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JOHN MAY, M.D., TO LEAD BASSETT RESEARCH INSTITUTE

On July 1, New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) Director John May, M.D., was appointed director of the Bassett Research Institute. Dr. May succeeds Allan Green, Ph.D., who continues as director of basic science research activities.

After receiving his M.D. in 1973 from Case Western Reserve University, John May began his Bassett career as a rotating intern followed by two years of medicine residency. After a fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine at the

University of Colorado Medical Center and a stint on the staff of the Geisinger Clinic, he returned to Bassett as a board-certified pulmonary physician. With David Pratt, M.D., he co-founded the forerunner of NYCAMH and served as its director for 14 years, during which time the organization was awarded more than \$27 million in federal, state and non-governmental grants and contracts.

"Bassett is fortunate to have had Dr. May assume this role, as we have been fortunate to have had Dr.

Green's leadership over the last eight years," said C.E.O. William F. Streck, M.D. "The activities of the Research Institute have expanded over the last decade. In addition to Dr. Green's work related to obesity, active endeavors include Dr. David Blask's internationally-recognized studies of melatonin; a number of rural population studies, such as the Health Census studies; clinical pharmacology research; studies of care delivery in school-based clinics; cardiovascular disease research and



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John May, M.D.



This recent aerial photo of Bassett Healthcare's Cooperstown campus shows the fifth-floor addition, which houses the Intensive Care Unit and Special Care Unit.

SAVE THE DATE

Second annual Rural Surgery Symposium, Sept. 17-19, 2006

Following last year's highly successful event, Bassett's Mithoefer Center will host a second symposium at The Otesaga, this time with an international flavor, featuring speakers from Australia, Canada, India and Africa, as well as from Bassett and across the United States.

For an application and more details, please visit
www.centerforruralsurgery.org.



Kenneth W. Wilkins, M.D.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Cooperstown and North Carolina. We hope you enjoy this edition of The Cupola. Much is happening at Bassett. Summer is always bittersweet at any training program, as good friends leave and new friends are made. The new house staff has arrived and by all accounts is adjusting and performing well.

The three missions of The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital continue to be patient care, education and research. Plans for construction of a new inpatient bedtower are in the works, and John May, M.D., has been named director of

the Research Institute, thus perpetuating excellence in two of those goals.

Very exciting rumblings are being heard about new directions for medical education at Bassett! Your Alumni Board will learn more when we meet in October. We'd really like to hear your thoughts. Keep in touch, and as always, let us know what you're up to.

*Kenneth W. Wilkins, M.D.
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FRIENDS OF BASSETT PROGRESS REPORT: SUMMER 2006



The Friends of Bassett continues to raise funds for the following Bassett initiatives:

Medical Education Endowment Fund. The Friends continues to promote giving to increase the growth of the fund, which has now reached \$3.6 million. Income from the endowment supports medical education programs and projects that advance Bassett's humanistic philosophy of health care, enhance faculty development and promote resident and medical student activities.

Bassett Regional Cancer Program. The current \$1.5 million drive supports the acquisition of a new medical screening coach that will cover more territory while expanding the range of services with its self-contained, high-tech digital equipment. Monies raised will also support renovations to Bassett Regional Cancer Center—Oneonta at 7 Associate Drive. In 2006, as of July 21, the Friends raised more than \$44,000 for these projects. Proceeds from the Friends for Life patient education dinner on Oct. 11 and the Bassett New Year's Eve Gala are designated to the drive.

The Initiative for Maternal and Child Care at Bassett Hospital. In 2005, the Friends launched a \$500,000 fund-raising effort to update and expand Bassett's Birthing Center and Pediatrics Unit to meet contemporary standards of care for patients and their families, and functionality for the medical and nursing staffs. More than \$467,000 has been raised as of July 21. Construction is expected to begin at the end of this year.

Bassett Healthcare—Middleburgh. To accommodate Schoharie County's critical demand for primary care serv-

ices, the growing number of patient visits and still offer care that is tailored to Middleburgh and surrounding communities, Bassett Healthcare is establishing a health clinic in Middleburgh. Expanded medical services and programs in a spacious facility at an accessible location staffed by Bassett professionals will help to meet the health care needs of area residents. Since March 2006, the Friends has raised nearly \$114,700, mostly from residents and civic organizations in the greater Middleburgh area.

The Fieldstone Assistance Fund. In 2005, employee donors joined with Bassett to launch the fund, which provides financial assistance to employees who are experiencing temporary financial hardships when major, unforeseeable emergencies occur. Bassett helped to establish the fund with \$5,000 in seed money and is matching

every dollar contributed with an additional 50 cents. Funds are allocated by a committee of employees.

