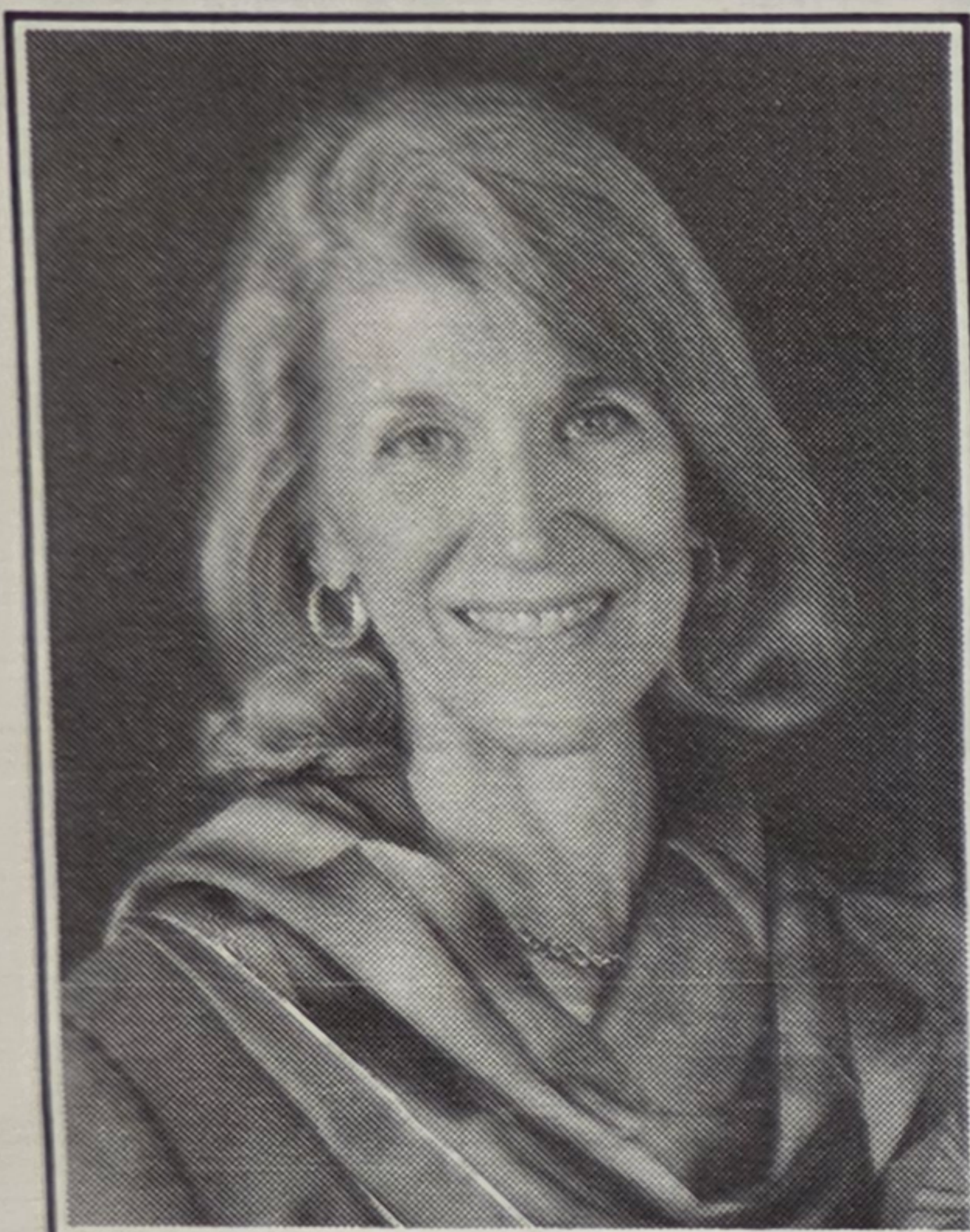


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The year past has seen the American College of Epidemiology achieve the first implementation of an international training program. This vanguard program has helped to give ACE significant future potential for similar programs. The theme of the 1991 meeting on the race/ethnic differences in morbidity and mortality pointed out to the attendees the large gaps in available

