I once heard a story about a young man who knocked on a monastery door. The monk, dressed in orange, opened the gate. “I have come to learn,” said the young man. “Can I learn with you here?” The monk in orange looked at the young man. “Who have you brought with you?” he asked. The young man looked behind him, and answered, “No, none.” He then learned from his monk. He learns from the monk that no one reaches any important goal in life all by themselves.

“Who we have brought with us” are those who have influenced us, those who have taught us, those who have shown us the way. All of the parts of my life as a physician — the curing, the sensitivity, the medicine, the quest to learn, to heal, to come, all came from my years as a medical student at UVM. That is “who” I brought with me; that is “who” I have kept with me, through my years of practice, my time with the Lakota people, the medical missions I served in Peru and in the jungles of Ecuador. Over the years I have carried the same wonderment of those medical student years, in both the illnesses I have been asked to treat and the wonderment of those medical student years, in both the illnesses I have been asked to treat and the missions I served in Peru and in the jungles of Ecuador. Over the years I have carried the same wonderment of those medical student years, in both the illnesses I have been asked to treat and the wonderment of those medical student years, in both the illnesses I have been asked to treat and the missions I served in Peru and in the jungles of Ecuador.

On Match Day, March 17, 2017, our students at the Larner College of Medicine began the next step of their medical careers. They take with them the same heart, the same sensitivity, the same ability to listen and respond that we all have found at our alma mater. Although, over time, the educational content may be different, the qualities of the practice of patient care are the same. This is the constant of the College of Medicine through all of our years. I am sure most of us recall our own Match Day: That mixed feeling of leaving and moving on to a place where we know “who” we have brought with us to serve our patients and communities.

FREDERICK MANDELL, M.D.
President, UVM Medical Alumni Association

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Flashback

We know one person who appears in this unmarked photo from the UVM archives — B. James McKay, M.D. spotted in the center background. Dr. McKay was the first full-time pediatric faculty member when he arrived in Burlington in 1959. He was professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics for 33 years. He died in 2012 at age 98. But where is this meeting taking place, and who are the students or residents in the room?

If you have a clue, send your information to erin.post@uvm.edu and we will include it in the next issue of Vermont Medicine.

Not Kids’ Stuff

The last Flashback received several responses, from Ph. Lapp, M.D., V. Michele-Ong-Lapce, M.D., B. (Nell) Terrill Halsey, M.D., M. Butler, M.D., V. and Mike Cross of the UVM medical student group. Michael Butler noted “you made us stand to still in the Flashback picture this month. It was anatomy class in 1983 and we were the class of 85. In the picture from left to right is Jacquelyn (Jacie) Haddad, Osulo Cavali, Karen (Kar) Detrich, John Berwen (with his face covered) Chris Brown, and Mike Butler. We all wore matching plain yellow shirts every day to the lab. We were a great team and learned a lot from each other. Thanks for the photo and the memories.”

FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE

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ROBERT LARNER, M.D. ’42 STUDENT AWARD: Presented to a current student(s) for his or her outstanding leadership and loyalty to the College and one who embodies Dr. Larners dedication to not only supporting his medical alma mater, but to inspire others to do so as well.

2018 NOMINATIONS
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A. BRADLEY SOULE AWARD

James C. Hebert, M.D. ’77
Surgeon, University of Vermont Medical Center. Albert G. Mackay, M.D. ’32 and H. Gordon Page, M.D. ’45 Professor of Surgery, University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine.

Dr. Hebert arrived in Burlington as a freshman medical student in 1973 and has spent his residency and entire career at what is now the Larner College of Medicine. During his residency he supported the academic, teaching and clinical mission in many ways. Encouraged by his friends and mentors, Richard Gamelli, M.D. ’74, he stayed on as a residency in surgery and was subsequently hired as an assistant professor of surgery in 1982. He established a laboratory based on work he had done as a surgery senior major at UVM and was able to secure NIH funding as a new investigator. A true general surgeon, Dr. Hebert was described by Dr. David Pilcher in his book as “... a jack-of-all-trades and master of many.” He never refused a challenge. He has maintained an active surgical practice and has been the primary pancreatic surgeon for the past two decades. In 1983, he was asked to represent the department as a newly formed organization, the Association for Surgical Education, where he developed a passion for medical education. In 1997 he was appointed by Dr. Premero to chair the Curriculum Task Force which developed the principles upon which the current Vermont Integrated Curriculum was built. Dr. Hebert has served on many committees within the College including the Admissions and Instructional Improvement Committees and has had many leadership positions at the College including Division Chair for General Surgery, Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Surgery, Program Director for the Surgery Residency, and Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Designated Institutional Official at Fletcher Health Care. Dr. Hebert was promoted to Professor in 1994 and in 2005 became the Albert G. Mackay, M.D. ’32 and H. Gordon Page, M.D. ’45 Professor of Surgery.

