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THE COVER:
To celebrate the International Women's Year, the editors of the DIGEST dedicate this issue to the Alumnae of PCOM. The quote on the cover is by Dr. Nina B. Woodside, Director of Philadelphia's Center for Women in Medicine. Cover design is by Susan Marsland. The story could not have been told without the gracious assistance of Drs. J. Ernest and Margaret Leuzinger and Dr. Paul T. Lloyd.
The history of women in traditionally male professions has typically been that of a lengthy uphill struggle; first, for admission and then, for acceptance.

Osteopathic medicine has always been dramatically different. Many of the guests at our Founders Day Dinner Dance this year expressed surprise at the relatively large number of female graduates in the class of '26. Women have been an integral part of our College — as students, as faculty members, and as Alumnae — since its founding.

This may be to our credit but, more certainly, it is to our benefit. For women in our profession have added strength, warmth and strong loyalty to the practice of osteopathic medicine.

It is my belief that a woman’s place is anywhere that she functions as a caring and mature individual and finds personal gratification. We have been fortunate in having a number of women who fit this description in our profession and in our College.
Women interested in medical careers in the nineteenth century had an almost impossible time becoming physicians. Medical schools refused to accept them until The Female Medical College of Pa. (now the Medical College of Pa.) was established in Philadelphia in 1850 especially for women. The few women who were accepted by established medical schools were harassed and ridiculed by their classmates and avoided by potential patients. Elizabeth Blackwell M.D., the first academically trained woman physician in the U.S. (she graduated in New York State in 1849) could not even rent office space because of her sex.

This was not the case in osteopathic medicine. Women were welcomed into the profession from the beginning and contributed greatly to its development. Dr. Nettie Bolles was one of five women among 23 members in the first graduating class (1893) of the first school of osteopathic medicine in Kirksville. Dr. Bolles served as first vice president of the AOA the year of its founding and became the first editor of the Journal of Osteopathy 1894-1895. It is interesting to note that the second editor was Dr. Blanche Still, daughter of Dr. Andrew T. Still.

It should be a point of pride for women physicians everywhere that PCOM’s first graduating class was composed of 50% women - or rather woman, since there were two graduates in 1900 and one was a woman — Dr. Gene G. Banker.

Dr. Banker graduated when she was 30 years old, became a well-known general practitioner in Germantown and lived to be 99. She was probably the prototype of women D.O.’s of that era as exemplified in this statement from one of her longtime patients:
“She brought to her practice a cheery optimism, faith, humor and a zest for living that sustained her to the end. She was little more than five feet tall, thin of face with lovely graying hair. But she was wiry, with strong fingers and wrists as she administered treatments. She never became wealthy because her services were frequently contributed when patients couldn’t pay. She was an old-fashioned but wonderful family physician.”

The year 1900 also brought the first woman to PCOM’s faculty, Dr. Phoebe T. Williamson, the first in a long series of dedicated women professors and department chairmen. Among the pioneers who taught from 1910 through the twenties were Lillian L. Bentley D.O. ’01, professor of hygiene and dietetics; Eva M. Blake M.D., D.O., Cecilia G. Curran D.O. ’07 and Sarah Agnes Medlar D.O. ’08, who taught gynecology; Sarah Rupp ’15, instructor in neuroanatomy and Mary A. Patton Hitner ’18, professor of diseases of children and acute infectious diseases. All were highly esteemed by their students.

According to one Alumnus, Dr. Lillian Bentley was a striking woman whose classes were so entertaining that few students would miss them. Her advice to young women of the day was to get rid of their corsets and tight-fitting garments to help their circulation.

Early publications record a woman member of the Board of Trustees in 1913—Dr. Alice Willard and the first professional director of PCOM’s hospital—Dr. Margaret MacEwen ’12. Dr. MacEwen was a graduate nurse prior to entering PCOM, and after her graduation “had charge of the Philadelphia Osteopathic Hospital from 1912 to 1916.”

In 1908 women students of PCOM organized the Beta Chapter of Kappa Psi Delta, the first osteopathic society in the East, and by 1919, women were sufficiently numerous to organize a chapter of the Axis club, which had been founded in 1899 in Kirksville and was the first of all osteopathic college sororities.

The sororities combined social and professional activities and provided rooms and meals for some of the students. High in promotion of the social spirit were dances and candy pulls held jointly with men students.

However, the sororities also aided the education of the student by providing lectures by faculty members, discussions of osteopathic principles and, in the case of one, operating a clinic in a settlement house to provide clinical education and free care.

Extolling the role of women in the Alumni history of the College, Cy Peterman, the former editor of the DIGEST, wrote:

“The contributions in time and teaching effort by women graduates would continue in important measure throughout the years. From the first registrations there were significant percentages of women candidates for the D.O. degree. They enjoyed equal welcome and rights, and it followed that romance and marriage to fellow students became ‘par for the course’ to a fair number. The husband-wife team in general practice continues to this day, and the bride and groom in cap and gown are standard attractions in most Commencement photographs. Women’s liberation at PCOM preceded votes for women in the USA, and over the years, as professors, physicians, nurses, executives or technicians on staff, faculty and administration they
Some of PCOM's women students posed on the college steps at 19th and Spring Garden Streets during the twenties: Back row (l-r) Anna Brandt '24; Harriet E. Merrill Crowe '23; P. Wuest Holden '23; Ruth Brandt '21. Front row (l-r) Mildred Fox '23; E. Collyer Plauth '23; M. Jennings Van Riper '23; C. Van Wagenen Fischer '23.

have performed beyond the call of duty."

It is not possible to recount the contributions of all of the women whose talent and dedication contributed so much to the osteopathic profession and to the growth of PCOM. Nor is it possible to offer in these few pages an analytical or sociological analysis.

What we present is a kaleidoscopic view of the accomplishments of some with pride and gratitude for all.

(An honor roll of PCOM Alumnae from 1900 to 1975 appears on pages 16 and 17. We will appreciate being notified of any corrections.)

Rebecca Conrow Lippincott, D.O., '23

Ardent Believer — Tireless Practitioner

Rebecca Conrow Lippincott, D.O., remembers traveling five miles by horse and buggy to visit her family physician, Dr. Lydia Roberts (later Lydia Roberts Lippincott), a PCOM Alumna of the Class of 1911 who had a practice in Riverton, N.J.

"She was a wonderful doctor," recalls Dr. Lippincott. "My mother used to have blinding headaches, and Lydia was always able to relieve them. People came from very far to receive treatments from her."

Dr. Roberts, who later became Dr. Lippincott's sister-in-law, set an example as a physician that the young Rebecca would not soon forget.

Both Dr. Rebecca Lippincott and her husband, Dr. Howard Lippincott, a 1916 graduate of Kirksville who studied under Andrew Taylor Still, are today still ardent believers in osteopathy.

"Today, we believe there is too much surgery and medicine in osteopathy," says Dr. Rebecca. "Emphasis should be on bodily structure and stimulating the body to do the work nature wants it to do to heal itself."
Looking back on the earlier years of osteopathic medicine, Dr. Lippincott recalls, "We were a small group, but we were strong. We had a spirit of utter belief in the principles we were taught, and our teachers, who were already practicing, gave us a burning desire to use the principles ourselves.

"Osteopaths were openly looked down on in those days, but the teachers convinced us we would succeed. They said you had to expect attitudes like that when you entered a pioneering profession."

The Doctors Lippincott also studied cranial osteopathy under Dr. Sutherland in St. Peter, Minnesota and formed a study group that today, after 33 years, still meets at PCOM two or three times a year. They are co-authors of a book on cranial osteopathy.

Dr. Rebecca Lippincott, who retired in 1973, practiced in Moorestown, New Jersey for 50 years and was still making house calls at the age of 70.

Ruth Elizabeth Tinley, '23 (deceased)

Conspicuous Service in Child Health

Devoted pediatrician, dedicated teacher and probably the first woman department chairman, Ruth E. Tinley D.O. was responsible for the growth and development of an active pediatrics department at PCOM. She served as professor and chairman of pediatrics and director of children's clinics from 1927 until 1945.

