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The President’s Page

You all know that regionalization is the new way of life for American medicine. Pending legislation will only strengthen this process.

Since assuming the office of president, I have been approached, on numerous occasions, for cooperative ventures in conjunction with the other Philadelphia medical schools. Because I believe in the distinctiveness of osteopathic medicine, I have resisted these overtures.

Let’s fact the facts - - osteopathic physicians care for the majority of the general practice patients. The osteopathic profession has also developed and is continuing to develop strengths in a number of specialty and sub-specialty areas.

The option is clear - - the osteopathic medical colleges can easily join with the other medical colleges or the osteopathic physicians can unite in developing regional osteopathic care programs.

PCOM alone does not have all the resources to be the center of osteopathic medicine in this area. Any venture into osteopathic regionalization would have to be a mutuality of the efforts of all our area osteopathic physicians and osteopathic hospitals.

We must begin to resolve our differences, if in fact any exist, and unite for a common goal.
Founders Day Ceremonies

The traditional honoring of PCOM's founders took on a new dimension in 1975 with the inauguration of the first Founders Day Dinner-Dance. Held on January 25 at the Marriott Motor Inn, Philadelphia, the affair combined the dignity of the college's highest award presentation with the warmth of good fellowship.

More than 400 members of the alumni, faculty and professional staff and their guests attended the successful event which was planned by Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., president, as a “PCOM family get together.”

Following dinner the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal was presented to William S. Spaeth D.O., M.Sc. (Ped), F.A.C.O.P., emeritus professor and chairman of the department of pediatrics. The medal, presented in memory of the co-founder of the college, is traditionally awarded in recognition of leadership and service.

Dr. Spaeth, a native of Philadelphia, is a 1925 alumnus of the college and has served as a distinguished member of the faculty for one-half century. He was appointed professor and chairman of the department of pediatrics in 1945 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1971. After his retirement he continued to lecture at postdoctoral seminars in pediatrics at PCOM and has conducted refresher courses in pediatrics at symposia throughout the United States. He is the author of several articles on problems concerning the pediatric patient.

Dr. Spaeth has maintained a family practice in Drexel Hill, Pa. since 1926 and is currently treating the third generation of his patients. He is a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians, served a one-year term as president and was chairman of the examining board of that organization for 25 years.

In presenting the medal to Dr. Spaeth, Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., PCOM'S president, said of the eminent pediatrician,

"His impact on osteopathic pediatrics has been great. It has been the work of his first residents and the residents whom they have trained which gave major impetus to the development of this specialty within our profession."

Dr. Rowland also put into perspective the Founders Day ceremonies in his opening address,

"Accomplishments that seem predictable and obvious in retrospect were far from predictable and obvious when they were plans or ideas or dreams.

“That is the one most compelling reason for stopping today to..."
honor the founding of our college. We pause really to gather inspiration to go on—to remember the growth and falterings of our institution—and to appreciate the individual and very human endeavors of a number of people in making it live."

**Snyder and Baldwin Honored**

Also honored at the dinnerdance were two members of PCOM's faculty and professional staff who retired this year after forty years as teacher-physicians: Clarence E. Baldwin D.O., M.Sc. (Ost), F.A.C.O.I., professor and chairman of the department of internal medicine and Charles W. Snyder D.O., M.Sc.(Oto), professor and chairman of the department of ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology and bronchoesophagology.

Dr. Leonard Finkelstein, chairman of the professional staff, and Dr. Sherwood R. Mercer, vice president of educational affairs, commended the efforts and contributions of the two physicians. Both men received their first faculty appointments in 1934, both rose to the chairmanship of their departments and both have retired to the New Jersey shore.

"Nor can we forget," said Dr. Mercer, "that both careers are stellar examples of loyalty to the osteopathic profession."

**The Convocation**

On Friday, January 24, an informal Founders Day assembly was convened at the college to introduce the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal recipient to the student body. The observance was marked by prayer, a brief memorial service for deceased members of the faculty and an address by Dr. Spaeth. More than 400 members of the faculty, students and employees of the college and hospital
gave a standing ovation to the recipient of PCOM's highest award.

In his remarks to students and faculty the eminent pediatrician spoke glowingly of the founder, and first president Dr. O. J. Snyder.

"The starting of a new college requires but one man with a dynamic personality and with the conviction of a great idea. O. J. Snyder was such a man, forceful and convincing."

Dr. Spaeth also recalled his early days at PCOM. He entered the college in 1921 when it was located in a brown stone mansion at 19th and Spring Garden Streets. The college maintained a 60-bed hospital and outpatient clinic attached to the mansion, and it was here that Dr. Spaeth completed his internship.