The Annual Fund. Unlike gifts made to initiatives listed above, which are designated, contributions to the Friends' Annual Fund are unrestricted. These gifts allow Bassett to use monies where they are most needed, whether at one of the regional health centers or for one of Bassett's clinical programs or projects. As of July 17, approximately \$150,800 had been contributed to the fund.

Please be aware that contributions to the Friends of Bassett can be made online at the Friends' Web site: www.friendsobassett.org. The secured "Give Now" page enables you to make your gift online or, if you wish, print a gift agreement form. For more information about these initiatives, or to make an appointment with the Friends' planned giving consultant, contact Scott A. Barrett, executive director of the Friends. Phone: (607) 547-3928. E-mail: scott.barrett@bassett.org. ■



Bill Moseley, a nationally recognized leadership and industrial relations expert, and his wife, Lynn, dedicated a plaque in memory of Bill's father on May 25. Installed in the fieldstone building's new surgical waiting room, the plaque honors the treatment Bill received from Dr. Michael S. Gold, attending surgeon and Bassett's former surgeon-in-chief. Present (l. to r.) were the Moseleys, Dr. William F. Streck and Dr. Gold.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bassett Healthcare became smoke-free on July 1. The new tobacco-free policy includes all buildings, walkways and parking lots on the Cooperstown campus and at Bassett's regional health centers. Bassett is one of many hospitals in the Capital Region and across the nation moving forward in making their campuses smoke-free. The goal of the policy is to be consistent about Bassett's message as a health care organization and foster an environment that doesn't encourage an unhealthy habit.

BASSETT RISES TO THE CHALLENGE DURING CODE WHITE

The Susquehanna River and all its tributaries raged through the region the last four days of June, washing out bridges, flooding homes, submerging cars and leaving a trail of debris. From the moment a Code White was called, Bassett employees throughout the organization took extraordinary measures to work as a team and put patients first.

With the exception of the NYCAMH building in Fly Creek, there was little flooding inside Bassett facilities, but several health centers closed because they were surrounded by water. With conditions changing rapidly and roads closed all over the region, the biggest challenge for most was getting to work — and getting home.

Maintenance workers who could make it to work stayed there, and some worked 33 hours straight. The worst flooding occurred Tuesday, June 28, at the NYCAMH Chamberlain Center. The Bassett maintenance team arrived that morning and began pumping water out of the basement, but even with six pumps going non-

stop, there was 2 feet of water in the building. The next morning, the center was shut down because the electrical system was about to go under water. But the crew didn't give up, and its efforts saved the building.

All over the region, employees overcame obstacles to get to work — and then went directly into crisis mode. The Dialysis staff faced the challenge of providing vital care as roads throughout the area flooded and closed. Particularly challenging was the situation at Oneonta Specialty Services as the floodwaters rose. Patients were evacuated from the building, and security staff traveled throughout the service area to bring patients to their treatments safely.

Even when roads cleared enough for clinics to reopen, many staff members still could not get to work. Across the organization, there were stories of teamwork under pressure. For some employees, the crisis didn't end when they left work. Many had their own flooding issues to cope with at home. Others volunteered at local

Red Cross shelters, organized clothing drives and helped families clean up their homes.

Nearly a dozen Bassett employees lost or could not return to their homes following the flooding. Contributing to Bassett's Fieldstone Assistance Fund is one way to help these employees get back on their feet. The fund was created last year to provide employees with financial assistance when major, unforeseeable emergencies occur. Bassett helped establish the fund with \$5,000 in seed money and has since matched every dollar that has been contributed with an additional 50 cents. With the recent spike in employee need, it is estimated that the shortfall in available dollars versus employee need may be \$10,000 or more.

If you'd like to make a gift, call the Friends of Bassett at (607) 547-3928 or visit the Web site at www.friendsofbassett.org/set_give.htm. ■

ALUMNI BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

Members of the Bassett Medical Alumni Association Board of Directors will be profiled periodically in The Cupola. Featured in this issue are Rod Carter and Merideth Davis.

As a medical student from Columbia, one of our Bassett Medical Alumni Board members, **Rodman D. Carter, M.D.**, first came to Cooperstown in December 1953. Here, he fell in love with the hospital and with Imy Newell, the head nurse in the ER and Surgical OPD, who later became his wife.