Her undergraduate degree in education stood her in good stead as a member of the faculty heading pediatrics for 18 years. In addition to teaching, she conducted pediatric clinics, giving over 20 years of conspicuous service to the field of child health.

"The public is demanding that active measures be taken to protect the health of our children", she wrote during World War II. "Our pediatrics clinic is making every effort to meet this public demand and to train our students in methods which belong to investigation and the practical care of all cases from simple feeding to acute grave cases."

An imposing, good-humored woman, Dr. Tinley gave unspiringly of herself to her college and to her profession. In addition to her service at PCOM, she was active in the Alumni Association; served as second vice president of the Philadelphia County Osteopathic Society; was vice president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Osteopathic Women's National Association and in 1944 was elected president of the American Association of Osteopathic Pediatricians. She was a lecturer and author and a member of the Soroptomist Club. Representing the Osteopathic Women's National Association, she presented to PCOM the portrait of Dr. Andrew Taylor Still that today hangs in the college library.

Dr. Tinley retired from active service to the College in 1945 for reasons of health and was awarded an honor scroll of outstanding service in the development of the pediatrics department. She continued to practice until her death in 1964 at 81 years of age.

Margaret Mary O'Malley Leuzinger, D.O., '24

"It Was a Real Challenge for the Pioneers"

Margaret Mary O'Malley graduated from PCOM during the era when nearly half of each class was made up of women.

"We were never discriminated against," she recalled during a recent interview. "If women had the requirements, they were accepted. We were always treated fairly by the faculty and our fellow stu-
students. And it was wonderful to have men in the class, especially for those of us whose premedical education had been separate for men and women."

She had become interested in osteopathic medicine through the almost miraculous cure of a relative by Dr. Charles Van Ronck '12, who was a neighbor.

"Women came to study osteopathy, not just because a father or brother was a physician. They came for the same reasons the men came, because they had heard or seen firsthand the results of the profession."

One of her classmates was J. Ernest Leuzinger, D.O. '24, now emeritus professor of the EENT department. They were married six years after graduation and maintained separate practices throughout their careers. "Jake" Leuzinger in those days was not above teasing his feminine classmates by cutting off an ear in dissection class and slipping it into someone's pocketbook.

"That probably wouldn't frighten today's woman student," says Dr. Margaret Leuzinger. "They come into medical school with such backgrounds in chemistry and biology that anatomy class doesn't phase them."

Dr. Margaret admits having some problems with "dissection class" as it was called in the twenties.

"It was the smell - and all those bones boiling that got me down," she says. But Dr. Van Ronck was always ready with a pep talk, and Dr. O'Malley graduated in 1924. She maintained an active practice in Philadelphia before and for a few years after marriage.

It was an age when many women preferred women doctors, and many of her patients were wives of famous athletes of the day, including the wife of Connie Mack, owner of the Philadelphia Athletics, although at the time Dr. O'Malley didn't recognize her as Mrs. Cornelius McGillicuddy.

"The general public looked upon women doctors of the day as a 'queer breed.' " says Dr. M.M.O. Leuzinger. "It was a real challenge for the pioneers; you had to prove yourself, but if you got results with your treatment, patients sought your services."

Both Doctors Leuzinger are well known at PCOM today for their continuing interest in the College, the Alumni Association, and the current students.

Jean Sheperla, D.O. '26

**Proud of the Tradition**

The role of the woman physician has changed a great deal since Jean Sheperla, D.O., enrolled at PCOM in 1922.

According to Dr. Sheperla, "Women doctors have always been put down by male doctors, but things have changed over the years."

Dr. Sheperla graduated from PCOM's nursing school in 1919 and, because there was a shortage of nurses, experienced every facet of surgical nursing, from assisting doctors in the OR to sterilizing the instruments and cleaning up afterwards. She worked at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and at PCOM's hospital at Spring Garden Street until 1922, when she enrolled at the College as a medical student.

Back then sex roles were strictly defined, and Dr. Sheperla found it wasn't easy competing with her male counterparts. Women doctors were constantly reminded of their "real" calling in life—marriage and motherhood. As doctors women were often asked to perform duties like emptying bedpans, which no male physicians were expected to do.

"Male doctors thought they were better than the female doctors," Dr. Sheperla recalls. "I don't think they particularly wanted women doctors around, but I was never sure why. Maybe they thought we would steal their practices from them," she chuckles.

One summer when the need for nurses at the Hospital was acute, Dr. Sheperla, then a medical student, came in to volunteer and stayed the entire summer. She accepted no pay for her services.

Dr. Sheperla, whose area of specialty was ear, nose and throat, retired from practice in 1974 after 49 years. Now 81 years of age, the doctor was among those members of the Class of '26 to celebrate their 50-year reunion. She speaks with pride about her career as an osteopathic physician.

"I have known D.O.'s since I was ten years old," says the doctor. "Our family doctors were always osteopaths. I was proud to carry on the tradition."
Beryl E. Arbuckle, D.D. '28

Care of the Handicapped

Beryl Arbuckle came to PCOM by way of Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa. She received her premedical training at Natal University and sought osteopathic education after viewing an incident of osteopathic help to a severely crippled child.

Apparently she was always interested in the care of children, for after her graduation in 1928, she became active in pediatrics, eventually serving as president of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians from 1947-48.

In 1943 Dr. Arbuckle began the study of osteopathic cranial concept with Dr. W. Sutherland. As a result of her study in this new field, she decided to devote herself to the care of the handicapped and engaged in research for the prevention of the development of cranial birth injuries. Dr. Arbuckle was outstanding in this field and was cited as Alumna of the month in the DIGEST of March, 1949.

Under her supervision various cranial projects were conducted in the hospital nursery, in an active Cranial Clinic, at PCOM in private practice and in the anatomical laboratory (as it was known in those days).

An enthusiastic supporter of the cranial concept, she wrote, “The success achieved by osteopathic cranial treatment in cases hitherto deemed helpless is a constant incentive to continued effort.” Dr. Arbuckle is the author of a number of published articles in osteopathic literature.

After Dr. Arbuckle retired from the faculty of PCOM, she directed a Cerebral Palsy Institute in Broomall for many years. Today she has completely retired from practice and resides in Springfield, Pa.

Jean Johnston, D.O. '28

Commander of the British Empire

The indefatigable Jean W. Johnston D.O. is starting an osteopathic practice in her hometown of McConnellsburg, Pa. at age 80. This is after some 50 years of distinguished practice in England with patients from all corners of the United Kingdom—patients who included royalty as well as members of the working class—a cross-section of the British people.

The Queen of England has honored Dr. Johnston with membership in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire with the rank of Honorary Commander. The honor, which is rarely awarded to non-Britons, will be formally presented at the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. next summer.

Dr. Johnston started out in McConnellsburg 80 years ago, born in a frame house on the Lincoln Highway. She graduated from Shippensburg State Teachers College in 1916, from PCOM in 1928, and went to England to practice in a London clinic.

In a 1973 interview, Dr. Johnston spoke of her years in London: “I had the privilege to introduce osteopathic therapeutics to a great many in the London area, a large percentage of whom had never heard of our type of practice before,” she recalled. “I am grateful for that opportunity and those many years.”

During the blitz in 1940, Dr. Johnston treated the injured and the shocked and helped to minister to the surgery cases. She herself was burned out of her

Women students were not always disconcerted by the “Anatomy Dissection Laboratory,” as shown above. The photograph, circa 1910, was probably taken when the College was located at 1715 North Broad Street. (Further information will be appreciated.)
house and for a while lived and practiced in a cellar. She came to love the British people and developed a respect for them and their lifestyles.

According to the British ambassador to the United States, Sir Peter Ramsbotham.

"Dr. Johnston earned the gratitude of her many patients for her skill and her sympathy."