"As interns in the hospital, we recorded histories and performed physical examinations and laboratory tests for the patients," he reminisced. "There was no recovery room, and we stayed with the surgical patients until they recovered. Also, each patient received a bedside osteopathic manipulative therapy treatment once or twice a day."

He paid tribute to his respected professors who were dedicated to osteopathic medicine and who received no salary for their teaching: Dr. Arthur M. Flack, dean; Dr. David S. Pennock, surgery; Dr. Edward Drew, ob/gyn; Dr. Edward H. Fritsche, physiological chemistry; Dr. J. Ivan Dufer, nervous and mental diseases; Dr. C. D. Balbirnie, clinical osteopathy; Dr. H. Walter Evans, bacteriology; Dr. H. Willard Sterrett, genito-urinary diseases; Dr. Ralph Fischer, physical diagnosis; Dr. Paul T. Lloyd, ob/gyn and later roentgenology.

He concluded with a statement of his firm belief in the profession to which he dedicated himself and a charge to PCOM's students.

"Osteopathic research has proved Dr. A. T. Still's theory and given it a secure foundation. I am completely sold on osteopathic medicine. You hear many claims of cures by osteopathic teachers, and you may ask yourselves if you can duplicate their results. You will never know unless you apply the osteopathic manipulative treatment to your patients."

"We, as osteopathic physicians, are different. As long as we practice the osteopathic manipulative treatment along with other modalities, we will remain a distinct school. I charge you to remain separate and independent unless you wish to be bound by socialized medicine. I urge you to try osteopathic treatments—see what you can do."

In Memoriam

Dr. Sherwood R. Mercer, vice president of educational affairs, conducted the traditional memorial ceremony for faculty members who have died since last Founders Day. A period of silent prayer marked the respectful memories of Harry E. Binder D.O. '36, Leon A. Kowalski D.O. '36 and one of PCOM's most faithful colleagues who served in several hospital administrative capacities for several decades, Miss Jean Hall.

Closing the informal convocation was a warm and moving perception of God's word by the Rev. D. Douglas Gilbert, class of 1976. Using the words of the Scarecrow and Tin Woodman in The Wizard of Oz as a premise ("I don't know enough", replied the Scarecrow, "my head is stuffed with straw.

... 'After all, brains are not the best things in the world,' said the Tin Woodman, "once I had brains and a heart also. So, having tried them both I should much rather have a heart."

Rev. Gilbert concluded.

"That is the foundation of everything that would be great—the wisdom of Socrates in knowing that we do not know and the experience of the Woodman who knows the value of a heart."
Dr. Spencer G. Bradford, assistant dean for basic sciences and chairman of the department of physiology and pharmacology, recently announced the acquisition of a JEOL JSM 50A scanning electron microscope.

The scanning microscope is relatively new as a tool for the biologist and offers the advantage of a seemingly three-dimensional image of the specimen, as opposed to the cross-sectional view provided by the transmission scope. The new microscope along with its companion, the JEOL 100C transmission microscope, offers the most modern of facilities for the purposes of teaching and research.

The electron microscope differs from the traditional light microscope in that it offers a view of the ultrastructure of cells and their components. Instead of focusing light through a glass lens, an electron microscope focuses a beam of electrons through a magnetic field, and offers a much higher degree of magnification and resolution. PCOM’s transmission microscope has a resolving power of close to 1/100,000 micrometers.

The acquisition of the new equipment marks the completion of the electron microscopy suite, a facility located on the ground floor of Evans Hall. The area includes photographic facilities, a preparation room and laboratory space. Accessory equipment permits analysis of chemical elements in specimens and identification of particles of selected size and shape.

The inner portion of the suite is isolated from the main foundations of the building, so that it is free from vibrations and electromagnetic interference. It has been described by engineers as “one of the best locations in the city” for such a facility.

PCOM’s department of anatomy has already undertaken preparation of a large number of slides for teaching purposes, and most basic science departments anticipate use of this equipment in teaching programs. Many research activities are now possible and active use of the facility for diagnostic studies of patients is expected.

Although the facility is currently a division of the departments of physiology and pharmacology, it is intended for shared use by all departments and personnel. The pathology department has a particular interest in the new facility in that one of the most recent developments in diagnostic pathology is the use of the electron microscope for the study of tissue at the ultrastructural level.

Lolly Marchant, who received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan, has been appointed supervisor with faculty status. Ms. Marchant was formerly associated with the Franklin Institute.
They Remembered PCOM

PCOM will reap financial benefits from the wills of two friends of the College—one an alumna dedicated to her profession and the other, a member of the College board of directors, dedicated to the education of young people.

Dr. Agatha P. Crocker '31, Scarsdale, N. Y., who died in 1975, named PCOM as a beneficiary of a portion of her residuary estate after specific bequests. The estimated share to the College is approximately $25,000. The bequest is to benefit the Student Loan Fund without restrictions as to the use of principal or income.