After a surgical residency at Bassett, a research fellowship at the Brigham and a urology residency also at the Brigham in Boston, he returned to Bassett on the senior staff where he practiced until retiring in 1992. During these years he served on numerous hospital committees, as president of the medical staff for one term, as a director of the board of the Utica Medical and Surgical Care, Inc., as president of the Otsego County Medical Society for one term, as the delegate to the New York State Medical Society for



Rodman D. Carter, M.D.

many years, and as president of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society for one term.

Along with these professional activities, Dr. Carter found time to enjoy skiing as a member of the National Ski Patrol, sailing, flying and ham radio. He was recently asked about his retirement life, to which he replied, "Well, it hasn't slowed down much. Imy and I split our time between Florida and Cooperstown. I've taken up golf and watercolor painting, swim, do some boating, read, bird-watch, and get involved



Merideth Davis, M.D.

trying to preserve our environment. I still miss Bassett very much, particularly the challenge of taking care of patients together with teaching and enjoying the residents. I will always cherish the enjoyment and fulfillment of those activities."

Merideth Davis, M.D., reports that her career path has "taken a somewhat different turn." "It started out conventionally enough," she writes. "I completed a transitional internship at Bassett, then a residency in internal medi-

cine at the University of Colorado in Denver. For family reasons, I moved to Miami, Fla., and was a full-time member at the faculty at the University of Miami School of Medicine for nine years. During my first three years in Miami, I volunteered once a week at a clinic that was part of a homeless shelter program, and for reasons that I don't yet understand, I ended up working there full time as of four years ago.

Having worked with the indigent population — as we all have — since I began my medical training, I figured this would not be too difficult a transition. I was wrong! Of course, we see a lot of serious and unusual medical conditions, many to be diagnosed by us de novo. The most challenging and interesting aspects of taking care of our patients, though, are the psychosocial ones. Even after working here for four years, on a daily basis I encounter a combination not only of medical issues, but of personalities, behaviors and philosophies that are unfamiliar to me. It is frequently uncomfortable to work here — as it

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HEATHER KOPFF: BASSETT'S FIRST D.O. RESIDENT

Our alumni from earlier years certainly remember a time when the concept of having a Doctor of Osteopathy on either the senior staff or the house staff of Bassett Hospital would have been inconceivable. (At least we were in the vanguard when it came to having a woman as the first leader of the physician staff in 1922 and as a member the first house staff in 1927.) On the senior level, the "ice was broken" in 1992 with the appointment of husband and wife Aaron Harrison, D.O., and Joyce Bitran, D.O., to the staff of Bassett's Cobleskill Health Center.

Well, it's time to bring the record up to date, and what better way than to celebrate the first house officer at Bassett to come from a school of osteopathy: Heather Kopff, D.O. Heather came to us after graduating from the New York College of Osteopathic

Medicine in 1994 as a first-year resident in medicine, and, to our benefit, she stayed on to complete the medicine residency in 1997. Her evaluation summary records that "Heather has had an outstanding performance here in every category of competency. As our first D.O. resident, she has convinced us that we can attract equally good candidates from osteopathic and allopathic schools. She was remarkable with regard to fund of knowledge, professionalism, discipline, stoicism and patient advocacy. She will be missed."

Indeed we have missed Heather, but she has provided the following update: For the last seven years, Dr. Kopff has been a physician with Prime Care Physicians in the Albany area, where she is now a partner in the practice. In addition to her first son, Erick, who was born at Bassett, Heather had a second son, Nick, in



Heather Kopff, D.O.

1998. Both boys are doing well, playing sports, particularly baseball and snowboarding, as well as playing oboe and piano, respectively. Heather's husband, Derick, is teaching students U.S. history (11th grade) and Participation in Government (12th grade) in Middleburgh.

In her "spare" time Heather has

taken up knitting and has become an aquarist with four tanks, two salt and two freshwater. Heather has also mentored two students and continues to enjoy teaching future internists. She is also part of the electronic medical record development team for her practice.

In summary, following Heather Kopff's example, those excellent osteopathic candidates have continued coming to Bassett, and an accredited osteopathic internship has been established in conjunction with the Medicine Residency program under the leadership of Richard McIncrow, D.O., also a graduate of the Bassett medicine residency. There are currently 11 osteopathic residents out of a total resident complement of 56. For further information see www.bassett.org/edu. ■

HOUSE STAFF APPOINTED; DEPARTING RESIDENTS ANNOUNCE PLANS

Bassett recently announced the following medical education postgraduate appointments for the 2006-07 academic year:

General Surgery

Mark T. Andres, M.D., Albany Medical College; Michael J. Dymond, M.D., Howard University College of Medicine; Luis M. Ocegueda, M.D., Loma Linda University School of Medicine; and Rachel D. Wooldridge, M.D., University of Missouri Kansas City School of Medicine.