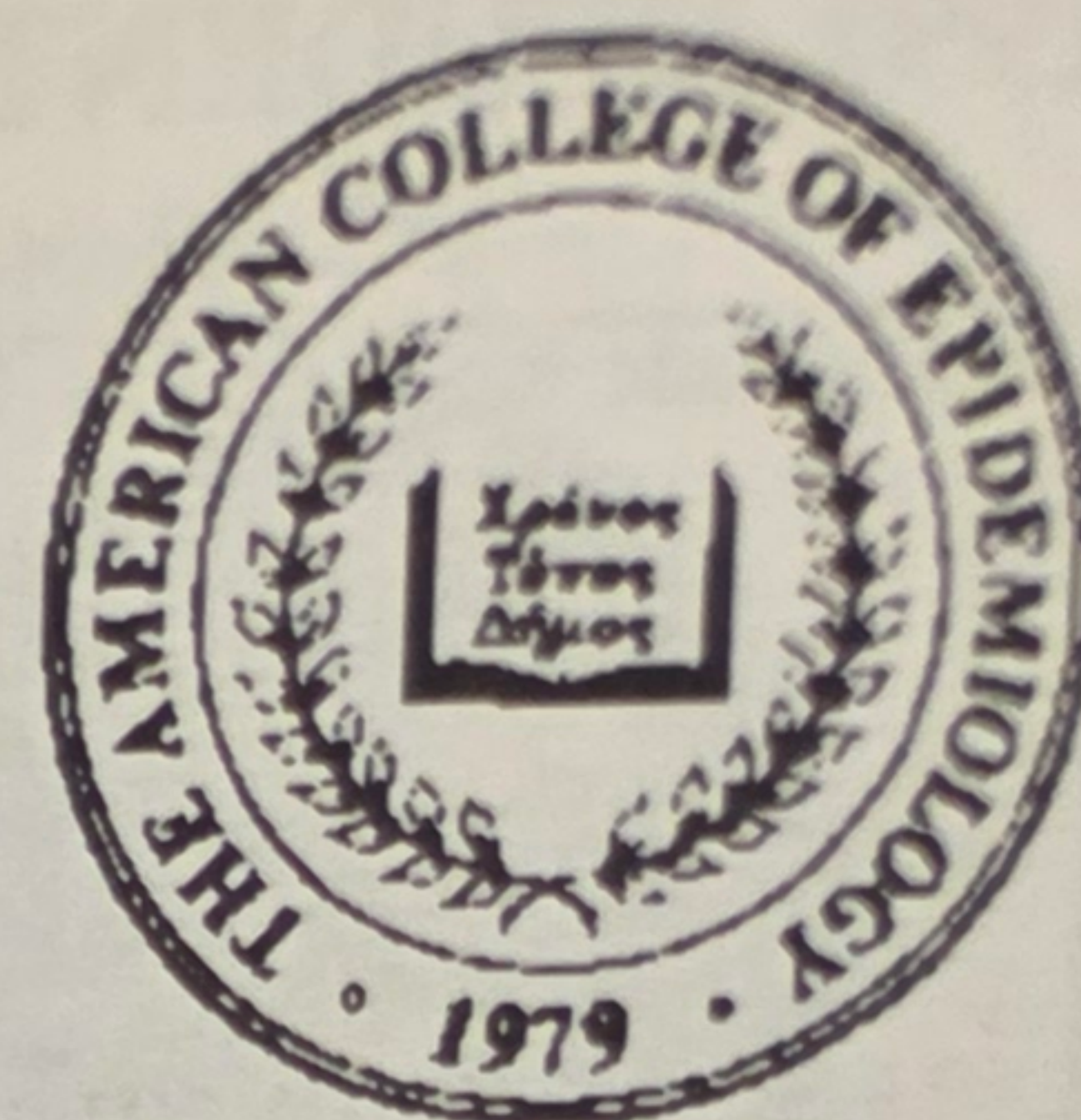
data about race/ethnic group as well the actual differences between these groups, both of which need much more research. The choice of this theme has demonstrated the commitment of ACE to address training and representation needs of ethnic and minority populations in our discipline. In addition to the 1991 theme, ACE has developed a new ad hoc committee on minority affairs.

The year ahead for ACE holds many possibilities and challenges. The 1991 survey of members clearly indicates that the membership wish ACE to be proactive and to become a national voice for our discipline. The arenas in which ACE should be involved have also been clearly suggested by the membership. Some of these are in areas where ACE has already a proven track record such as continuing education. The full message of the survey will be carefully studied by myself and the Board of Directors in the weeks and months to come as the future agenda for ACE is developed.

Let me thank in advance the membership and the Board for their support as I begin this new year as your President. With the involvement and commitment of each member, ACE will grow to assume the leadership role that the membership have envisioned for it.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pat Buffler, the President of ACE for 1992 will become the Dean of the School of Public Health at Berkeley in January, 1992. Best wishes Pat in your new position!