Dr. Hebert is a past president of the Association for Surgical Education and the New England Surgical Society. He is currently the immediate past president of the Vermont Medical Society and remains active on the VMS executive council. He has been an active member of the Medical Alumni Association as Class Agent and as a member of the Medical Alumni Executive Committee (MAEC) serving as president from 2010 to 2012. He also serves on the VMS Foundation Leadership Council. Dr. Hebert received the Distinguished Academic Achievement Award awarded by the MAEC in 2002.

EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Joseph H. Dayan, M.D. ’02
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NYC; Director MSK Facial Reanimation Program; Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery — MSKCC.

Kristen K. Pierce, M.D. ’02
Infectious Disease Specialist, Rutland Regional Medical Center and Physician, Rutland Free Clinic.

Mitchell Hon-Bing Tsai, M.D. ’02
Anesthesiologist, Department of Anesthesiology, UVM Medical Center; Associate Professor, Larner College of Medicine.

Eric T. Schmidt
University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine, Class of 2018.

DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Michael L. Cunningham, M.D. ’87, Ph.D.
Professor of Pediatrics and Chief of the Division of Cardiopulmonary Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine and the Jean Perny Chair of Cardiovascular Medicine and Medical Director of the Children’s Craniofacial Center at Seattle Children’s Hospital.

Donald P. Goldsmith, M.D. ’67
Director, Section of Rheumatology, St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, Philadelphia; Professor of Pediatrics, Drexel University College of Medicine.

Davidson H. Hamer, M.D. ’58
Professor of Global Health and Medicine, Boston University Schools of Public Health and Medicine; Adjunct Professor of Nutrition, Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy.

Elliott K. Main, M.D. ’77
Chairman and Chief of Otolaryngology, California Pacific Medical Center; Medical Director, California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative, Stanford Medical School.

SERVICE TO MEDICINE & COMMUNITY AWARD

Dana Anne Mills, M.D. ’87, M.P.H.
Retired Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease physician, Rutland Regional Medical Center and Physician, Rutland Free Clinic.

William A. O’Rourke, Jr., M.D. ’57
Vice President for Clinical Affairs and Interim Vice President for Research, University of New England (UNE), Portland, Maine, and Director of UNE Center for Excellence in Health Innovation.

Kerry D. Solomon, M.D. ’87
Co-founder, Operation Sight; Private practice ophthalmologist; Former Chair of Storm Eye Institute at the Medical University of South Carolina, President of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons.
Robert Larner, M.D.
Dr. Larner died peacefully on October 24, 2016, at his home in Woodland Hills, California. He was 97 years old. He was born January 9, 1919 in Burlington, Vt., the seventh child of Russian immigrants Jethub and Jethub, Sr., and his wife, Rebecca. He attended the public schools of Burlington, and became a state champion debater in high school. Scholarship money he won through debating allowed him to become the first member of his immediate family to attend college. He entered the University of Vermont (UVM) in 1935, and received his M.D. from the UVM College of Medicine in 1942. After a brief internship, Dr. Larner joined the U.S. Army Medical Corps and served throughout World War II in the Pacific Theater, treating wounded soldiers at Guadalcanal and Okinawa. After the war, he settled in Los Angeles in the late 1940s, where he built a thriving medical practice that spanned 40 years. Once established, he began making investments in California real estate, and in 1970 married the love of his life, Helen Hann. For the following 40 years they worked side by side, using their real estate love of his life, Helen Hann. For the following 40 years they worked side by side, using their real estate

William Flood, M.D.
Dr. Flood died on September 8, 2017 at his home in Bakersfield, Calif. He was 81. A native of Bennington, Vt., he was a 1942 graduate of the University of Vermont (UVM) School of Medicine. After a surgical internship at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, he completed an orthopaedic residency at the Albany Medical Center, then completed an orthopaedic surgery residency at Governor Coupher Hospital in New Orleans and Monroe, Louisiana. He returned to Bakersfield in 1953, and founded Orthopedic and Hand Surgery in Bennington, from which he retired in 1998. He married and continued a family medicine practice. He retired to South Carolina where he practiced

Arthur D. Wolk, M.D.
Dr. Wolk died on November 27, 1978 in Bennington, Vt. He was 75. Born in Burlington, Vt., he grew up in Rutland, Vt. He was the son of Edwin A. Wolk and his wife, Rebecca. He attended the University of Vermont — the only medical school in the nation for an alumnus.