Internal Medicine

Mathew J. Abraham, M.D., Wayne State University School of Medicine; Thomas E. Cassidy, D.O., University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine; Niyutchai Chaithongdi, M.D., Chiang Mai University, Thailand; Tepsiri Chongkraitanakul, M.D., Mahidol University, Thailand; Shruti Datta, M.D., Kasturba Medical College, India; Maria C. Escano, M.D., University of Miami School of Medicine; Tipton H. Hartman-Heaney, D.O., New York College of Osteopathic Medicine; Devarajan J. Manu, M.D., Medical College Thiruvananthapuram, India; Andrew Moreno, M.D., Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; Resmi Rajan, M.D., Bidea's Shri B.m. Patil Medical College, India; Mandip S. Rawla, M.D., Government Medical College, Patiala, India; Savitree Talhapak, M.D., Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; and Paul N. Wilson, M.D., University of California at Davis School of Medicine.

Transitional Year

Glenn E. Groat, M.D., State University of New York at Syracuse College of Medicine; Jonathan G. Haymore, M.D., University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry; Caroline B. Koo, M.D., State University of New York Downstate College of Medicine; Henry M. Kurban, M.D., University of Western Ontario Faculty of Medicine, Canada; John A. Mastrangelo, M.D., Albany Medical College; Elyssa L. Pohl, M.D., State University of New York at Syracuse College of Medicine; Kristopher A. Spinning, M.D., Oregon Health Sciences University School of Medicine; Mark T. Symms, M.D., University of Kansas School of Medicine; and Anne Marie Tremaine, M.D., State University of New York at Syracuse College of Medicine.

Pharmacy

Elias Chahine, Pharm.D., Lebanese/American University School of Pharmacy, Lebanon; and Thuy Luu, Pharm.D., University of Kansas College of Pharmacy.

Meanwhile, Bassett's departing house staff announced the following plans for 2006-07:

Ronnie Adams, M.D., General Surgery, General Surgery Practice, N.W. Memorial Hermann Hospital, Houston, Texas; John Agbi, M.D., Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine Residency, Bassett Healthcare; Jorge Aguilar, M.D., Transitional Year, Anesthesiology Residency, University of Texas, Houston, Texas.

AWARDS PRESENTED

The 2006 Golden Apple Awards, given by the residents to the faculty members they felt were their best teachers, were presented to David C. Borgstrom, M.D., attending surgeon and director, Trauma and Surgical Critical Care; Eric K. Mooney, M.D., attending surgeon, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery; and E. Louis Priem, M.D., attending physician, Critical Care.

The 2006 Golden Stethoscope Awards for excellence in resident teaching were presented to Dr. Devin Bissoon (Medicine) and Dr. Craig A. N. Henson (Surgery).

Dan Croft, D.O., who will be one of Bassett's chief medical residents in the upcoming academic year, received the E. Donnell Thomas Outstanding Research Presentation Award for 2006. Dr. Croft's research project evaluates the anti-inflammatory effects of long-term dosing of a common antibiotic in the treatment of patients with severe obstructive lung disease. The study is being conducted under the direction of attending pharmacologist Dr. Guy Amsden, attending pulmonologists Drs. Lee Edmonds, Michael Bauer, Peter Jederlinic and John May, and research nurse Jennifer Victory.

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THE BASSETT FAMILY ALBUM—ALUMNI NEWS

Attention alumni: We want to hear what you're up to! Please send personal and/or professional updates and photos to bassett.cupola@bassett.org.

1950s

John L. (Jack) Chamberlain, M.D., (*Rotating Intern 1957-58*) has informed us that, at the annual meeting of the Children's Hospital Medical Center, he was presented with a special award for his work with alumni. He had served as chairman of the medical staff from 1976-79 and had been active on numerous committees, in publications and on the governing board over the years. His current activities include docent and staff aide at the Washington National Cathedral and reinstatement of the Alumni Board at St. Albans School, where he was past president.