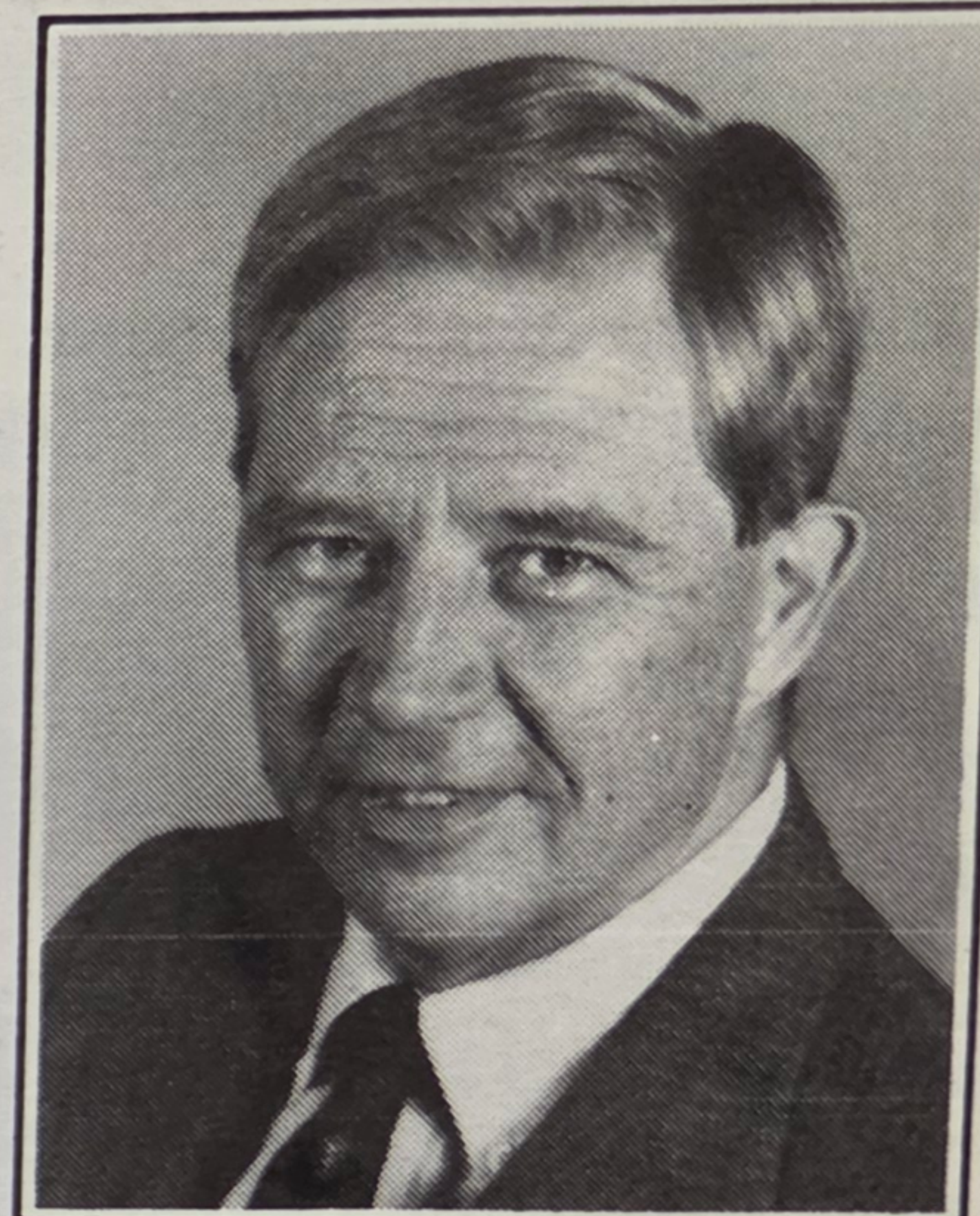
NEWSLETTER



Fall 1991

1991 LILIENFELD AWARD

D. A. Henderson, former Dean of the School of Hygiene and Public Health at The Johns Hopkins University and now Associate Director for Life Sciences in the Office of Science and Technology Policy of the Executive Office of the President, is the 1991 Lilienfeld Awardee. D. A.