Dr. Crocker, who was born in Osterville, Mass., became interested in osteopathic medicine as a teenager. She had worn a brace after her back was broken in a sledding accident until manipulative therapy treatments effected a complete cure. At PCOM, she was secretary of the class and one of four women to graduate in a class of 69 members. She maintained a general practice in Scarsdale until six years ago, when she entered a nursing home.

According to her patients, Dr. Crocker was a fine physician and an extraordinary diagnostician. Even when she was ill during the past few years, she practiced "arm-chair" osteopathic medicine, diagnosing and giving mild manipulative therapy treatments.

Scarsdale residents were fond of saying, "There was never a doctor like Crocker. She gave not only knowledge and care but also personal involvement and advice."

The second gift, $5,000, is from the estate of Dr. Earl R. Yeomans, who died in 1973. He served on PCOM's Board of Trustees from 1958 until his death in 1973 and as chairman of the board from 1959-1961. Dr. Yeomans was Temple University's athletic director for 25 years and also served as vice president of the University from 1957. His long and distinguished career was dedicated to the education and physical training of young people. After a stint as athletic director of Frankford High School following World War I, Dr. Yeomans became the first director of health and physical education in the Philadelphia public school system. Among many young men whom he met in those days was J. Ernest Leuzinger, a student at Temple.

Dr. Yeomans was a graduate of Temple, earning his B.A., M.A. and doctorate in education from that University. In 1954 when he was assistant to the president of Temple, Dr. Robert L. Johnson, he received the honorary degree of doctor of laws from PCOM. His interest in young people continued throughout his lifetime, and his advice and experience on the board of directors contributed significantly to the growth and development of the College.

PCOM is grateful to both of these dedicated friends, not only for their financial contributions, but also for their gifts of time and talent to the osteopathic profession.
Carol Henderson, D.O.

The editors of the DIGEST regret the omission of Carol Henderson, D.O., '72 from the list of faculty appointments featured in the last issue.

Dr. Henderson was appointed to the faculty of PCOM in the fall of 1974 as instructor in general practice and professional teaching supervisor at 20th Street Health Care Center. While at PCOM she was a member of the Student Council and of Delta Omega, women's osteopathic sorority, and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Henderson graduated first in her class at Cooper Hospital School of Nursing, where she received her R.N. in 1964. Upon graduation she received awards for academic achievement, for general clinical nursing arts and for the sub-specialty of medical nursing.

In 1968 she completed a bachelor of arts degree in pre-medical sciences from Rutgers University in Camden, N. J. Then in 1969 she entered PCOM.

"There were many reasons why I decided to go into medicine," Dr. Henderson recalls. "Nursing has a ceiling on it. Once you have a degree you are put in an administrative position, and that's not what I wanted. I wanted the responsibility of a physician—to initiate, not just to carry out orders."

While a student at PCOM she taught medical-surgical nursing at Cooper Hospital School of Nursing and for a year also taught zoology at Rutgers.

Dr. Henderson undertook a two-and-a-half year residency in internal medicine at Cooper Hospital and has been accepted at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School for further study.

Library Announces Microfilming Plans

Plans for in-house microfilming of records at PCOM are moving ahead under the guidance of Dr. Shanker H. Vyas, director of the library. Dr. Vyas expects to be able to accommodate various departments in the Hospital and College—in particular, the Hospital's medical records department and various administrative areas—by microfilming files and records now taking up precious space. Records can then be stored on film and retrieved when needed. Hardware for the project will include a microfilming camera, reader-printers, a duplicator, a jacket-filler and readers. Vincent G. Cruz, Jr., microfilming technician at Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital for the past two years, has been appointed supervisor and camera operator for the project.

Professional Director/Director of Medical Education Appointed At PCOM

James Powell, D.O., F.A.C.O.P., '55, of Pontiac, Michigan, has been appointed professional director and director of medical education of the Hospital of PCOM. The announcement was made by Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., president.

In addition to his responsibilities for patient care, Dr. Powell will supervise all educational activity at the Hospital as it relates to medical students, interns, residents and attending staff.

Dr. Powell is a graduate of the University of Scranton and PCOM. He interned at West Side Hospital, York, Pa. and served a two-year pediatric residency at the Hospitals of PCOM. He also received a master of science degree in pediatrics from the College and is board certified in pediatrics. He was formerly president of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians and now serves as chairman of the American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics.

Prior to his appointment at PCOM, Dr. Powell was chairman of the department of pediatrics at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, Pontiac, Michigan, where he also served as director of medical education since 1968. He was clinical professor of pediatrics at Michigan State University—College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSU/COM) and was also a member of the Council
of Affiliated Hospitals for MSU/COM.