Her American patients should find the same skill and sympathy from Jean Johnston D.O., C.B.E.

A. Aline Swift, D.O. '34

The Many Roles of a Health Professional

Nurse, physician, armed services officer, radiologist, teacher, vice chairman of one of the busiest departments in a hospital—these are the varied careers of A. Aline Swift D.O. in her 45 years a health professional.

Although born to a family of osteopathic physicians (her father was a graduate of Kirksville, her mother a PCOM Alumna '28), Aline's first ambition was to become a nurse. She trained at Methodist Hospital's School of Nursing, and went to work as a general duty nurse at PCOM's 48th Street Hospital.

"The nurse in me always comes out," says Dr. Swift, who is currently the vice chairman of the department of radiology at PCOM's hospital. "I have always like to work directly with patients. There's a great satisfaction in seeing the good results of treatment."

But nursing wasn't quite enough for the daughter of two osteopathic physicians, and Aline became a member of PCOM's first class to matriculate at 48th Street.

"There were quite a few women in the classes at that time," says Dr. Swift. "We had two sororities, many parties, proms at the best hotels in Philadelphia—even an old clothes dance at the Manoa Ballroom. There was a very active social life."

After receiving her D.O. degree, Dr. Swift spent eight years in general practice in Lancaster, Pa.
fulfilling her second goal—that of family physician. (Today, her younger brother, also a D.O., directs the emergency room services of Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital.)

During her years in Lancaster, Dr. Swift became interested in radiology and hoped to study the specialty at the new Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. However, before the hospital opened Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and plunged the U.S. into World War II. Aline Swift D.O. hoped to apply her knowledge of medicine to service to her country, but at that time osteopathic physicians were not allowed in the medical corps of the armed services. So Dr. Swift entered the Navy Nurse Corps in March of 1942. As an Ensign and as Lt. (j.g.) she saw duty in Virginia, California, and the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

Duty in the various hospitals served to intensify Dr. Swift’s interest in radiology, and after her discharge from the Navy, she undertook a three-year residency in the specialty under Dr. Paul T. Lloyd, professor and chairman of PCOM’s radiology department at that time.

Dr. Swift is certified by the American Osteopathic College of Radiologists and serves as attending radiologist at the Hospital. She was appointed to PCOM’s faculty in 1950 and named vice chairman and associate professor in 1957.

Today, Dr. Swift lectures occasionally — she was appointed professor emeritus in 1975—and devotes her time to both the therapeutic and diagnostic areas of the radiology department. Dr. Robert Meals, chairman of the department, considers her an expert in mammographic interpretation of lesions of the breast.

Eleanor V. Masterson, D.O. ’57

Administrator, Teacher, Physician

Dr. Eleanor V. Masterson, director of PCOM’s health care center at 48th and Spruce Streets, wears several hats. As the director of a health care center that registers 35,000 patient visits annually, she is a toughminded administrator who must become involved in the bureaucratic red-tape that is part of any large institution. As a member of the faculty, she is concerned with the education of medical students. And as a physician, she must be sensitive to the needs of the patients who look to the health care center for quality medical care.

Dr. Masterson’s office is a bustle of activity most of the time. A student comes in to ask for advice about a problem. A patient drops by to boast how she no longer needs the support of crutches. A frustrated student interrupts to complain that a form is missing from a patient’s medical folder. Dr. Masterson’s reply is straightforward, “Doctor, what happens and what is supposed to happen are often not the same.”

Dr. Masterson is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y.; her father is a 41-
year veteran of the New York Police Department. When asked why she chose the medical profession, she answers,

"My parents tell me I always wanted to be doctor. I never talked about anything else."

And the doctor's scholastic record is proof that she had no need to doubt she would ever make the grade. She graduated with a B.S. in psychology and biology from New York University and worked for three years as a research chemist with a dental manufacturing company. At PCOM she graduated second in a class of 105 with a 91.0 average. The student who graduated first by a mere two tenths of a point was a male—a fact many of her associates, in kidding, do not let her forget.

When she is not at 48th Street, Dr. Masterson occupies herself with a myriad of activities. She is a member of the board of the Soroptomist Foundation, a service organization of business and professional women. On Thursday nights she volunteers her time to drive a group of blind entertainers to old age homes and various institutions, where they perform.

Does a woman have any advantages over a man as a physician? Dr. Masterson believes so.

"A woman has an inherent intuition," she explains, "and a sensitivity to people—two important factors in medicine—that give her an extra edge."

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Anita Atkins, D.O. '57

Distinguished Surgeon

Dr. Anita Atkins finds nothing unusual about her accomplishments as an obstetrician and gynecological surgeon. She is a matter-of-fact person who speaks
plainly and to the point. The fact remains, however, that she has many reasons to be proud of her accomplishments. She has maintained a large, successful practice in Norristown, Pa. since 1961. She is co-chairman of the departments of obstetrics and gynecology at two hospitals—Suburban General and Metropolitan Hospital. She is one of the first obstetrical surgeons in the area to perform a laparoscopy for sterilization before the technique became a standard operation.

Dr. Atkins was one of three women in a class of 100 at PCOM. She graduated from Adelphi University prior to enrolling at the College and completed both an internship and residency at PCOM. At the time she applied for her residency, there were only seven positions in obstetrics and gynecological surgery available at osteopathic hospitals in the United States. She received one of them.

She has continued to distinguish herself in the profession through her active participation in professional organizations. She is a member of the board of trustees of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the board of the Montgomery County chapter of the American Cancer Society, the American Association of Gynecological Laparoscopy, the Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia and the American Fertility Society. She is also assistant in obstetrics and gynecology on PCOM's faculty.

Dr. Atkins received inspiration to become an osteopathic physician from her family doctor—also an Alumna of PCOM—Dr. Elizabeth Carlin '35. Dr. Carlin, Dr. Atkins recalls, has always been a well-rounded general practitioner who relies strongly on osteopathic manipulative treatments.

Since she graduated from PCOM in 1957, Dr. Atkins has seen many other women enter the osteopathic profession, and she encourages more to do so. She feels that a woman can understand another woman's problems much easier than can a man. Both she and her associate, Joan Celebre, M.D., take an active interest in educating women about their bodies.

"Both Dr. Celebre and I lecture for the American Cancer Society on breast cancer. We urge more women to undergo regular examinations and emphasize that early detection usually means more complete cure if cancer is found. Since we can appreciate the concerns many of our patients face, we both have a goal to make women aware of problems they might some day have."

Ethel Allen, D.O. '63

Dynamic City Councilwoman

Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce president Thatcher Longstreth describes her as "the most interesting, exciting and competent person to come on the City Council scene in years." Esquire magazine lists her as one of the nation's 12 outstanding female politicians. The Philadelphia Tribune calls her "an outspoken fighter for human rights." Considering the accomplishments of Dr. Ethel Allen in the past four years as a member of Philadelphia's City Council, it is easy to understand what everyone is talking about.

Dr. Allen entered the Philadelphia political arena after being
confronted with the pressing problems of the North Philadelphia ghetto, where she grew up and where for eight years she maintained a private practice.

In a recent interview in the Philadelphia Inquirer's Sunday supplement, Today magazine, Dr. Allen maintains proudly, "I know from whence I came and I do not set it aside as demeaning. It contributed a lot. You could see the best and the worst of life. Anything from a warm effusive greeting to a near-murder right out on the street. And you learned who you could deal with and who you could not."

As a result of her work as a physician in the North Philadelphia community, Dr. Allen determined to help solve two of the most serious problems facing her neighborhood and many others like it—that of juvenile gangs and drug abuse.

In 1972 she won a seat on the Philadelphia City Council, representing the fifth district. One of her first successes was the sponsorship of legislation that created the Youth Services Commissions, which was designed to work directly on the city's youth gang problems. She later helped to organize an extensive drug rehabilitation program in North Philadelphia to deal with what had become an epidemic problem of drug abuse.

