...Christopher Ziemba was awarded first place in the Jacksonville Jazz Piano Competition at the Florida Theatre as part of the kickoff event for the Jacksonville Jazz Festival last May.

School of Medicine and Dentistry

1965 Ralph Stroup (MD) writes: “I’ve returned from my third trip to Kenya, where I’ve been helping develop primary care infrastructure among the Maasai living in Laikipia North and East, in the central highlands of Kenya. I’m currently working on initiatives involving clean water acquisition, improvement in rural health care clinics, grants for nurses to further their education, and community health care educational initiatives. I also spent two weeks in April in Swaziland as part of the American Urological Association Circumcision Task Force, performing circumcisions in a clinic as part of an HIV/AIDS initiative supported by the World Health Organization, the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.”

1974 Paul Mintz (MD) (see ’70 undergraduate).

1975 John Bowman (MD) writes: “I’ve been happy to be spending some time back in Rochester. My daughter, Anne Michelle Bowman, graduated from the University of Virginia School of Medicine in the spring and started her internal medicine/pediatrics residency at Strong Memorial Hospital in June.” … Scott Valet (MD), ’78M (Res), ’80M (Flw), founder of Westside Allergy Care, opened a new office in Batavia, N.Y. This year marks Westside Allergy Care’s 25th year in business. The other two offices are in Rochester and Brockport.

1978 Martha Somereman (Pdc), ’80M (PhD) has been named director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

1982 Rick Hodes (MD), the medical director of Ethiopia for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, received the 2011 Dr. Bernard Heller Prize at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion. The prize honors a person whose life and work embody the Talmudic teaching that “saving one life is like saving an entire world.”

1986 Thomas Barber (MD) was elected chair of the board of counselors of the American Academy at its 2009 annual meeting at the Venetian Sands Expo Center in Las Vegas.

1989 Tony Gringeri (PhD) (see ’74 undergraduate).

1990 Jeanne Putinas Spencer (MD) (see ’86 undergraduate).

2005 Todd Florin (MD) (see ’00 undergraduate).

School of Nursing

1953 Shirley Gantz Garvin (see ’51 undergraduate).

1970 Nancy Heller Cohen (see ’70 undergraduate).

1975 David Bolesh, a patient safety manager at Kenner Army Health Clinic in Fort Lee, Va., writes that he presented a poster at the National Patient Safety Foundation’s 13th annual patient safety congress. The poster was called “Medication Reconciliation in Ambulatory Care: Getting the List to the Patient.”

1976 Linda Simon Rounds (MS), a professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston School of Nursing, has been appointed by Texas Gov. Rick Perry to the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Galveston County Ports.

1994 Barbara Phelps Kassmann (MS) (see ’53 undergraduate).

2001 Alexandra Boyer Reidmiller (see ’99 undergraduate).

In Memoriam

Alumni

Elisabeth Marsh Rittenhouse ’37, July 2011

William C. Greenwald ’41, November 2010

D. Stanley Hasty ’41E, June 2011

M. Janet Parker Decker ’42, March 2011

Anne Garland Payne ’42N, July 2011

A. Geraldine Dewan Hoff ’43N, July 2011

Carl Piarulli ’43E, June 2011

Lucile Mason Finch ’44, June 2011

Martha Lawson Morse ’44 (PhD), June 2011

George K. Schnable ’44, June 2011

Irvin G. Voth ’44M (MD), June 2011

Richard B. Foster ’45, February 2011

Dorothy Pennington Keziah ’45E, ’46E (MM), March 2011

Margaret Frey Foran ’46, June 2011

Jeanne Morrison Fleischmann ’47N, May 2011

Robert W. Forrester ’47, June 2011

Catherine Linehan Heier ’47, September 2009

Robert G. Prochnow ’47, July 2011

Charles H. Gallup ’48M (MD), May 2011

Gerald G. Palmer ’48 (PhD), July 2011

Jean Ross ’48, July 2011

Jean Malcolm Van Ingen ’48, July 2011

Richard L. Altier ’49, July 2011

Virginia Vangeyt Clapp ’49M (MD), June 2011

Sarah Forbes ’49, June 2011

Stanley A. Hamilton ’49, July 2011

Lois Ferguson Hill ’49N, July 2011

Howard W. Vogt ’49, ’70S (MBA), July 2011

Marion Levering Hubbard ’50, June 2011

Stella Sapharas Johannessen ’50N, July 2011

Helen McGill ’50, June 2011

Marjorie Weidner Schempf ’50E (MM), June 2011

Marion Welch Sherman ’50E, August 2010

Betty Vanhuben ’50, July 2011

James H. Annis ’51 (Mas), July 2011

Frederick R. Edmunds ’51, June 2011

Robert W. Heyer ’51, July 2011

June 2011
Robert Doty: ‘Creative in All Aspects’

I started my graduate education in physiology at Wake Forest University in 1965. When my advisor moved to another field, I was fortunate to move to the Center for Brain Research at Rochester. In January 1968, I had my first meeting with Bob Doty, I was immediately overwhelmed. His course in neurophysiology was massive, and I almost drowned. Over my three-plus years as his graduate student, I worked hard to keep up with Bob’s energy and intellect, and I am much the better for his guidance.

A world-renowned neuroscientist, Bob died last January at the age of 91. His immense curiosity, spirit of adventure, extraordinary energy, extensive reading, and gregarious nature made him a special individual.

Bob’s adventures in science began at the University of Chicago, where he studied under several of the stars of science and earned his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees. In 1961 he moved to Rochester, where he helped make the University an internationally recognized center for neuroscience. He was a founder of the Center for Brain Research and the Center for Visual Science, and he trained more than 50 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. He was also a founder of the Society for Neuroscience, which has become the world’s largest organization for neuroscientists.

In 1996, he retired but continued at Rochester as professor emeritus. He kept his laboratory functioning and created an annual lectureship, “Consciousness from Neurons,” in the name of his beloved wife, Betty, who died in 1999. Many people worldwide will miss the yearly “Doty Doings,” accounts of his experiences and musings.

Bob’s writing was unique. He read widely and often used concepts from ancient literature as well as studies from Eastern European labs, those outside of our own American circuit. Bob knew several languages and taught himself Russian. Fortunately, he never noted my miniscule talents with language. His prose was full of unusual words, terms of his own creation, and unique grammatical constructions. His writing was never boring.

He also engaged energetically in talks delivered by others. He was happy to ask the out-of-the-box question, cite data from obscure sources, or cleverly propose alternative interpretations. He was creative in all aspects of his very full life.

—David Lee Robinson ’72M (PhD)

It was Bob Doty who inspired the annual Doty Doings, where Doty, and other neuroscientists, would share their adventures in science. The Doty Doings are a tradition at Rochester and continue to inspire our younger neuroscientists.

Ragnhild Norvig ’70W (Mas),
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Robert J. Markovitz ’71,
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Roswell F. Vasbinder ’71W (EdD),
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Julanne Stephens Willis ’71W (MA),
July 2011
James H. Piper ’73,
July 2011
Joan Borzelle Stone ’76W (EdD),
July 2011

Diana Brault ’77E (PhD),
October 2010
Stuart A. Miller ’79,
July 2011
Randall L. Swanson ’79M (MD), ’84M (Res),
July 2011
Margaret Smith ’81,
December 2010
George D. Simmons ’87,
July 2011
C. Lorraine Duncan ’91,
April 2011