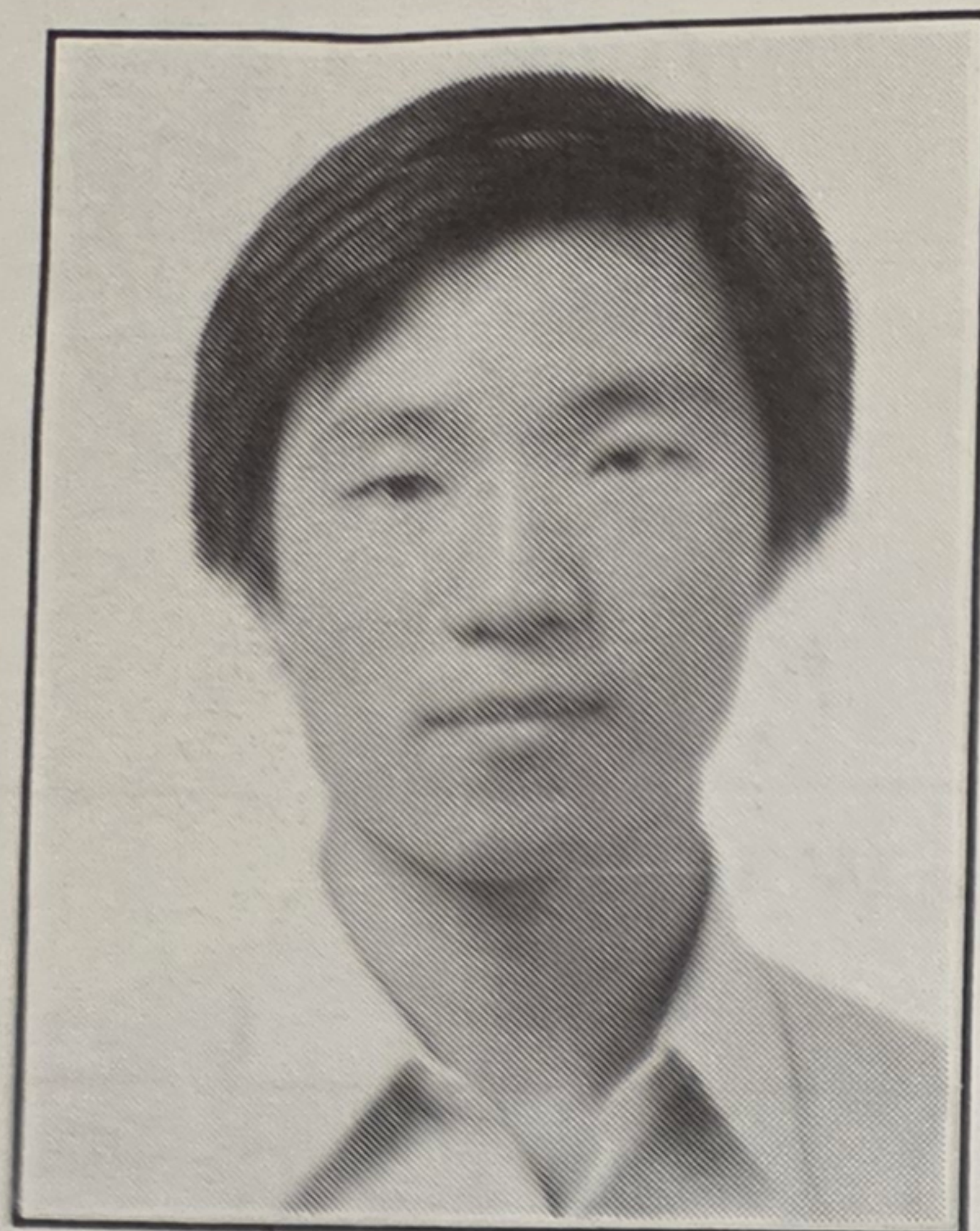


Henderson is the former Chief of the Smallpox Eradication program at the Centers for Disease Control and played a key role in the Smallpox Eradication program created and implemented by the World Health Organization. D. A. Henderson is the recipient of nine honorary degrees and numerous international awards, including the Rosenhaus International Award from the American Public Health Association, the James D. Bruce Award from the American College of Physicians, the Joseph Wilson Award in International Affairs from the US Association for United Nations, the Public Welfare Medal from the National Academy of Sciences, the Albert Schweitzer International Prize for Medicine, the Award for Pioneering Achievement in Public Health from the Dana Foundation, the National Medal of Science (1986), and numerous awards from India, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Canada, Great Britain, China, Japan, and Uruguay. D. A. Henderson is the author of over a hundred scientific publications. His MPH degree was earned in 1960 from The Johns Hopkins University and his MD degree in 1954 from the University of Rochester.

Previous winners of the Lilienfeld Award are: Milton Terris, Al Evans, George Comstock, Lew Kuller, Len Schuman, and Bill Foege. The Award is named in honor of the late Abraham Lilienfeld, one of the founders of The American College of Epidemiology.

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NEWSLETTER.**

1991 STUDENT PRIZE PAPER



Cheng-Kuang Shaw, DDS, MPH, a student in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health, won this year's Student Prize. The title of the paper is 'An Epidemiologic Study of Osteoporosis in Taiwan'. Among the findings of note in this study is the lack of difference between the bone mineral density of

Chinese and American women. Diet and body mass index were associated with bone mineral density. Look for Cheng-Kuang Shaw's paper to appear in the scientific literature soon.

The 1992 rules for the Student Prize paper have been modified. Those new rules are detailed below.

NEW RULES FOR THE STUDENT PRIZE PAPER FOR 1992

The American College of Epidemiology has modified the rules for the annual Student Prize Paper. This paper is intended to recognize an outstanding scientific contribution by a student of epidemiology.

Eligibility for the award is limited to graduate or health professional students who are in training of who have completed training within the year prior to submission. Each candidate must submit a single authored or co-authored paper suitable for publication which is the result of original research conducted by the student. The style should follow the format of the Annals of Epidemiology. If the paper is co-authored, the student must be the lead author and the student's advisor must provide a letter documenting the relative role of the student (and co-authors). The award will consist of a certificate, financial assistance to attend the Annual Meeting of the American College of Epidemiology, presentation of the paper at the meeting, and an expedited review for publication of the paper in the Annals of Epidemiology. The deadline for receipt of submission will be July 1. Five copies of the submitted paper, an advisor's letter if appropriate, and a cover letter indicating address and telephone number for correspondence, should be sent to Virginia Ernster, Professor and Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, CA 94143-0560.

1991 CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS

The membership at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta, November 7-8, 1991, voted to accept changes in the By-Laws proposed earlier by the Board of Directors.

1) In Article I, Sections 2, 3, and 5: the geographic scope of ACE is changed from North or South American continents to simply the Americas. This change was made to explicitly include the Caribbean.

2) In Article I, Section 8: the eligibility status of Emeritus members is changed from someone 65 years of age or a fellow for 20 years to 65 years of age and has retired from active professional work. The characterization of Emeritus Fellow has been changed from "he" to include females.

3) In Article II, Section 1: the characterization of the application fee has been changed from an initiation fee to a processing fee.

4) In Article II, Section 2: the recommendations of the Admissions Committee to the Board of Directors will be made throughout the year rather than just once a year at the Annual Meeting.

5) In Article IV, Section 5: the Board is now given explicit permission to conduct business by phone or FAX as well as by face-to-face meetings. This change will facilitate meetings and save money. This action bring the By-Laws into conformity with existing procedures of the Board. A quorum of Board members is still necessary regardless of the method of process.

6) In Article VII, Section 2: changes the quorum of member from at least eight at the annual meeting to a majority of the Board members.

7) The Committee on Publications has been changed from a Special Committee to a Standing Committee.