Today, as Councilwoman-at-large, Dr. Allen serves as a member of the Mayor's Committee on Emergency Health Care Services, the Community Committee on Medical School Admissions and is medical advisor to the Yancy (Yank) Durham National Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, to name just a few. She also teaches community medicine at Hahnemann Medical College and acts as advisor to black medical students.

Although she no longer has time to maintain a private practice, she says she would like to get back to a limited practice—maybe two or three days a week. In the meantime, her medical satchel sits in her City Hall office just in case.

Dr. Allen has appeared on local radio and television programs in connection with such topics as women's rights, prison reform and drug abuse. She was one of 33 women in the nation named by President Ford to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year 1975.

One of the most telling observations about the doctor comes from a former gang member, who calls her his "fantasy mother."

He puts it this way, "She can socialize with people at the White House and come back to North Philly and not only be comfortable but make others feel comfortable too. She's an anomaly, not only in politics but in the black community in that she still lives there and is part of it."

Eva F.S. Jasinski D'Alonzo, D.O. '65

A Success at Two Careers

Eva Jasinski D'Alonzo '65 has overcome the nemesis of many women physicians by successfully combining the role of physician and public servant.
with that of wife and mother. She has practiced uninterruptedly since completing her internship at the Hospital of PCOM, starting as a school physician for the Board of Education. In April 1966, she married Henry D’Alonzo D.O. ’51, PCOM’s assistant professor of surgery, then a young lecturer. When the two young physicians built a home in Springfield, Pa., Dr. Eva started a general practice with an office in her home. The arrival of the three D’Alonzo children Bona Lisa 8, Diana 7, and Patricia 4, has not diminished her practice nor her enthusiasm for the career combination.

“I did not want to stop practicing,” she says, “because I knew how hard it would be to return. Having my office in my home makes it easier.”

Because she always wanted to be a physician, from her early school days, her accomplishments are a source of great pleasure to her.

“I am proud of the fact that I was able to get my osteopathic training and to practice medicine; I am pleased that I have three healthy children and that I can combine the two careers. Both are equally difficult. It is just as hard to go through medical school as it is to rear three children.”

At PCOM Eva Jasinski was a good student and received the Lindback Foundation Scholarship Award. She served as an efficient class secretary and was cited by the Synapsis for her warm and open sense of humor. There were only three women in the class of 1965, but “that was a lot for those days.”

“I always tell young women interested in PCOM that when I was a student, one of the nicest things about the College was that there was no discrimination. No professor ever gave a student a hard time because she was a woman. I have always felt it a tribute to the College that women were treated fairly, since it takes mature people to be fair.”

Dr. Eva discusses with warmth her pride in her college and in her education.

“There were so many outstanding members of the faculty when I was a student—the great anatomist, Dr. Angus Cathie; Dr. Blanche Allen, a brilliant neuroanatomist, and the classic lecturer, Dr. Edwin Cressman.”

Her clinical experiences at 48th Street and at North Center were completely rewarding as was studying obstetrics under Dr. Lester Eisenberg, who even in those days was interested in the effects of drugs on the fetus.

“It is not surprising that we as students were aware of so much, learned so much.”

Being a woman physician has definite advantages according to Dr. Eva.

“Many women prefer to discuss problems of their sex with a woman. And children are less afraid of women doctors; they seem more like their mothers.”

Amanda Blount, D.O. ’68

Director of Medical Center Detoxification Unit

“Many of my patients have been surprised at first to learn their
doctor was a black woman,” says Amanda Blount, D.O. “But after the initial surprise, any prejudice they might have is overcome by the situation.”

Dr. Blount, now the medical director of the inpatient detoxification unit at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Daroff Division, traveled a long road before she finally became an osteopathic physician. In 1948 she received her R.N. from Mercy-Douglas Hospital’s School of Nursing, and in 1951 she graduated from Germantown Hospital’s nurse-anesthetist program. She enrolled at Temple University’s College of Liberal Arts in order to take the required pre-med courses and in 1964 entered PCOM. Dr. Blount also has a master’s degree in public health, which she received from the University of Michigan in 1974.

Recently she became the first woman and the first osteopathic physician to be elected president of the Medical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania, a professional organization whose main interest is obtaining scholarships and loan funds for black medical students in the Philadelphia area.

Dr. Blount, a native of Philadelphia, wanted to maintain close contacts with the city. Although she has worked in a suburban environment, she prefers to practice in areas that are more depressed, where she feels her services will be appreciated.

From 1971 to June of 1974 the doctor worked at Temple University’s West Nicetown-Tioga Neighborhood Family Health Center, serving as assistant director and later as director. While at the center she saw many addicts and because of her experience was asked to direct the 17-bed detoxification unit at the Daroll Division in South Philadelphia.

Dr. Blount readily admits that working with addicts is a depressing job. Most of her patients are under 26 years of age, and the youngest she has treated was 14. The addicts are given methadone to help wean them from their habits and then are referred to follow-up agencies that help them with the psychological addiction.

“My patients have very low frustration levels,” says Dr. Blount, “and insist they need medication for the slightest headache. Trying to explain that in denying them what they want you have their best interests in mind doesn’t help. They are smart and they are determined. My job is to make sure that I am more determined.”

Antoinette Kruc ’77

“You can do anything you want”

Antoinette “Toni” Kruc learned the meaning of sacrifice at an early age. As one of eleven children growing up in West Philadelphia, she found she had to work hard for things she wanted. Her father was a certified public accountant with his own business, but the children, all of whom attended college, had to rely mostly on their own initiative to put themselves through school.

Because she grew up in the vicinity of 48th and Spruce Streets, Toni had an early introduction to osteopathic medicine. PCOM students rented rooms in houses all along her street.

“I was always impressed with how osteopaths cared about the person as a whole,” she reflects. “They had a different approach, although I was never quite able to put my finger on what it was. I know this sounds kind of corny, but they seemed to believe in the value of laying on of hands, as opposed to dispensing drugs. Having been a pharmacist myself, I have a great deal of respect for drugs. They have their place. But they are often abused by doctors.”

Toni graduated from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science in 1961, and three years later, at the age of 25, was serving as the director of the pharmacy at Riddle Memorial Hospital, Media, Pa., where she stayed for nine years. It wasn’t easy making a place for herself in what she describes as a “dog-eat-dog man’s profession,” but Toni is not one to avoid a challenge. As a matter of fact, she seems to enjoy one.

In 1973 she decided to enroll at PCOM. As the recently divorced mother of two children, Toni found it was not an easy decision to make.

“My life just wasn’t fulfilling enough,” she recalls. “I had always wanted to be a physician but had never had the financial resources to do it. My children and I discussed it; we weighed the price we would have to pay and decided it was worth it.”

There were more sacrifices to make. The family sold their home and moved to an apartment, which Toni describes euphemistically as “old and gracious.” Vacations became shorter and less elaborate. Less money was spent on new clothes. And, perhaps hardest of all, Toni spent less time with her children.

“But,” she explains, “the way I look at it, our time together now is quality time.”

Toni has been working her way through school by working 26 hours a week as a pharmacist. She looks forward to graduation
and internship and to the time when she will finally have a practice of her own. She is an outspoken woman, a self-described "fighter," whose contagious confidence has won her countless friends among fellow students.

"You can do anything you want, if you are determined," she affirms proudly.

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Joan Moore, '77

"Giving is what life is all about"

Joan Moore, instructor in PCOM's department of anatomy, describes herself as "old fashioned," yet the active life she leads as a mother, a teacher and a medical student certainly seem to belie this description.

Joan is the mother of two boys—Edwin, age 12, and James Thomas, age 10. She decided to go back to work when both boys were in school fulltime, five years ago, and she has been going strong ever since.

Joan talks about her decision this way: "I feel a man's and a woman's first obligation is to bring up their children. That is your first concern, and you must do the best job you can. But there comes a point in time when your children have to fly. Then, I believe, a woman's role should be to extend herself and her talents to the outside world. I tell my children that we must all give back to the world the talents and skills we were each given. And that's what I intend to do."

