



### SPIRIT OF '57

I thoroughly enjoy *Pitt Med*. As an endocrinologist, I especially liked the Winter issue cover story, "Out of Darkness," reviewing the exceptional work of Panayotis Katsoyannis at my alma mater.

I do have one complaint, however, about your Class Notes section. I believe several issues ago you stopped including the classes of the '50s. Actually, there are a few of us left. Three of us from the Class of 1957 are alive and well, living in Palm Desert, Calif.: Robert Higginbotham, orthopaedics, Robert McPeake, general practice (our class president), and myself.

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*Editor's Note: We'd love to hear from more alumni from those years. Especially your enduring Pitt memories! Write on.*

### KINDEST CUT OF ALL

I knew Mark Ravitch, Montefiore Hospital surgeon-in-chief, very well from the time of my Johns Hopkins internship in 1952 to the day of his death in 1989. It would be very difficult to adequately describe the veneration that he deservedly received. Elaine Vitone has succeeded in spades [see p. 18, "The Surgical Curmudgeon"]. Thank you for letting me see the preprint of this masterpiece.

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We gladly receive letters (which we may edit for length, style, and clarity).

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### CORRECTIONS

In our Winter 2012/13 issue cover story, "Out of Darkness," we noted Pitt alumnus Herb Boyer's degree incorrectly. He earned his 1963 PhD in bacteriology, not chemistry.



### WISH YOU WERE HERE

There must be 50 ways to leave your med school. You can go your own way, ride a horse with no name, or take a midnight train to Georgia. Tell us what you've been up to: career advancements, honors you've received, appointments, volunteer work, publications. And we love to hear old Pitt memories, like: What's going on with this scene we found in Pitt's 1975 edition of *The Owl*? Let us know, one way or another. Write a message in a bottle, ring our bell at the number listed above, or friend us on Facebook at [www.pittmedfb.pitt.edu/](http://www.pittmedfb.pitt.edu/).