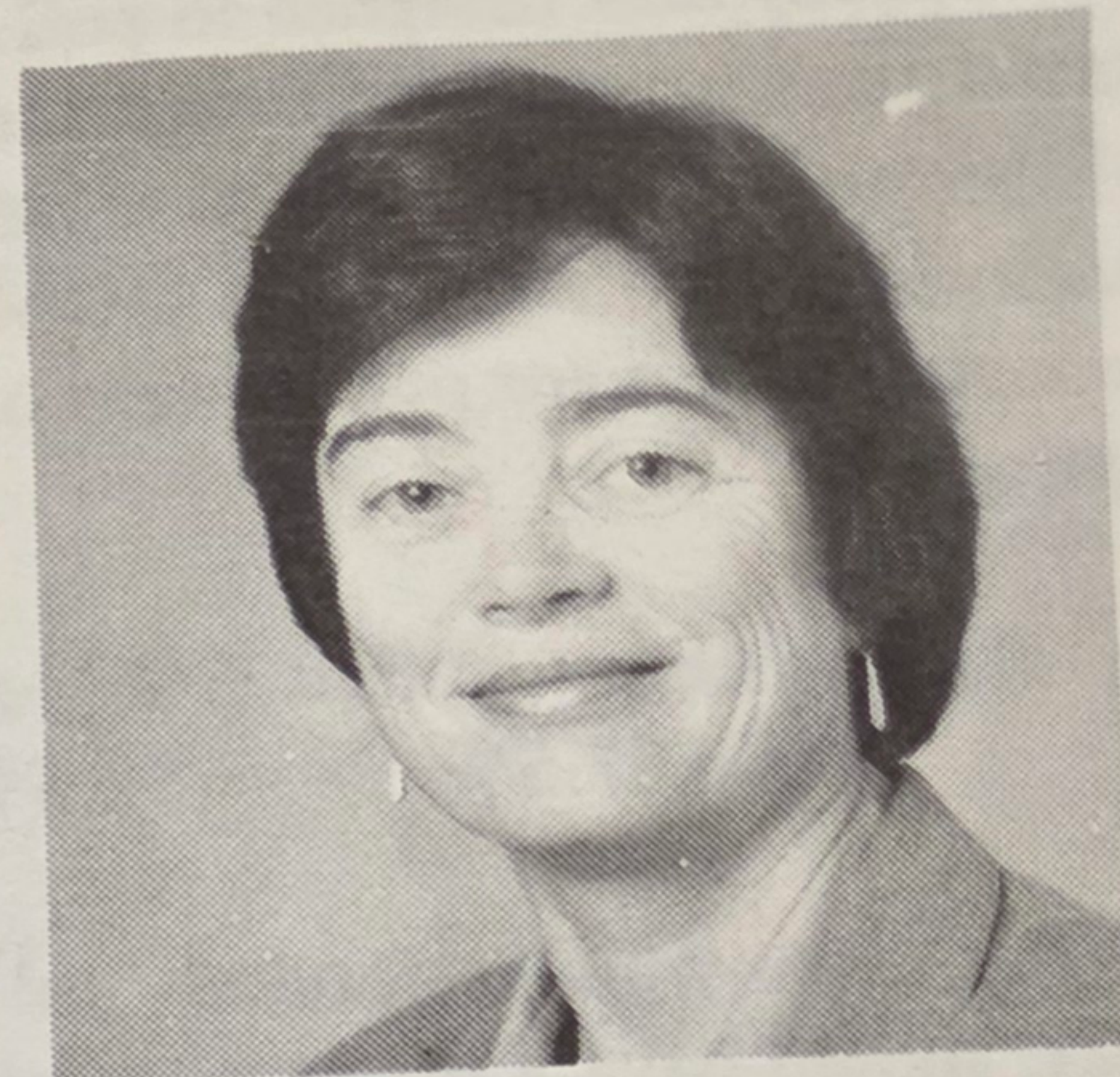
A WASHINGTON DC OFFICE FOR ACE?

It was proposed during the November 5-6 Board meeting that consideration be given to a Washington DC office for ACE. One of the ways to accomplish this would be to enlist the services of a firm specializing in providing assistance to professional organizations such as ACE. Degnon Associates, Inc. of McLean, Virginia was asked by President Buffler to consider providing such services. The Board voted to explore this idea with Degnon Associates, Inc. for the purpose of limited services which would include: preparation and distribution of materials for recruitment of new members, logistical support for the Annual Meeting, long range planning, and to act as the 'eyes and ears' of ACE in Washington DC on issues relevant to ACE. The limited scope of involvement of Degnon Associates, Inc. will be consistent with both the needs and ability of ACE to pay for such services. Comments of members on this issue are invited and should be sent to Pat Buffler, President of ACE.