Joan Moore's background provides ample evidence of the academic skills she has to offer. She graduated from Emmanuel College with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and then took additional courses at Simmons College before going back to school for her master's degree. She received her M.A. in genetics and embryology, still her main area of interest, from Wellesley College and then went to Bryn Mawr to begin work on a Ph.D. in genetics and embryology. She has also taken courses in anatomy at the Medical College of Pennsylvania.

When she first came to 48th Street, she worked part-time in the anatomy department proofreading a book for Dr. Gino DiVirgilio. Then, as the doctor realized Joan's ability, she was given different courses to teach. First genetics, then embryology, then histology, then anatomy.

Jokes Joan, "That's what you call job security."

When PCOM initiated the extended day program in the fall of 1973, she enrolled.

"My uncle was a D.O.," explains Joan. "So I really was brought up with the osteopathic philosophy. It became second nature to me. And by then PCOM had become home to me."

Joan is a third-year student and plans to continue teaching after she graduates.

"Both physicians and teachers are giving people," says Joan. "And giving is what I think life is all about."
Honor Roll of PCOM Alumnae

1900
Gene Banker

1901
Lillian L. Bentley
Margaret B. Dunnington
Mary McK. Hetzel
Rachel Read

1902
Marie Anthony
Lillian B. Daily
Elizabeth Frame
Ida D. Webb
Annie B. Woodhull

1904
Carolyn E. Comstock
Mary L. Heisley
Sarah May
Carola B. Moomaw
Mary C. Moomaw

1905
Stella Miller
R. Annette Ploss
Jane P. Scott

1906
Georgene W. A. Cook
Rene J. Galbreath
Marie A. Matchinsky
Margie D. Simmons

1907
Cecelia G. Curran
Anna M. Ketcham

1908
Clara E. Hough
S. Agnes Medlar
Edna Thayer Freas

1909
Mabel W. Barrett
Marie M. Corby
Isabel B. Eiler
Idella Grimes
Louella Hutchinson
Mary J. Leibfried
Florence P. Stoeckel
Ada S. Thomas

1910
Martha V. Benion
Ethel E. Brittain
Alice L. Collins
Effie A. Flint
Carrie M. Higginbotham
Anna Howell
Grace G. Irwin
Annie L. Joyner
Bertha Kean
Cora Belle Molyneux
Jennie Morrison
Aletta Schenck
Stella C. Thurman

1911
Ruth A. Deeter
Anna M. Drennan
Margaret S. Drew
Mary E. Henry
Jean S. Hough
Bertha M. Pennock

1912
May R. Anderson
Ida S. Campbell
Blanche V. Costello
Anna Farson
Evalena S. C. Fleming
Cora B. Gehr
Maude L. Gomel
Irene K. Lapp
Lydia Lippincott
Margaret MacEwen
Bertha M. Maxwell
Lillian P. Shenton
Paula A. Stevens

1914
Edna F. Beale
Minnie D. Leopold
Mary M. Melesi

1915
Blanche C. Altpeter
Blanche A. Corlis
Velma I. Coye

1916
Mary E. Kech
Gertrude Burgess Peck
Matilda Rodney
Mae E. Wigham

1917
Elizabeth Peebles

1918
Mary Patton Hitner
Mildred Maybee
May H. Pease
Muriel S. Thorburn
Charlotte M. Weikel

1919
Ruth G. Kraus
Rhoda E. Ward

1920
Elizabeth C. Bissell
Mary Hille Losee
Marguerite M. Scheibley
Anna E. Winkleman

1921
Ruth A. Brandt
Meta L. Christie
Rebecca M. Fowler
Esther G. Humphrey
Florence G. Marshall
Edna Morgan McKinney
Marion H. Wilder

1922
Alice S. Bryant
Alma C. Kinney
Lois Van Horn Laney
Florence Marshall
May Moody Morton
Emma Filer O'Brien

1923
Clara E. Bean
Harriet Merrill Crowe
Olive Meeker Emmans
Cornelia Vanwagenen Fischer
Louise Hills
Phyllis W. Holden
Angie C. Hughes
Mildred Fox Jamison
Elsie L. Johnson
Rebecca C. Lippincott
Sevilla H. Mullet
Doris Perkins
Esther Colyer Plauth
Julia Roeder
Marion E. F. Sanders
Sarah Surrey
Elizabeth Tinley
Katherine Todd
Alice Grennell Tyson
Mildren J. Van Riper
Elizabeth Wolfenden

1924
Anna E. Brandt
Jane Foresman Duncan
Valeria P. Hadro
Lilla Lancey
Margaret O'Malley Leuzinger
Florence Magilton

1925
Ellen Crosley
Louise M. Croswell
Myfanwy Evans
Adelaide L. Galbraith
Marjorie Hunt
Edith Jewell Hunter
Hazel Lachner
Mary H. Leiby
Thelma G. Maginnis
Loretta McGranera
Louise C. Neil
Louisa Brown Smith
Elinor Rollinson Tilley
Helen J. Wilcox
Ruth H. Winant

1926
Laura A. Bernard
Goodfall Goodfall Bisher
Florence Colton
Florence Everhart
Daisy Fletcher
Lillian G. French
Dorothy Galbraith
Marion Griswold
Hazel G. Hayman
Geraldine J. Jennings
Ursula M. C. Malpass
Anna M. Seiders
Jean L. Sheperla
Irina D. Smetana
Leona E. Spicer
Charlotte G. Ehelicker
Elizabeth Toomey
Edna K. Williams

1927
Margaret L. Anderson
Grace E. Clarkson
Helen B. Conway
Margot A. Harper
Mary I. Hough
Mabel C. Jackson
Mary R. Mentzer
Mildred E. Perkins
Regina M. Scally
Marion A. D. Smith
Jennie V. Wicker
Pauline Garino Worrell

1928
Beryl E. Arbuckle
Florence Cargill
Harriet M. Gosper
Cora Lee Jennings
Alberta Johnson
Anna C. Johnson
Jean W. Johnston
Irmma A. Minch
Gladys Smiley
Alice A. Swift
Anna W. Vaill

1929
Beatrice Blalock
Ruth W. Emerson
Basketball and swimming teams in the early years were part of women's competitive spirit. Above the swimming team of 1926 stars (back row, l-r) Drs. Marion Griswold '26; Marion Ortlieb Gross '29; Pauline Garino Worrell '27; (front row, l-r) Elizabeth Toomey '26; Helen B. Conway '27; Jean M. Scally '27.
Microfilm Project Saves Space

In an age of pocket-sized computers, miniature transistors and electron microscopes, the term "microfilm" has practically become a household word.

The term has recently taken on a special significance at PCOM with the initiation of a program of microfilming for all hospital medical records. Although the idea for microfilm was introduced as early as the 1930's, the sophisticated technology necessary to implement it did not emerge until after World War II. Since then more and more institutions which rely on the accurate maintaining of records have turned to microfilm for its convenience in storage, handling and transportation.

Under the supervision of the college's director of libraries, Dr. Shanker H. Vyas, PCOM's program has involved the inventory, microfilming and indexing of over 76 years of medical records, or information from over 200,000 medical folders of hospital inpatients. As a result of the project, which began in March of 1975, a year's worth of records have already been microfilmed and indexed.

During an average patient stay, a patient's medical folder accumulates between 50 to 100 separate reports or documents. Among them are laboratory results, EKG reports, progress notes, reports from pathology, physical therapy and respiratory therapy, and discharge summaries. Multiply the number of documents by the average number of hospital patients in one year and again by 75 years, and the answer gives some idea of the volume of paperwork to be organized and prepared for microfilming. Dr. Vyas estimates that an average of one million documents will be photographed on microfilm before the project is completed.

The first stage in the project—and one of the most difficult—is the inventory of records.

