In Profile:
Paul Tartell ’52,
Alumni Association
President

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“For as long as I can remember, I’ve felt greatly privileged to have been able to study medicine and then to practice it,” Paul Tartell says. “That feeling is as strong as ever today, and it’s the reason I want to help our medical college and why I enjoy helping in one of the ways I know best—through the Alumni Association.”

Dr. Tartell, installed as president during alumni weekend last spring, has been actively involved in the association’s affairs for over 20 years. “Phyllis and I began attending alumni and 400 Club functions at the College in the mid-sixties, and we enjoyed them,” he says. “The Flower Ball was beautiful, and so were other events and the annual banquet—all providing a great way to renew acquaintances. I always find much pleasure both in reminiscing and in looking ahead with classmates and colleagues.”

In 1978 Dr. Tartell was elected to the Alumni Association Board of Governors. “I saw it as an opportunity to give back some of what I had received,” he says. “Among the first projects I worked on was the very important one of negotiating with Westchester County on the lease for the Alumni Center, and then working with the architects on the plans for restoring the building. Other board members pitched in enthusiastically, particularly Sy Schlussel, then president of the Alumni Association, and Joe Dursi, Rita Girolamo, Saul Schwartz, the late Harry Barowsky, and other board members who worked actively to accomplish the transfer of the building to the College and then to create the wonderful Alumni Center we now have.”

The alumni president entered New York Medical College after receiving his baccalaureate degree from New York University in 1948, and marked his 35th anniversary as a member of the medical profession at the milestone reunion of his class last spring. Following graduation and internship, he served residencies in internal medicine and radiology at Queens General Hospital and in 1954, during the Korean War, was drafted into the Navy where he was assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp LeJeune, NC. After his discharge, he completed postgraduate training as chief resident at Roosevelt Hospital in 1958 and went on to serve on the staffs of Queens General Hospital and Hillcrest General Hospital (now St. Joseph’s) in Flushing, where he was director of radiology for 12 years. Since 1974 he has been director of radiology at Astoria General Hospital.

A fellow of the American College of Radiology, Dr. Tartell is immediate past president of the Long Island Radiological Society and continues to serve on its executive committee. He is a member of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and the Radiological Society of North America and served on the board of directors of the Queens County PSRO when the organization was created.

In 1953 Paul Tartell married Phyllis Glass. They have two sons, Brian and Jay, both graduates of the University of Pennsylvania. Brian has an MBA from the Wharton School and is in investment banking in New York City. Jay, an NYMC graduate, Class of ’82, completed five years of postgraduate training and entered practice with his father in the fall of last year. He made 1987 a double banner year when he and Deborah Rosen were married in August.