 in Thomasville, where he worked with heart patients at the Crippled Children’s Clinic and established the first cardiovascular center at Archbold Memorial Hospital.

Frank Dempsey Guillebeau (medicine) of Albany, GA, on Jan. 9, 2007, of cancer. He was 77. Guillebeau entered private practice in Albany in 1963, co-founded Palmyra Park Hospital, now Palmyra Medical Center, in 1971; and served as a trustee for several years. He also served a term as president of the Dougherty County Medical Society.

1980s

Thomas Slade Hogan (medicine) of Sacramento, CA, in February 2007. Hogan and his wife Frances completed residencies at Emory and the General Medical Hospital of Fresno. The couple practiced in Fresno for 40 years.

Abraham M. Oshlag (medicine) of Newman, GA, on Jan. 22, 2007. He was 89. He graduated from New York University Medical School in 1941 and served as a medic with the U.S. Marines in the South Pacific and Japan, for which he won a Purple Heart.

Alexander F. Saker (OB/GYN) of Decatur, GA, on Jan. 19, 2007. He was 76. Born and raised in Cuba, he graduated from Havana University. He immigrated to the United States in 1961 and went on to practice OB/GYN in East Point for 33 years. Saker completed his Emory residency at Piedmont Hospital in 1967.

Dorothy White Sherrer (OB/GYN) on Dec. 23, 2006, at age 84. She was the first chief resident at Emory. Sherrer trained in internal medicine at the Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center in Jasper, GA.

B. Gray Taylor (surgery) of Merritt Island, FL, on March 7, 2007, of abdominal cancer. He was 84. When Emory developed a pediatric program in 1939, he was one of the first four physicians on the faculty. After the general pediatric clinic closed in 1968, Rauber became director of Ambulatory Pediatrics at Grady Hospital. Two years later, he established what became the Georgia Poison Control Center at Grady. He retired in 1987.

Herbert Birch (professor of gynecology/obstetrics emeritus) on Dec. 20, 2006, in Rome, GA. He practiced as a gynecologic oncologist at Emory for 40 years and was a founding member of the Gynecological Oncology Society.

Woodfin Cobbs Jr. (professor of cardiology emeritus) on Nov. 18, 2006, at age 79. He joined the School of Medicine in 1958. Cobbs was regarded as an excellent physician and teacher whose research focused on mitral valve prolapse.

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After receiving a scholarship to Emory University at age 15, Perdue eventually earned his medical degree and became director of the division of vascular surgery in 1957. He performed Georgia’s first kidney transplant in 1966 and established Emory’s first vascular surgery training program, the first in the nation to receive accreditation. Since Perdue’s landmark transplant, Emory has become the most extensive transplant program in Georgia and a leader in the Southeast. Perdue also was a co-author with the late J.D. Martin of *The History of Surgery at Emory University School of Medicine* (1979).

In addition to a successful surgical career, Perdue was appointed medical director of Emory Hospital in 1983 and director of The Emory Clinic in 1984. He served in that role until 1993, when he became executive director of the Emory University System of Health Care.

As an active leader in professional organizations, Perdue received several honors during his lifetime. Among them were the 2004 Award of Honor from the Emory Medical Alumni Association and the 2006 Rudolph Matas Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Association of Vascular Surgery. Just recently, the School of Medicine established the Garland Perdue Lectureship in Vascular Surgery in his honor.

Perdue’s survivors include his wife, Brenda, four daughters, two sons, and 11 grandchildren.

Ellis L. Jones (professor emeritus of cardiothoracic surgery) on Feb. 6, 2007, of cancer at age 68. When he joined the Emory faculty in 1972, Jones worked with Charles Hatchee, then director of cardiothoracic surgery, and others to help Emory become one of the nation’s top heart programs.

An Atlanta native, Jones completed his medical degree at Emory in 1963 and continued his training at Johns Hopkins as a Halsted intern from 1963 to 1964 and as a resident from 1964 to 1965. He then trained at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and subsequently served with the Second Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in Vietnam. He returned to Johns Hopkins to complete his residency in cardiothoracic surgery under cardiac surgery pioneer Alfred Blalock. Jones served there as chief resident from 1971 to 1972.

Jones was known for his perfectionism in the OR and his compassion for patients—traits he instilled in residents like Emory cardiothoracic surgeon John Puskas. “He was among the first in the nation to embrace stentless aortic valve replacement and to identify the important technical challenges that it posed,” says Puskas. “He conclusively demonstrated the importance of complete revascularization to long-term survival after coronary bypass.”

Among other accomplishments, Jones developed a set of surgical instruments for small arterial grafting. He pursued several research interests, including the use of arterial grafts for coronary bypass operations, the use of cryopreserved human heart valves in high-risk patients, and the prevention of stroke during heart operations. “Jones’ concern for patients sprang from his belief that “everybody counts,” says birth Coleman Jones, his wife of 47 years, “He loved people from all walks of life.” In addition to his wife, Jones is survived by two daughters, a son, and five grandchildren.

Correction

In the Summer 2007 Emory Medicine, the photograph in the obituary on Joseph Patterson (above), professor of pediatrics and co-founder of Egleston Hospital for Children, was identified incorrectly. The photograph in that issue showed Jim Carson, retired fund-raising executive for Egleston. Our apologies for the error.—The editors