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By Mary E. Daubenspeck **32**

In which a writer chronicles her final struggle with cancer—illuminating a stormy course but elucidating what really matters in the human condition.

Ten Years After

Photographs by John Douglas
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In 1994, we profiled several “typical” medical students, exploring in text and photographs what life at DMS was *really* like. Now, 10 years later, we return to take another look at those profilees’ lives. Where are they today? What are they doing? And what do they think the *next* 10 years will bring?

The Man in the Middle

By Timothy Takaro, M.D. **52**

President Roosevelt started it and Jonas Salk finished it, but the middleman who connected the dots was Dartmouth alumnus Basil O’Connor. “It,” of course, was the most burning health problem of the mid-20th century—figuring out a way to prevent polio.

Broken Bodies, Broken Souls

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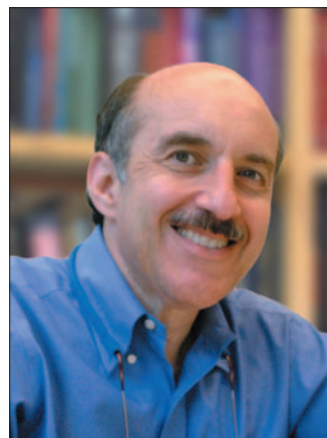
A DMS alumna rues the limits of medicine, writing revealingly about the angst that can beset doctors as they face the vagaries and ultimatums of the health-care system. But at the same time, she celebrates the moments of humanity that can occur despite the system’s limits.



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Mary Daubenspeck, the author of our cover article, died in March of 2001. This lighthouse—Nauset Beach Light on Cape Cod—was a beacon for her during her life, as it has been for her family since her death. See page 32 for a feature adapted from Daubenspeck’s diary—an account that is by turns wry and uplifting, insightful and heart-rending.