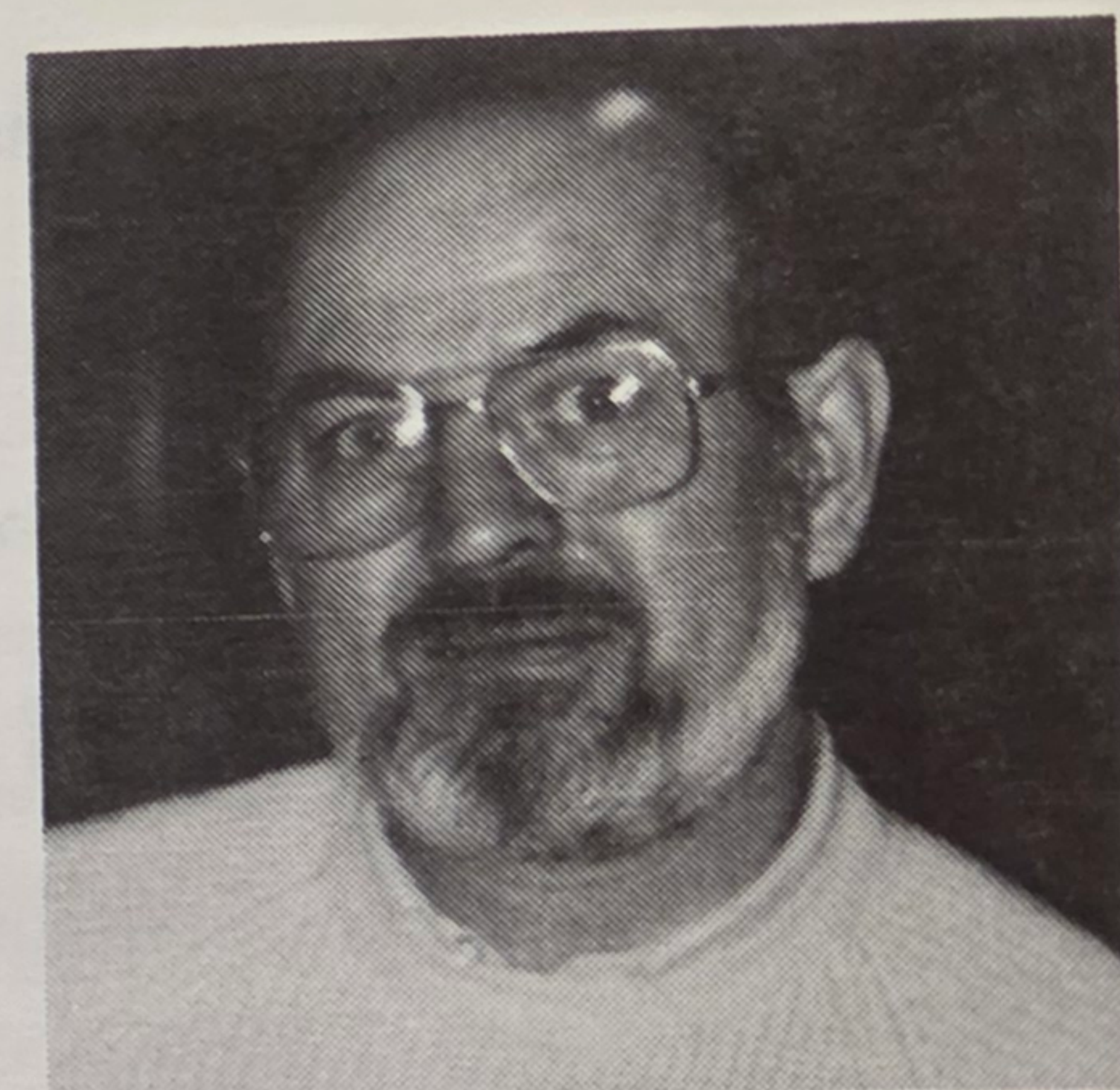
1991 ELECTION RESULTS FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Four new members of the Board were elected this year to three year terms: **Ellen Gold, Genevieve Matanoski, Philip Nasca, and Marie Swanson.** To better acquaint ACE membership with each of these new Board members, a brief sketch and statement has been included with this newsletter.

G. Marie Swanson: Professor of Medicine, College of Human Medicine and Director, Cancer Center, Human Health Programs, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. Marie Swanson earned her PhD in sociology from Wayne State University and her MPH from the Johns Hopkins University. Marie Swanson states that it is her interest to see ACE provide national leadership in setting professional standards in epidemiology; continuing to sponsor highly-focused scientific meetings that offer discussions of current, critical areas in epidemiologic research; developing a unique forum for young epidemiologists beginning research careers; providing leadership for recruitment of persons of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds into epidemiology, beginning with support at the student level and continuing into the initiation of productive years, a role not now being filled by other epidemiologic societies; and establishing a national mentoring network for epidemiologists beginning their careers.



Philip Nasca: Director, Bureau of Cancer Epidemiology, New York State Department of Health, Albany, NY. Philip Nasca received his doctoral degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He also serves as an Associate Professor of Epidemiology in the School of Public Health, State University of New York at Albany and holds additional academic appointments at several other area universities. His research interests include etiologic studies of cancers of the breast, ovary, and central nervous system, and the use of epidemiologic data for planning and evaluating community intervention programs. Philip Nasca is interested in expanding the College's role in continuing professional education. He also believes that the future of the College will be enhanced by involving younger Fellows and Members in the activities of ACE. Philip Nasca is married, the father of four children and likes to spend his leisure time listening to opera, watching old movies, or fishing in a quiet spot on the Hudson River.



Ellen Gold: Associate Adjunct Professor, Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of California, Davis, CA. Ellen Gold states that it is her hope that the College will take the lead in developing, encouraging, promoting, and advocating new and creative means to attract a more diverse group of students and investigators to the discipline. In particular, the changing demography of the United States reflects the growth of minority populations and points to the necessity to investigate and address the specific health risks and needs of these populations as well as to have the populations well-represented among the ranks of active, trained epidemiologists. Ellen Gold states that, in her opinion, this has not yet been accomplished and thus cannot be expected to happen without specific, planned, and directed efforts. She also hopes that the College will also play an active role in seeking mechanisms for funding and supporting such students and investigators in their epidemiologic endeavors.



Genevieve Matanoski: Professor, Department of Epidemiology, The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, Baltimore, MD. Genevieve Matanoski received her undergraduate training from Radcliffe College and went on to the Johns Hopkins University for her MD training. Both her MPH and DrPH are also from the Johns Hopkins University. She trained in pediatrics and joined the faculty in the School of Hygiene and Public Health at the Johns Hopkins University in 1959. She is certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine and a fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine. She also serves on the faculty of the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.



1991 SURVEY OF MEMBERS

A survey of the membership of ACE was conducted in connection with the 1991 balloting for new Board members. The survey was designed to poll the ACE membership on a variety of issues under discussion by the Board. The results of this survey are in and summarized below. A total of 231 responses were received at this writing. The results reported below are percentages of respondents to each option.

- 1) Do members feel that ACE has a distinctive mission?
Yes=57.5% No=42.5%

(Of those who responded 'no' above, 68.6% felt that ACE should have a distinctive mission whereas 31.4% felt that ACE did not need a distinctive purpose.)