Raymond L. Hackett, M.D.
Dr. Hackett died on September 22, 2017 at his home in Vermont. He was 75. A native of Bennington, Vt., he was a 1950 graduate of the University of Vermont (UVM) School of Medicine. Following medical school Dr. Hackett did his rotating internship at Colorado General Hospital. He then went into private practice in New Mexico before moving to the University of Colorado where he completed his residency in emergency medicine. He retired in 1993 at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and was a member of the Department of Emergency Medicine. He is survived by his wife, Barbara. He is also survived by two daughters, one son, and a number of grandchildren.

Edward W. Jenkins, M.D.
Dr. Jenkins died at home in Burlington, Vt. on September 26, 2016. He was 92 years old. Born in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1924, he graduated from Bucknell University School of Medicine and served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II. After the war, he completed an internship at the Medical College of Georgia and an orthopedic surgery residency at the University of California. He then returned to the U.S. and completed an Orthopaedic Surgery fellowship at the University of California, Davis Medical Center and the University of California, Los Angeles. He then joined the University of Florida Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in 1963 as an Assistant Professor. In the annual Gables at East Mountain in Rutland, Vt. He grew up in Rutland, Vt. He was the son of Peter F. Esteran, M.D. and Florence Flood.

Peter F. Esteran, M.D.
Dr. Esteran died April 18, 2016. He was born in Battle Creek, Mich. on May 27, 1923, the youngest of five children. He graduated from the University of Vermont and began attending medical school before being called to active duty in the U.S. Army. He served in General Patton’s Third Army and participated in the invasion of France. After receiving a Purple Heart award, he was granted a discharge for psychiatric exchange. He lived for the past eight years at The Gables at East Mountain in Rutland, Vt. He married and moved to Southern California where he practiced pathology.

Norman Snow, M.D.
Dr. Snow died February 9, 2017. He was 72. Born in Providence, R.I., and grew up in Burlington, Vt., and graduated UVM before entering the College of Medicine. After surgical internship at the University of Virginia, he was drafted by the U.S. Army and was sent to Vietnam, where he served as an orthopedic surgeon. After his discharge, he returned to the University of Vermont to complete a residency in orthopedics. He was the first chief of cardiology at Beth Israel Medical Center in 1960. In 1966, he joined the cardiology fellowship program at Beth Israel Medical Center and was the first chief of cardiology at Beth Israel Medical Center. After training at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, he completed an orthopedic surgery residency at the University of California, Davis Medical Center and the University of California, Los Angeles. He then joined the University of Florida Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in 1963 as an Assistant Professor. In the annual conference year of 1965-66, he was promoted to Associate Professor.

Richard N. Fabricius, M.D.
Dr. Fabricius, 87, died March 16, 2017 at the Vermont Veterans Home. Shortly after receiving his medical degree he entered the U.S. Navy as a medical officer. He served in the Korean Conflict aboard the U.S.S. Bennington VA 60, and was the first Chief of Medicine. He then joined the University of Florida Department of Pathology in 1965 as an Assistant Professor. In the annual conference years of 1965-66, he was promoted to Associate Professor.

Shannon Hsu Kea Ho, M.D.
Dr. Ho died October 6, 2016. He was 53. Born in 1923 in Kowloon, Hong Kong, he was one of seven children. He graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1945. After training at Washington University in St. Louis, he completed an orthopedic surgery residency at the University of California. He then returned to the University of California, Davis Medical Center and got married to his wife, Nellie. He graduated from the University of California, Davis Medical Center and got married to his wife, Nellie.

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Medical student Rio Beardsley ’20 high-fives a patient as Karen Lucas, R.N., looks on during a nurse-shadowing session at The University of Vermont Medical Center.

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