Russell M. Lane, M.D., (*Rotating Intern 1955-56*) writes that Dr. Joe Cannon's death (*The Cupola*, Vol. VIII, No. 1, Summer 2005) reminded him of the close family ties between the Cannon and Lane families during his practice years in Blue Hill, Maine. He also recounts a very personal aspect of E. Donnal Thomas, M.D.'s bone marrow transplantation work during the time of his internship: "Dr. Thomas was just starting his full-body radiation followed by bone-marrow transplant. The patient was a minister;

his condition was multiple myeloma; the donor was a house staff officer, Russell M. Lane, M.D. I think he got 5-7 donations from me, \$5 each to me, money used for Christmas present to Blake (Mrs. Lane). When Dr. Thomas received his Nobel Prize, I wrote a note to him regarding the above and received a wonderful personal reply from him."

Joseph F. (Joe) Stocks, M.D., (*Rotating Intern 1955-56*), a retired pathologist in Punta Gorda, Fla., sends a recent photo. His medical career spanned eight years in pediatrics and then 30 years in pathology.



Joseph Stocks, M.D.

1980s

John C. Cianca, M.D., (*Transitional Resident 1988-89*) was quoted extensively on hydration problems in marathon runners in an article titled "Hydration Angst" in the magazine section of the June 4, 2006, New York Times. As medical director of the Houston

Marathon in 1999, he noted that runners were collapsing from overhydration and hyponatremia, not underhydration. This led to a whole new approach to marathon supervision. "We're trying to take away the choice to overhydrate," he explained. Dr. Cianca writes that he is now in private practice in Houston. "I am adjunct associate professor with the Baylor College of Medicine Department of PM&R; formerly full-time faculty in the department. I have trained fellows from all over the world in musculoskeletal medicine. I have been medical director of the Houston marathon since 1998. I am a fellow in the American College of Sports Medicine and in the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture. I have been practicing Eastern medicine for 10 years in addition to my Western medical training. I love private practice, but I still teach residents and fellows. I am a bachelor still. I return to New York state to see my family several times a year. I remember fondly my days in Cooperstown and in many ways wish I could return. If anyone has trouble remembering me, remind them that I am the one who orchestrated the Sugar Shack parties!"

Lawrence (Larry) W. Gaul, M.D., (*Medicine Resident 1987-90*) reports that "Chaos reigns here. Still trying to figure out how to make a living doing cardiology in the mountains. I am divorced, but

now engaged to a girl I met in Germany during my travels with the U.S. ski team. I am the team doc for the three nordic teams so had to travel a bunch this year, most notably to Italy for the Olympics. Am now trying to decide if I can continue that volunteer job as I'm supposed to go to Sapporo for world championships in February and may also go to China for three days to help teach a medical emergency course for doctors who staff World Cup athletic events. We do one here in Vail every year, and now people want to take it international. Lots of time, and, of course, I get to pay my own way to all these things. For the last seven months, due to the incredibly screwed up immigration system we have, I've been going to Germany for a weekend each month. Now, Elfi is finally here and with the help of former President Ford and Congressman Udall, she has Visa in hand so will plan to marry in late August. She is trying futilely to teach me German. Also, I have had two of the three boys all living with me since Ellie's and my separation 3 years ago. Willson, the eldest, has lived in Sweden and then Oregon, but now plans to head east to go to Marlboro College in Vermont this fall, so hopefully that will cause me to come east. That has been good, but a bit of a stress, of course." ■

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Michael Archer, M.D., Transitional Year, undetermined as of press time; Lisa Asgaonkar, M.D., Internal Medicine, Radiology Residency, Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Alfred Belen III, M.D., Transitional Year; Psychiatry & Child Psychiatry Residency, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.; Devin Bissoon, M.D., Internal Medicine, Pulmonology/Critical Care Fellowship, SUNY Upstate, Syracuse, N.Y.

Sarah Buhay, M.D., Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology Residency, University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.; Miriam Cerutti, D.O., Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine Residency, Bassett Healthcare; Jesse Cone, M.D., Internal Medicine, Cardiology Fellowship, SUNY Upstate, Syracuse, N.Y.

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Jeffrey Friedman, M.D., General Surgery, General Surgery Practice, The Surgery Group, Pensacola, Fla.; Krista Haight, M.D., Transitional Year; Ophthalmology Residency, Pennsylvania State University, Hershey, Pa.; Era Hanspal, M.D., Internal Medicine, Neurology Residency, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pa.; Katrina

Harris, D.O., Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine, Springfield Hospital, Springfield, Vt.; Susan Huffman, M.D., Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine, Bassett Healthcare.