As a result of the many moves PCOM has made over the past 75 years, records had been stored in a number of different offices and in several buildings, not to mention musty attics and, in one case, in a room adjoining the anatomy laboratory at the college's West Campus. Sometimes clerks having to verify information from records stored in the small room would have to pass through the laboratory full of cadavers.

After Dr. Vyas and his staff completed the exhausting job of locating records at PCOM's hospital and health care centers, the material was then organized and prepared for microfilming. This tedious process involves un-stapling papers, straightening corners and taping individual laboratory reports to a separate sheet of paper, so that each document can be easily fed into the camera.

The actual microfilming is performed on Kodak's Reliant 700, a sophisticated camera which produces 16 millimeter negatives. An average of 2500 documents can be photographed on one roll of microfilm. The negatives are then sent out for processing and returned for the final stages of preparation. Once the films are processed, extra copies can be made on a special duplicating machine in the library.

Films of the more current medical records are put in plastic folders, referred to as "jackets."

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Charlotte Dempsey, director of audiology at PCOM's hearing and speech center, a diagnostic and rehabilitation facility in the department of otorhinolaryngology, takes special pride in the center’s progress since it first opened in 1973. In the last year the patient census has tripled. The acquisition of a special battery of listening tapes for central auditory testing enhanced the center’s growing reputation, bringing referrals from all over the greater Philadelphia area. And in April it earned the special distinction of receiving accreditation in audiology by the American Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology—the first such accreditation in the osteopathic profession.

Miss Dempsey came to PCOM in 1973, bringing with her an impressive list of academic credentials and clinical experience in a variety of settings. She holds a bachelor’s degree in general speech from Milwaukee-Dawner College and two master’s degrees in audiology—one from the University of Washington in Seattle and one from the University of Illinois in Urbana, where she is a Ph.D. candidate in audiology with a minor in physiology.

Miss Dempsey has been on the staff of a number of otorhinolaryngology clinics, including the prestigious Otologic Medical Group in Los Angeles, a clinic of international reputation. She spent a year on the ship Hope in Ecuador as audiologist and director of education for the deaf. For five years she directed audiological services for Zenith Hearing Aid Corporation, during which time she worked on the research and development of hearing aids and served as liaison between hearing aid manufacturers throughout the United States and Canada. She has also served as director of special product sales for American Electromedics.

In order to provide an opportunity for audiologists in the Philadelphia area to share with one another experiences about their work, Miss Dempsey started an audiology study group in 1974, bringing together specialists in the field from all over the greater Philadelphia area. As an outgrowth of research done in the group, she has had several scientific papers accepted for publication by the American Speech and Hearing Association.

A number of research projects are now being conducted at PCOM’s hearing and speech center, many at the initiation of Miss Dempsey. Among them are the development of auditory training programs for the learning disabled; looking at the function of the brain’s cortex in the educable-retarded; testing hearing aid performance; and studying how the breathing rate in infants changes with auditory stimulation. The staff is also conducting studies with the central test battery for auditory perception—a series of bests being used experimentally in only a few speech and hearing centers in the country.
AWARD WINNER... Dr. Richard Purse (second from right), fourth-year resident in radiology, received the 1975 Mead-Johnson award to the National Osteopathic Foundation for graduate work in radiology. His father, Dr. F. Munro Purse (right), clinical professor of pediatrics attended the presentation ceremonies. At left is Dr. Robert Meals, chairman of the department of radiology and making the presentation is Carl E. Schultze, academic representative from the Mead-Johnson laboratories.

Laporte Health Care Center celebrated the Christmas season with new GE x-ray equipment and Dupont daylight developing system. From left, x-ray technician, Henena Tiedeken and fourth-year students Trudi Ellenberger and Fred Struthers and third-year student Marina Vernalise. At right is Dr. James Witt, director of the center.
Student Council Christmas Show

First Year

(L-r) Earl Wenner, Stacey Polan, Leonard Kurello and Susan Albert provided histrionics in one of several first-year skits.

Second Year

Richard Banning, second-year, is "Superstar."

John H. Evans, first-year, offers "another Bicentennial minute."

"The Wizard of Debazz" was portrayed by Bruce Kornberg, second-year.
This Year Everybody Got In The Act

Third Year

A rousing take-off on rotation at 20th Street was performed by third-year students (l-r) Jerry Littlefield, Bill Haberstroh and Gil D'Alonzo.

Faculty

Surprise production written by Dr. Albert D'Alonzo included members of the faculty (l-r) Drs. Galen D. Young, Henry D'Alonzo, Ronald Ganelle, Wayne Hudson and Robert Erwin.
Largest Alumni Attendance Highlights AOA Convention

Alumni from all parts of the United States attended in record numbers the November AOA Convention sessions and scientific seminars held in Las Vegas. A guestimate prior to final figures was more than 6,000 people. According to Dr. George J. Luibel, president-elect of the AOA, "more people attended than there were in the whole profession when I was a student."

PCOM's Alumni luncheon witnessed an overflow crowd that enthusiastically applauded Dr. Thomas M. Rowland's slide presentation on recent developments at the college, hospital and health care centers.

President Rowland was introduced by Alumni president Alfred A. Grilli, D.O., '48, who also served as chairman of the AOA's Bureau of Conventions. Dr. Grilli emphasized the active role of alumni and reiterated the goals of the Alumni board of directors: to foster pride in PCOM, to build for the future and to support President Rowland and his administration.

"You are here today because of your sincere interest in the college," Dr. Grilli said. "The responsibility is yours to reach all alumni to assist in making our goals a reality. Let all of us lend moral and financial support to accomplish the fulfillment of the ultimate in osteopathic medicine."

Alumni and faculty members from PCOM distinguished themselves in many areas of the convention, starting with AOA president Earl A. Gabriel, D.O., '54, who presided at the sessions.

Dean Robert W. England, D.O., '56 was re-elected chairman of the board of fellowship of the American Academy of Osteopathy. Dr. Nicholas S. Nicholas, chairman of the department of OP&P was re-elected to the board of trustees of the American Academy of Osteopathy. Speaking on the program of the AAO was Galen S.
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New Appointments

Faculty staff expansion continues with the following appointments announced by President Rowland.

J. Vincent Huffnagle, D.O., '54 has been appointed professor and chairman of the department of general practice. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Huffnagle served as instructor in PCOM's department of internal medicine and had, for the past 20 years, maintained a general practice in Cherry Hill, N.J.

The new chairman is a graduate of Collingswood High School, LaSalle College and PCOM. He interned at the hospitals of PCOM and has completed extensive postgraduate studies in internal medicine.

Dr. Huffnagle has been a leader in osteopathic medicine at both the state and local levels. He is a past president of the Camden County Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and a past member of the board of directors of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. He currently serves as a member of the House of Delegates of the New Jersey association and is a diplomate of the American Osteopathic Board of General Practice.

An active participant in civic affairs, Dr. Huffnagle has served the Boy Scouts of America as patrol leader, scoutmaster and as founder of Troop 82. He serves on the board of directors of the Greater Delaware Valley Regional Medical Program and is a past member of the executive committee and board of directors of the Comprehensive Health Planning Agency. He is also chief medical inspector for the Cherry Hill School System.

During World War II Dr. Huffnagle served in the Third Army's 131st Evacuation Hospital in the European Theatre and received a certificate of merit.

Dr. Huffnagle is married to the former Francis Grubb and has three children, Richard, James and Barbara.

Mervyn H. Kline, Ph.D., assistant professor in the department of physiological chemistry. Dr. Kline received a B.S. in chemistry from Drexel University and his doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin. From 1973 to 1975 he served as a postdoctoral fellow at the Nelson Biochemistry Laboratories, Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

His research interests include immunological techniques and the purification and characterization of various proteins. He is a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the author of three scientific papers.

Gary W. Britton, Ph.D., assistant professor in the department of physiological chemistry. Dr. Brit-
ton holds both a bachelor's and masters degree in chemical engineering. His doctorate in biochemistry was granted in 1972 from Syracuse University. In 1975 he completed a postdoctoral fellowship sponsored by the National Cancer Institute at Fels Research Institute, Temple University School of Medicine. He has an extensive background in both the biological and physical sciences, which includes a special interest in the biochemistry of aging.