- 2) The issues on which ACE should be proactive are:
- a) Setting research funding priorities:
Yes=52% No=48%
 - b) Congressional lobbying for research funding:
Yes=61% No=39%
 - c) 'Watch dogging' the NIH peer review process:
Yes=63% No=37%
 - d) Health policy decisions for which epidemiologic data is relevant:
Yes=78% No=22%
 - e) Developing consensus statements on epidemiologic research for judicial and/or legislative action:
Yes=73% No=27%
 - f) Continuing education in epidemiology:
Yes=91% No=9%
 - g) Developing guidelines for graduate and postgraduate education in epidemiology:
Yes=85% No=15%
 - h) Encouraging and monitoring the inclusion of ethnic minorities in epidemiology training programs:
Yes=64% No=36%
 - i) Development of guidelines for ethics in epidemiology:
Yes=83% No=17%

- 3) Should ACE develop regional continuing education workshops? Yes=62% No=38%

- 4) Should ACE always be held in conjunction with another group? Yes=47% No=53%

(Of those who responded 'yes', SER and APHA were the most frequently suggested groups with which ACE could hold joint meetings.)

- 5) Should membership in ACE be separated from the subscription to the Annals of Epidemiology?
Yes=41% No=59%

- 6) Should membership categories be changed to include students?
Yes=39% No=61%

- 7) Should ACE continue to offer CME credit?
Yes=47% No=53%

(Of those who responded 'yes', 69% said they would attend ACE meetings to earn CME credit; 30.8% said that they would not attend ACE for that reason.)

On the open ended questions, responses were much more varied, as might be expected, but certain patterns have emerged. For those who think that ACE does have a distinct mission now or should have one, the majority believe that 'certification' is the most important role mentioned. Ethics, advancing the profession, professional standards, education, and public policy are other themes that run through these comments. The list of topics that interest members was even more varied than the comments on the mission of ACE. Important to next year's program committee, however, women's health issues and research was the most frequently mentioned. The question on other suggestions or changes that ACE can make in the future gave members another opportunity to further develop ideas about the role of ACE. The role of ACE in professional standards is mentioned frequently. Another idea frequently mentioned is a role for ACE to promote the profession and speak for it nationally.

MEMBER NEWS

New Members:

Germaine M. Buck
James Helmkamp
Steven J. Jacobsen
Bill Jenkins
Chwas-Chuen King (Overseas)

New Fellows:

Dimitrios Trichopoulos

Members to Fellows:

Richard P. Gallagher
Suzanne C. Ho (Overseas)
Salah Mostafa (Overseas)

1992 DUES FOR ACE

Yes. It is that time of year again. 1992 dues notices will be mailed soon. Please note that it is not possible to use credit card payment. Please plan to make your payment by check or money order. Dues this year will be \$120 for all members and fellows, the same as for 1990. Emeriti dues are \$55 with a subscription to Annals and cost-free without this subscription. Members or Fellows who are in arrears for 1990 or 1991 need only pay 1992 dues for College reinstatement.

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NEW AD HOC COMMITTEES

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Charge: Promote international exchange of epidemiology teachers and consultants; Advise graduate students seeking training in other countries; and Facilitate exchange of epidemiologic technology.

Chairperson: **Robert Steele**
Queen's University, Canada

Members:

Judith Fortney (7/92),
W. M. Garraway
Mark Elwood
Suzanne C. Ho
Arnold S. Monto
Stuart C. Hartz
Robert E. Black
R. T. Ravenholt
James G. Olson
Miguel Porta

MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Charge: To assess the current status of minorities in the profession of epidemiology; To recommend specific actions that could be taken to increase minority representation in epidemiology; To assess the role of the College in promoting increased minority representation in epidemiology; To recommend actions that could be taken to increase more research on health concerns of minority populations; and To recommend strategies for increasing the number of minority epidemiologists who are affiliated with the College.

Chairperson: **Victor Schoenbach**,

Members:

Stephen Blount
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Future newsletters will present the membership of other standing and ad hoc committees.

NEWSLETTER GETS A NEW FACE

The Newsletter is mailed to the membership four times a year and is the vehicle by which the Board communicates to the members. The Board would like to receive contributions to the Newsletter from the membership as well. Do you have

- a witty or pithy saying
- a cartoon with relevance to epidemiology
- an interesting (and printable) story with relevance to epidemiology?

If you do, the Newsletter Editor would be interested in your contribution. The Editor's address is:

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EDITOR'S REFLECTIONS ON THE 1991 ANNUAL MEETING

One of the measures of success of a meeting is the size of the attendance. By that scale the meeting in Atlanta this year was the most successful to date. Over 200 persons, more than double the 1990 annual meeting, attended. The 1991 meeting which focused on the theme, 'Morbidity/Mortality Gap: Is it Race or Racism?', was co-sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control, the American Cancer Society, Emory School of Public Health, and Morehouse School of Medicine.

Another measure of success that relates directly to the meeting theme was the large and diverse number of persons in attendance. The question of a workforce of epidemiologists who can work for and within minority communities is an essential one that must be addressed in the future. The Board of Directors has also recognized a role for ACE by creating a standing committee on Minority Affairs, whose charge in part is to determine ways that person from diverse ethnic and racial groups can be attracted to this discipline.