Evelina Kartsimaris, M.D., Internal Medicine, Endocrinology Fellowship, SUNY Upstate, Syracuse, N.Y.; Christopher Krone, M.D., Transitional Year, Emergency Medicine Residency, Michigan State University, Lansing, Mich.; Sylvan Maginley Jr., M.D., General Surgery, General Surgery Residency, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, N.Y.; Suzanne Manzi, M.D., Transitional Year, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas; Beth Olearczyk, M.D., Internal Medicine, Radiology Residency, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, N.Y.; Adolfo Ramirez Zamora, M.D., Internal Medicine, Neurology Residency, Loyola Medical Center, Maywood, Ill.

David Swenton, D.O., Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine, The Vancouver Clinic, Vancouver, Wash.; Frederick Terry, D.O., Internal Medicine, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, University of Virginia Health Systems, Charlottesville, Va.; Ines Vigil, M.D., Transitional Year, Preventative Medicine, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Md.; Kara Willenburg, M.D., Transitional Year; Internal Medicine Residency, Bassett Healthcare; Albert Yu, D.O., Internal Medicine, Armed Services, captain, Air Force, Biloxi, Miss. ■

BASSETT LOOKS BACK

From time to time, we'll present a picture or two to capture an event or people in Bassett's past. Enjoy reminiscing!



John H. Powers, M.D., in 1945

This issue's photo entry is appropriate for the upcoming second symposium of the Mithoefer Center for Rural Surgery (see

announcement on Page 1). Dr. John H. Powers joined Bassett's Department of Surgery in 1931 and rose to become surgeon-in-chief in 1956, upon the retirement of Monroe McIver, M.D.

As general surgeon and urologist, he pioneered concepts of treating farm accidents, early ambulation after surgery and surgery in the aged. An extraordinary, if strict and sometimes feared, teacher in the mold of Dr. Harvey Cushing, for whom he was chief surgery resident at the Brigham, he had a signal influence on the career development of a host of residents and younger colleagues, including James Mithoefer, M.D. ■

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should be — but very compelling.

I cannot say to what extent my experience at Bassett led me to work here, but I do believe that it did contribute significantly. I found the atmosphere at Bassett to be gentle, scholarly and compassionate — qualities that many medical centers claim but which aren't always in evidence. The house staff was treated kindly and with respect. Patients were approached in a caring and individualistic manner. I hope that such an approach has trickled down to my interactions with our very special patients, who need it the most." ■

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

We hear from Bassett alumni that The Cupola is one of the ways they keep up with past colleagues. To do that well, we need to hear from you. Contact John Davis with items at bassett.cupola@bassett.org or write to Office of Medical Education, Bassett Healthcare, Attn: John Davis, One Atwell Road, Cooperstown 13326.

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NYCAMH's nationally-recognized research in rural occupational health issues. To this Bassett will now be adding a primary focus on research in 'evidence-based medical care,' thus forging a new and dynamic link between medical research and education."

Under May's leadership, NYCAMH has become one of six national agricultural centers of excellence designated by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). May has also served for five years as chairman of the executive panel for the NIOSH agricultural centers. He is a member of the Centers for Disease Control's Safety and Occupational Health Study Section, which reviews all grant applications submitted to NIOSH. Additionally, Dr. May has reviewed grants for the National Institutes of Health, has chaired panels for special NIOSH reviews and has participated in a special evaluation of internal NIOSH projects and policies.

An author of numerous scientific papers, textbook chapters and monographs, May serves as associate editor on two scientific journals. He has also received the Marshfield Clinic's Stueland Award for exceptional contributions to the health and safety of people working in agriculture.

Dr. May has been attending physician in Pulmonary Medicine at Bassett for 25 years and was a recipient of the Department of Medicine's Golden Apple teaching award. He is a professor of clinical medicine at Columbia University. On a personal note, John's wife, Amanda May, was for many years the highly effective director of Fund Development at Bassett. ■

SENIOR STAFF POSITIONS AVAILABLE

As Bassett continues to grow, the following positions are open.

Please pass on the word to anyone interested!

Anesthesiologist	Ophthalmologist
Cardiologist	Optometrist
Critical Care Physician	Orthopaedic Surgeon
Dermatologist	Otolaryngologist
Emergency Medicine Physician	Pediatrician (Cooperstown)
Family Practitioner (Cobleskill)	Pediatrician (Oneonta)
Family Practitioner (Cooperstown)	Plastic Surgeon
Family Practitioner (Norwich)	Pulmonologist
Gastroenterologist	Radiologist
Hospitalist	Surgeon, General / Colorectal
Nephrologist	Urologist
Neurosurgeon	Vascular Surgeon
Obstetrician/Gynecologist	

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