School of Medicine and Dentistry

1971  Armando Filomeno (Res), a neurologist in private practice at Instituto Medico Miraflores in Lima, Peru, has released a second volume of Archives of Memory, stories based on his experiences in both the United States and Peru.

1990  Ann Maine (PhD) has been reelected president of the Lake County (Ill.) Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners, a position she’s held since 2010. She’s also been reelected as a member of the Lake County Board, a position she’s held since 2002. Ann also serves as a lecturer in the biology department of Lake Forest College.

2000  David Wormuth (Flw) has been named president of the New York State chapter of the American College of Surgeons. David is chief of thoracic surgery at Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse.

School of Nursing

1965  Madeline Hubbard Schmitt ’70 (MA) was a keynote speaker at the annual Signe Skott Cooper Symposium at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in January. The symposium, “Building a Foundation for Interprofessional Education,” was designed to further efforts for collaborative learning among various types of health care professionals. Madeline was the Independence Foundation Chair in Nursing and Interprofessional Education at Rochester until her retirement in 2005. A founding member of the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative, she remains active in efforts to develop models of interprofessional education.

2008  Alexa Bergstrom LaDuke (see ’12).

2012  Kenneth and Alexa Bergstrom LaDuke welcomed a daughter, Kinsley Emma, in November.

Simon School of Business

1983  Diane Fisher O’Connor (MBA) was named vice president of environment, health, safety, and sustainability for Xerox last May. A chemist, she has served in management positions at Xerox in engineering, quality, purchasing, and supply chain operations.

1990  Tim Cost (MBA) has been named president of Jacksonville University in Florida. A 1981 graduate of the school, Tim begins his term on July 1. He’s been a senior executive at several major corporations, including Kodak, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Aramark, as well as a consultant for PepsiCo.

2006  Paul Mayer (MBA) has been promoted from manager to principal in the Rochester office of the Bonadio Group.

Warner School of Education

2011  Carol Pallas (EdD), chief academic officer at Greece Central School District near Rochester, has been elected superintendent of the Schalmont Central School District in Schenectady. Carol’s appointment comes after a six-month search by the Schalmont Board of Education.

In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Esther Allen Cotton ’36, November 2012
Eleanor Alexander Drake ’37, January 2013
Karl J. Poppe ’37M (MD), November 2012
Hazel Sue Bastian ’38, January 2013
Josephine Conklin Sutton Harby ’39, November 2012
Dorothy Storm Hintz ’39N, March 2012
Willis H. Page ’39E, January 2013
Elizabeth Husband ’40, November 2012
Doris Hubbard Crough ’41N, December 2012
Joan Reed Saunders ’41, December 2012
Jane Morgan Bruckel ’42N, December 2012
Jean Cardinale Giambone ’42, January 2013
Jane Ladd Gilman ’42N, January 2013
John Leland Golz ’42E, ’47E (MM), September 2012
Elizabeth Stroh Marr ’42, ’43N, October 2012
Ferdinand D. Pranzatelli ’42E, December 2012
Jessie Church Spies ’42, December 2012
Robert M. Stevensen ’42E (PhD), December 2012
Virginia Forquer Worner ’42, October 2012
Francis E. Fox ’43, January 2013
Muriel Straezt ’45M (MD), January 2013
Charles L. Nixon ’46, December 2012
Robert E. Nye ’46M (MD), ’51M (Flw), October 2012
Arthur B. Chapin ’47, January 2013
Sheldon Phillips ’48, January 2013
Molly Abramow Rutzen ’48, ’69W (MA), December 2012
Lida Vosburg Secor ’48N, November 2012
Margaret Webb Sinclair ’48, November 2012
Emilie Amlund Fowler ’48 (MA), January 2013
John E. Beiter ’49, January 2013
William P. Myers ’49, November 2012

