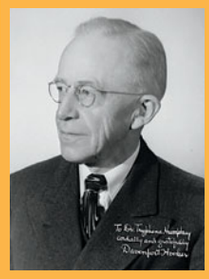
MAJOR ADVANCE FOR PREMATURE BABIES

Congratulations to Jenelle Pifer for her excellent article about Charles Cochrane and the Pittsburgh Five [Fall 2012].

Dr. Cochrane's development of the new drug Surfaxin will not only save the lives of premature infants, but also will reduce the suffering they endure from repeated airway-tube and vascular-catheter placements. Surfaxin is a major advance in patient care.

Richard Trackler (MD '61)
La Jolla, Calif.





ABOVE: Pitt's pathology department in 1961. It included chair Frank Dixon and others who would make up the Pittsburgh Five.
RIGHT: Davenport Hooker.

FAMILY TIES

Thank you for your recent comprehensive piece detailing the study of anatomy at Pitt ["The Great Equalizer," Summer 2012].

Even from early life, I recall the name Davenport Hooker being familiar. It is probably related to the fact that Hooker arrived at Pitt in 1914, and my father, Ralph E. Miller, was a graduate of the School of Dentistry in 1917. It seems likely that Dr. Miller was an early student of Dr. Hooker. (In addition to being the son of Dr. Miller, DDS, I am the father of Ralph J. Miller Jr., MD '84, who leads the Prostate Center at Allegheny General.)

Somewhere in our albums is a framed photo of my father, two or three students, and, I believe, Dr. Hooker, at that early stage in the anatomy lab.

Ralph J. Miller (MD '52)
Indiana, Pa.



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CORRECTIONS

Our sincere apologies and sympathies to the family of David Steele (MD '51). Dr. Steele's name and class year were incorrectly listed in our fall issue In Memoriam.

STEP RIGHT UP

Okay, maybe your life feels like a three-ring circus. But you can spare a minute to let us know what's going on with you, right? Tell us about your career advancements, honors you've received, appointments, volunteer work, publications, and other death-defying acts. And we love to hear old Pitt memories. Quit clowning around and drop us a line at the contact info listed above or friend us on Facebook at www.pittmedfb.pitt.edu/.