Dr. Britton is a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and Sigma Xi, an honorary science fraternity.

Lincoln A. Noecker, B.S., laboratory assistant in the department of physiological chemistry. Mr. Noecker is a graduate of Kutztown State College, where he majored in chemistry. He has had three years experience as a laboratory assistant and plans to pursue graduate studies in organic chemistry.

Muriel E. Leff, B.A., M.T., administrative assistant for laboratories at PCOM's Hospital. Miss Leff received certification as a medical technologist at Mt. Sinai Hospital, now the Daroff Division of Albert Einstein Medical Center, and a B.A. in psychology from Temple University.

She has served as manager and teaching supervisor for clinical laboratories at a number of Philadelphia hospitals, most recently Frankford Hospital. She organized and established Approved Schools of Medical Technology (ASMT) at both Cooper and Episcopal Hospitals and has served as college coordinator of the medical technology program at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and as instructor at Temple University's School of Allied Health Sciences.

Miss Leff is active in a number of professional organizations at both the state and local levels, including the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the American Society of Medical Technologists.

Daniel J. Santillo, B.S., assistant to the executive director of the alumni association. For the past year Mr. Santillo served as alumni secretary at Philadelphia College of Textiles and Sciences, where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1970. Prior to his appointment at Textile, he had been an active member of the college's alumni association, having served on its board of directors for three years.

From 1972 to 1973 Mr. Santillo was public relations assistant to the Philadelphia Blazers Professional Ice Hockey Club, a franchise that has since relocated to Toronto, Canada.

The new assistant has been active in a number of civic associations, serving as a state director to the Pennsylvania Jaycees for three years and a member of the Big Brothers of Montgomery County for six years. In 1973 he received the Big Brother of the Year Award of the Montgomery County chapter.
PCOM'S New Look

All spruced up for the Bicentennial year is PCOM's campus.

A 56-foot-long sign on City Line (see back cover) proclaims Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in aluminum letters 18 inches high. And the entrance to the complex on Monument Road is marked by a new sign for the Hospital and Emergency entrance, featuring the College logo.

Both signs are maroon with cast aluminum fixtures, symbolic of the College's colors—maroon and gray. They were the creative production of two department directors—Don Hulmes, director of educational communications, and Charles Keating, director of the engineering/maintenance department. Mr. Hulmes provided the graphics and Mr. Keating the construction design to update the image of PCOM and to provide better identification.

Also enhancing the campus is a new flagpole dedicated in honor of those employees, students and Alumni who have served in the U.S. armed forces. Dedication ceremonies took place on Christmas Eve with Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr. presiding. Employees at the dedication who served as career members of each branch of the service included: Robert Fraider, director of purchasing, representing the U.S. Air Force; Ed Wagonborg, storeroom manager, representing the U.S. Navy; Raymond E. Smith, administrator of the health care centers, representing the U.S. Army and George Abele, building superintendent of Overmont House, representing the U.S. Marine Corps. The first flag was donated by Dr. A. Aline Swift, vice chairman and professor of radiology, who served in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps during World War II.
Dr. Charles Karibo '30 accepts the gift of his portrait from Dr. Joseph Andrews at a dinner honoring the distinguished radiologist.

Charles L. Karibo, '30—Detroit, Michigan, was honored by a dinner and lecture program in Troy, Mich. in October. Former residents trained by the pioneer in the field of osteopathic radiology served as speakers for the event. Attending from PCOM were Dr. Paul T. Lloyd, who trained Dr. Karibo, and Dr. Meals. Dr. Karibo retired in Jan. 1975 as chairman of the radiology department of Detroit Osteopathic Hospital in Highland Park, Michigan.

1944
John M. Finnerty, Jr., Upper Montclair, N. J.—elected a fellow of the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey. Dr. Finnerty is on the medical staff of the Clara Mass Memorial Hospital in Belleville, where he specializes in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

1945
Arnold Melnick, Cheltenham, Pa.— accorded special honors as outgoing president of the American Medical Writers Association at the 35th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Dr. Melnick, the first osteopathic physician to preside over the association, was saluted for "devoted service and many contributions to the growth and development of the association." Dr. Melnick is chairman of the departments of pediatrics at Delaware Valley Hospital, Bristol, Pa., and Parkview Hospital, Philadelphia. He is on the pediatrics faculty at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and has authored numerous articles and papers for medical news magazines. He is also editorial consultant in pediatrics for the Journal of the A.O.A.

1946
Harold H. Finkel, Lancaster, Pa.—elected to the board of directors of Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. Dr. Finkel, who has been on the staff of Lancaster Osteopathic since 1948 and who has served as chairman of the pediatrics department since 1953, had served a previous term on the board. He is past president of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians and past chief of staff of the hospital. Dr. Finkel is also active in community affairs and is a member of the local Boy Scout Council.

1953
Gustave V. Conti, Garden City, N. Y.—awarded a fellowship from the American Osteopathic College of Rehabilitation Medicine at the A.O.A. convention in Las Vegas in November.

1954
Joseph E. Steelman, East York, Pa.—appointed to the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association. Dr. Steelman, currently a member of the legislative committee of the state society, is president of the York County Osteopathic Society. He is a member of the staff of Memorial Osteopathic Hospital and previously served as chief of staff. Dr. Steelman is a member of the American College of General Practitioners and the American College of Osteopathic Physicians.

1958
Robert M. Fogel, Tulsa, Okla.—received a faculty recognition award for excellence and inspiration in teaching from Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery's class of 1977. Dr. Fogel is parttime clinical professor of anatomy and clinical pathology at the college.

1962
Lawrence Nessman, Wayne, N. J.—received the David Ben Gurion Award for distinguished service to Israel and to the Jewish community at a cocktail reception in November sponsored by the Wayne Area Committee for State of Israel Bonds. Dr. Nessman, a life member of PCOM's Alumni Association, is chairman of the departments of family practice at Chilton Memorial and Saddle Brook Hospitals. He is a diplomate of the American College of General Practitioners and is president of the Passaic County Osteopathic Medical Society.

1965
Edward M. Gianforte, Allentown, Pa.—has been granted certification in radiology by the American Osteopathic College of Radiology. Dr. Gianforte has been on the staff of Allentown Osteopathic Hospital since 1972, where he serves in the department of radiology.

1966
William F. Ranieri, Stratford, N. J.—invited as the guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Camden County Psychological Association in October. Dr. Ranieri spoke on depression. He was a fellow in psychiatry at the Philadelphia Mental Health Clinic and is
currently associated with John F. Kennedy Hospital in Stratford, where he also maintains a private practice.

1968
Norman A. Leopold, Wallingford, Pa.—appointed to the staff of Taylor Hospital, Taylor, Pa. Dr. Leopold completed an internship at Mount Sinai Hospital and served a residency in neurology at Boston University Affiliated Hospitals.

1971
George B. Dainoff, Philadelphia, Pa.—named to the staff of Parkview Hospital in the department of general practice with privileges in obstetrics. Dr. Dainoff completed an internship at Metropolitan Hospital and a three-year residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Northern Division.

1972
Gregory P. Samano, Winter Park, Fla.—recently elected to the board of directors of the Orange County Prevention of Blindness, the first D.O. to be named to the voluntary health agency. Dr. Samano is president of the regional osteopathic medical association for the Orlando area and was instrumental in instituting a program of public relations for the regional association. The doctor, who is also a medical examiner for the Federal Aeronautics Association, is on the staff of Orlando General Hospital and maintains a general practice in Winter Park.

H. Allen Strunk, Jr., Indiana, Pa.—certified as a diplomate in internal medicine by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Strunk completed an internship at Youngstown Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio, and a residency in internal medicine at Harrisburg Hospital. He maintains a private practice in Indiana, Pa.