Finally, meetings of this kind are successful if they teach or cause some positive change in the perspective of individual attendees. This is arguably the most important measure of success, but only if these changes translate themselves into positive actions. It is not fair to all of the other speakers who presented so well to report only on one, but space does not allow a full capsulization of each presentation. For the purpose of this reflection, the presentation of Dr. Harold

Freeman, Director of the Department of Surgery for Harlem Hospital in New York City, will be summarized. His perspective helped to define and separate some of the issues that need close and detailed attention if we are to understand the interaction and confounding effect of various elements. Dr. Freeman outlined four elements of the race/racism problem that need separate and considered attention in further studies. The first element is race, and a better definition of what race is. Does race represent the genetic heritage or the self determined affinity of a given individual? New options may also be important to consider, such as Hispanic blacks and Hispanic whites. The second element is culture. Cultural differences within any racial group are apparent when one examines this question more closely. The variety of cultural differences within Hispanics is a good example. A third, and complex, element is class. A matrix of variables such as employment status, educational level, standard of housing, and medical insurance status all figure importantly. Finally, and very importantly, Dr. Freeman defined racism as the political and sociological framework for ignorance.

1992 ANNUAL MEETING THEME AND DATES

The 1992 Annual Meeting of the American College of Epidemiology will be held in the fall of that year in the Washington DC area. The topic for the meeting is "Epidemiology and Women's Health". The Program Committee will be chaired by **Sally Vernon**.

The format for the meeting will include symposia and contributed papers. There will be a call for contributed papers on the topic of women's health in a future issue of the newsletter.

If you are interested in additional information concerning the 1992 Annual Meeting, contact:

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THE 1992 LILIENFELD AWARD

The 1992 Lilienfeld Award will be presented to **Sir Richard Doll**. Richard Doll is one of the world's most eminent epidemiologists with significant contributions in the area of cancer research. He is currently a faculty member at Oxford University in England.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of November 1991 ACE has 436 Fellows, 363 Members, 14 Overseas Fellows, 6 Overseas Members, and 50 Emeriti.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The College has, pending payment of some 1991 bills, slightly in excess of \$20,000. This is in addition to the sum donated to the College for the development of ethics standards for epidemiology.

STATUS REPORT ON ANNALS OF EPIDEMIOLOGY

The number of submission to Annals has been greater than expected. To compensate, the size of each issue will be increased from 80 to 100 pages. The number of issues will be increased in Volume II from four to six. This should help to alleviate some of the backlog that has resulted from the large number of submissions.

The number of subscriptions is currently in excess of 1000 which includes 200 institutional subscriptions. The membership of ACE accounts for the overwhelming proportion of the remaining subscriptions.

A FURTHER REPORT ON THE SUMMER COURSE IN GREECE

Ray Greenberg reported to the membership during the Business Meeting in Atlanta on the framework that has been adopted for the involvement of ACE in the development of the 1991 summer course and proposed that these continue to be used in future for such endeavors.

First, the College should be placed at no financial liability for its involvement in the development of short courses. Second, the members of ACE should be involved in the planning and as instructors in such courses. Finally, sponsorship by an academic institution and the involvement of local epidemiologists as instructors is required.

The experience of ACE in the 1991 summer course in Greece has been an instructive one. The College has also been approached by Erasmus University in the Netherlands to co-sponsor their 1992 summer session. With consideration of the criteria above, the Board has voted to offer ACE endorsement and sponsorship for this effort.

CRITERIA FOR ACE MEMBERSHIP

During the 1990 Business Meeting of ACE a proposal to eliminate the use of the examination was accepted by the

membership. During the 1991 Business Meeting, the Admissions Committee presented the criteria proposed for use for admission to ACE and for promotion from member to fellow status.

For admission to ACE, a doctorate in epidemiology or a doctorate in a related field with evidence of one years' formal training in epidemiology and two years of experience in the field of epidemiology are required.

For promotion from member to fellow status, the criteria for evaluating applications have not here-to-fore been published. The Committee feels that fellowship in ACE implies significant contributions to the field of epidemiology which is somewhat subjective. Evidence of contributions can be gleaned from a member/applicant's curriculum vitae, but the Committee proposes that additional information be supplied to achieve a more valid and fair evaluation. Procedures for application to fellow status are:

- 1) A letter from the applicant to the Secretary of ACE requesting advancement to fellow status.
- 2) A one- or two-page statement indicating what the applicant believes to be his/her accomplishments that signify recognition for advancement to fellow. These can be in the profession, and administration, or any combination of these.
- 3) A current curriculum vitae with activities and publications that the applicant believes involve epidemiology clearly marked. The publications that the applicant considers most important must be indicated.
- 4) Two letters of recommendation from persons who know the applicant's work; the letters should be from members of the College, at least one of them from a Fellow.

Members who wish to be considered for fellowship status are encouraged to follow the above outlined procedure.

1992 BY-LAWS CHANGES TO BE CONSIDERED

- 1) should the immediate past-President be added to the Board.
- 2) should one Board member be elected from the Members.
- 3) should there be direct election of President and President-Elect.
- 4) should the composition of standing committees include members and fellows.
- 5) should changes in By-Laws be voted by the membership by mail.
- 6) should two unexcused absences by a Board member be a basis for replacement.
- 7) should the Board creat an 'executive committee' to conduct intra-board meeting business.
- 8) should there be contested slates for the Board based on geographic, ethnic, etc. representation.

AND IF YOU MOVE

With well over 800 active Member, Fellows, and Emeriti it is difficult at times to keep up with changes of address. Many members have both a home address and a business address in the College computer file, and we notice a tendency to switch back and forth between these addresses at times. Such changes play havoc, not only with the computerized files of the College, but also now with the publisher of Annals of Epidemiology, Elsevier, in mailing the journal. We will do our best to keep up with the changes, so please notify us of any changes in address, to ensure minimum disruption of communications from the College.

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