Mildred Behrens ’50, January 2013
A. Leonard Bloch ’50, January 2013
Lewis E. Miale ’50, August 2012
Betsy Cohen ’51, September 2011
Barbara Henderson Cope ’51, December 2012
Paul T. Schaefer ’51, ’56 (MA), December 2012
Ernest P. Mennillo ’52M (MD), January 2013
Sally Lou Jarvis Norem ’53E, January 2013
James G. Smith ’53, January 2013
Kirk R. Stetson ’53M (MD), November 2012
Lucille Gewinner Van der Wyk ’53E (MA), November 2012
Joseph H. Wahr ’53, December 2012
James B. MacWhinney ’54M (MD), January 2013
Theodore E. Morton ’54, November 2012
Clifford F. Peistrup ’54 (MS), January 2013
Clare Adams Sterling ’54, January 2013
Marc B. Francis ’55, January 2013
Lawrence L. Sherman ’55, January 2013
William J. Wilkin ’55, January 2013
Raymond R. Fischer ’56, November 2011
Betty Lou Freeman ’56, January 2013
John B. Randall ’56, September 2012
Marilyn Burns ’57, January 2013
E. Claire Peacock ’57 (Mas), October 2012
John J. Dzik ’58, August 2012
Hans J. Schultz ’58, ’61S (MS), December 2012
Dorothy McEwen Whittingham ’58 (MS), January 2013
Robert T. LeBlanc ’59E (MM), December 2012
Stanford Perry ’59 (MS), January 2013
Kathleen Schueler ’59W (Mas), December 2012
Wilma Pinkerton Steele ’59W, December 2012
Robert R. Vehar ’59E (MM), January 2013
Bryce E. Bayer ’60 (MS), November 2012
Lawrence P. Chase ’60D (Pdc), ’62D (Res), November 2012
TRIBUTE

M. Parker Givens: Gentleman and Scholar

It was after 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, and in the darkened room on the fourth floor of Dewey Hall, the students in the optics teaching lab were frustrated that the interferometer that looked so simple in theory proved so impossible to align in reality. After all, they were seniors in the premier optics program in the country. How could they spend all afternoon trying, without success, to align the apparatus?

Finally, they called on Professor Givens. He walked over—perhaps not as steadily as he had 53 years before, when he joined the optics faculty at the University—scanned the set up, and adjusted one of the many knobs just slightly. The experiment worked.

“You almost had it,” he said.

“It just needed a little tweak.”

Another generation of students had learned that the gray-haired gentleman with a slightly soft accent that betrayed his Virginia roots was an incredibly capable optical scientist.

M. Parker Givens was born in Richmond in 1916. After graduating from the University of Richmond in 1937, he went north to study physics at Cornell. He received a doctorate in 1942 and, after brief stints at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory and Penn State, joined the Institute of Optics as an assistant professor in 1947. Although he spent the rest of his life in upstate New York, he remained a southern gentleman, in the best sense of the term. When his wife of more than 50 years, Gene, died, he buried her in Virginia, and when he died this past January, he was buried next to her.

A specialist on the spectroscopy of metal surfaces, over the years he worked in many areas, including holography, photogrammetry, and physical optics generally. He was involved in early balloon flights in the 1940s to study the ozone layer of the atmosphere and in the development of the Todd-AO widescreen movie camera and projection system. He and other institute faculty members went to Manhattan to join Michael Todd, the director of Oklahoma!, and his wife, Elizabeth Taylor, at the film’s opening.

In the early 1960s, just after the laser was invented, he and Bob Hopkins, the institute’s then director, traveled to universities to demonstrate the new device.

Out of that came the “Optics Road Show,” a collection of demonstrations that have gone out to colleges, high schools, and even elementary schools.

Parker and Gene raised a family in a cobblestone house in Williamson, N.Y. The long daily commute allowed them to indulge in his favorite hobby, beekeeping, and hers, raising prize-winning Afghan hounds. He kept his friends and colleagues supplied with honey and even taught a class in beekeeping at the University once or twice.

One of his doctoral students, James Wyant ’69 (PhD), a University trustee, paid him a rare honor in endowing the M. Parker Givens Chair in Optics while Parker was still an active member of the teaching faculty. In 1981, when Parker turned 65, there was still mandatory retirement, but he remained on the adjunct teaching faculty for 22 more years. All of us who knew him will fondly remember a kind, wise, and caring mentor who was always a gentleman.

—Per Adamson and Carlos Stroud

Adamson is director of the Optics Teaching Laboratory, and Stroud is a professor of optics at Rochester.