1973
Rupert Hartmann, Delran, N. J.—joined the medical staff of Rancocas Valley Hospital in Willingboro. Dr. Hartmann completed an internship at Metropolitan Hospital in Philadelphia.

1974
Gerald Reynolds, Port Allegheny, Pa.—is the second physician to enter the general practice residency at Memorial Osteopathic Hospital in York, Pa. Dr. Reynolds served an internship at Sun Coast Osteopathic Hospital in Largo, Fla.

From C. Wesley Minteer, Jr., ’72, Sarver, Pa.

I practice in an area where there are only three D.O.’s in private practice who have hospital affiliations. No osteopathic hospitals are in this area, so all three of us practice out of a 330-bed well-equipped, mixed staff hospital, Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights, Pa. The staff is made up of 100 M.D.’s, 3 D.O.’s and a 21-member dental staff.

Full staff privileges at this hospital were made available to D.O.’s about 13 years ago which certainly must have made it one of the first allopathic community hospitals to do so in Western Pa. Prejudice against D.O.’s is almost non-existent in the hospital and in the surrounding community. This can be reflected in the prominence of the other two D.O.’s in hospital and community health activities.

Frederick C. Kurn, ’53, who practices in Creighton, Pa., is the president-elect of the general staff, member of the executive committee and the board of directors of Allegheny Valley Hospital. Dr. Kurn is so well thought of in his community (where he is the only physician) that the people paid public tribute to him two years ago with a surprise community dinner. He is school and team physician for Class AA Deer Lakes High School in the community.

My associate H. William Knab, ’61 is the chairman of the department of medicine. In our hospital, the department of medicine comprises the staff pediatrician, internists and practitioners. Dr. Knab is also the chief medical officer for two nursing and convalescent homes, the chief school physician for Class AA Knoch High School in Saxonburg, Pa., and primary physician for several small and medium-sized local industries.

I think you will agree that the obvious respect accorded these two osteopathic physicians once again demonstrates the impact this minority profession of ours can have in the health community when given equal status with our allopathic colleagues.

FACULTY NOTES

Dr. Samuel L. Caruso, ’47, chairman of pediatrics, was elected president-elect of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians at the ACOP convention held in Williamsburg, Va. in October.

Dr. Nicholas S. Nicholas, chairman and professor of osteopathic principles and practice; Dr. Jerome Sulman, ’57, associate professor, and Dr. Marvin Blumberg, ’39, assistant professor, were guests in December on WYSP-FM’s “Consumer’s Corner,” on which they were interviewed by former Pennsylvania insurance commissioner Herb Denenberg and answered questions on osteopathic medicine called in by listeners. In upcoming months Dr. Nicholas will speak
to several professional groups across the country on osteopathic techniques.

Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., president, was guest speaker at a dinner honoring the medical staff of Community General Osteopathic Hospital, Harrisburg, in October. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of an award to Dr. S. Lawrence Koplovitz for his outstanding contributions to health care in the community and to the osteopathic profession.

The American College of Osteopathic Surgeons held a seminar at the College in December entitled Surgical Treatment of Colo-Rectal Disease—An In-Depth Review. Among the ACOS faculty who spoke were Dr. Robert C. Erwin, 38, chairman and professor of surgery at PCOM; Dr. Thomas F. A. Powell, '56, clinical assistant professor of surgery; Dr. Leonard B. Segal, clinical assistant in surgery; and Dr. David Silverman, '41, instructor in surgery. Included in the guest faculty was M. H. F. Friedman, Ph.D., visiting professor of physiology and pharmacology.

The College also hosted a regional educational meeting of the Lupus Foundation of Delaware Valley on December 11.

Dr. Emanuel Fliegelman, '42, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was installed as president of the Philadelphia Physicians Division of the American Friends of the Hebrew University on November 15 at their annual black tie dinner in Philadelphia. Dr. Fliegelman is a senior member and fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists and is a diplomate of the American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The doctor's interest and support of Israel was recognized when he was honored at a State of Israel tribute dinner. He also received the Myrtle Wreath Award from Hadassah for his service during the Yom Kippur War.

Dr. Fliegelman taught a course in human sexuality at PCOM—the first time this course has been formally offered at the College. It consists of lectures, films and group discussions.

Dr. Robert Jama, '69, assistant professor of shock, trauma and surgery, was the co-author of an article which appeared in the November issue of 1975 Consultant, a monthly professional journal. The article, entitled "How to Recognize and Treat Hemorrhage from Stress Ulcer," was written in conjunction with Dr. Teruo Matsu- moto, chairman of the department of surgery at Hahnemann Hospital.

Dr. James Conroy, '65, clinical associate professor of internal medicine, lectured on "Recent Advances of Chemotherapeutic Agents for Topical Cancer" at a symposium for physicians and pharmacists held at the Alpine Inn in Springfield recently.
Dr. George B. Stineman, D.O., '32, Harrisburg, Pa., died December 13 at Community General Osteopathic Hospital at the age of 66.

Devoted to his profession and to his college, Dr. Stineman was an active alumnus, serving as a long-time member of the alumni board of directors and as a past president of the Alumni Association. He was among those alumni who fostered and developed the student loan fund that is today administered by the Alumni Association.

A dedicated pediatrician, Dr. Stineman undertook postgraduate courses in pediatrics under Dr. William B. Spaeth after serving his internship at Dr. R. P. Baker Hospital in Lancaster. He continued pediatric education at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia and was certified in pediatrics in 1951.

Known to his colleagues as a cheerful companion and warm friend, Dr. Stineman was among many pediatricians who attended PCOM's Founders Day dinner last January to honor Dr. Spaeth on the occasion of the presentation of the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal.

Dr. Stineman was chairman of the department of pediatrics at Community General Osteopathic Hospital in addition to having served as secretary of the medical staff and member of the board of trustees. He served as president of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians and was elected a fellow of the ACOP in 1963.

Throughout his lifetime he gave generously of his time and administrative talents to the osteopathic profession serving in the House of Delegates of the AOA and in many roles in the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, among them president, secretary, editor of the journal, acting executive secretary and chairman of the legislative committee.

His interest in health and community affairs took the form of service as an officer on many councils and committees, among them first vice president of the Pennsylvania Health Council and vice president of the Tuberculosis and Health Society.

Dr. Stineman is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Yeager Stineman, a daughter, his mother, a sister and three grandsons.


Edward Witthohn, D.O., '35, of Largo, Fla., died November 10 at Metropolitan General Hospital, Pinellas Park, Fla. He was 65. Seven weeks prior to his death Dr. Witthohn retired to Largo with his wife Julia.

For the past 27 years the doctor had conducted a general and sclerotherapy practice in Watertown, N.Y. He was a member of the American Osteopathic Academy of Sclerotherapy, Iota Tau Sigma Fraternity, the Toastmasters Club, Rotary International and was a former commander of the Watertown Power Squadron.

Dr. Witthohn is survived by his wife, a daughter, two sons, four grandchildren, a sister and a brother, Arthur H. Witthohn, D.O., '37.

Benjamin Cooperman, D.O., '37, of Camden, N.J., died December 17 at Cherry Hill Medical Center. He was 71. Dr. Cooperman had maintained a general practice in the Fairview section of Camden for the past 37 years. He was on the staffs of Metropolitan Hospital and Cherry Hill Medical Center and was a former police examiner for Camden County. He was also a Mason, a Shriner and a member of the American Heart Association. Surviving are his wife, the former Sonia Shapiro; two sons, Dr. Alan S. and Dr. Joel B., and two grandchildren.

John M. Tully, D.O., '43, of Spring Lake, N.J., died recently at the Jersey Shore Medical Center. He was 66. Dr. Tully had maintained an office at his home for the past six years. Prior to that time he practiced for many years at 2030 Race Street in Philadelphia. Survivors include four brothers.


Thaddeus B. Ernest, D.O., '38, of Jackson Heights, N.Y., died September 1.
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