Over the years Dr. Powell has been actively involved in a number of organizations and committees related to pediatrics and osteopathic medicine. He is a member of the Academy of Osteopathic Directors of Medical Education, the Joint Committee on Quality Assurance of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Quality Assurance in Ambulatory Health Care for Children and Youth) and of the committees on pediatrics and maternal and child health of the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

He serves as editorial consultant for the American Osteopathic Association and is associate editor in pediatrics for the Michigan Osteopathic Journal.

We apologize for the omission in the summer issue of the DIGEST of the promotion of James O. Brown, Ph.D. from lecturer to visiting professor in the department of anatomy.

Student Council President Installed

Jerry Littlefield '77, newly elected president of PCOM's Student Council, was installed in office at the Council Dinner Dance held on March 15 at Westover Country Club, Norristown, Pa. Prior to entering PCOM, Jerry spent nine years as an aerospace engineer with NASA, Houston, Texas. While there he designed and prepared for flight the “chest pack” life support system used by astronaut Ed White in the first U.S. spacewalk. Jerry is a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Houston, where he received a master’s degree in engineering.

Tim Young '76, who completed his term of office as president, presided at the installation. Tim taught chemistry at the United States Military Academy at West Point for two years before entering PCOM. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the Academy and a master’s degree in chemistry from Johns Hopkins University. During the past year he served as president of the National Osteopathic Council of Student Council Presidents.

The Student Council Christmas Show

A Rave Review

The setting was new—the sixth floor of Evans Hall—but the music, laughter, and standing-room-only were in the best traditions of PCOM. Coordinator Norman Vinn, second-year student, and a staff of production engineers and scenic designers deserve awards for their magical transformation of the OP&P Laboratory into an intimate theatre, complete with popcorn machine in the lobby—an addition thoughtfully supplied by the Student Wives Association.

An accomplished cast of first- and second-year students, student wives and faculty members performing skits of splendid nonsense and riotous ribaldry received rave reviews from all quarters. Satirical spoofs of faculty members, interns and residents sparked side-splitting roars throughout the show.

Among many notable performances were those of Ed Balaban, second-year, as a prospective PCOM student and as “Albert;” Sonya Somatic and the Dysfunctions, singing “What’s Your Pain?”; Art Maslow, second-year, and Dr. Robert Motsay, instructor, OP&P, for their Tenor Tunes and Dr. Nicholas Nicholas, chairman, department of OP&P, for skillful string picking on an electric bass guitar.

The foot-stomping, finger-snapping “Soul Train” finale provided a hilarious conclusion to an entertaining evening.
Jon Nicholson's daughter, Amy Lynn, was a fascinated spectator at the Student Council Christmas party.

The Student Council Christmas party for children of students and employees featured a puppet show and music by John Sherm (right), second year. Bob Lewis, second year (left) served as m.c.

OMT to music is demonstrated by second-year students (standing, l-r) Art Maslow, Carl Meyer and (prone, l-r) Andy Friedman and Allan Mayer.

First-year students presented a rousing skit, MISSION IMPOSSIBLE, in the Student Council Holiday Show. (L-r) Roman Bojewski, Dick Egoville, Lorraine Disipio and Al Scott. The supine thespian is David Baron.
Eli Stark, D.O. '51 (far left), president of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, met with newly elected officers of PCOM's student chapter of the college at a re-organizational meeting in February. The new officers are (l-r) Alan Scott (second from left), vice president; Philip Schumacher, secretary-treasurer and Ira Stark, president. At right is Dean England.

OPF Launched

Osteopathic physicians have always distinguished themselves from other professionals by their outlook toward giving. According to Harmon L. Myers, D.O., of Tucson, Arizona, D.O.s have traditionally chalked up one of the best records of giving of any professional group in the nations.

Because of this record, coordinators for this year's Osteopathic Progress Fund (OPF) are optimistic. The purpose of OPF is to raise funds to support the continued growth and improvement of the nation's nine osteopathic colleges. "We plan to ask all D.O.s to dig deep into their pockets to come up with the money we will need to provide for the operation of osteopathic schools this year," said Dr. Myers, 1975 OPF committee chairman.

With the establishment of two new colleges in Oklahoma and West Virginia, coupled with inflationary costs, the need for funds is even more vital. Tuition pays only a fraction of the cost of each school's operating budget, not to mention funds necessary to maintain a high teaching level. D.O.s, members of the Auxiliary and private donors will be asked to help provide the funds required to support osteopathic colleges nationwide. Contributors have the option of earmarking their pledge to any given school.

The theme for this year's fund is "heartbeat of osteopathic medicine." The season began in February, the "heart" month, and will conclude in June.

Says Morris Thompson, president of the National Osteopathic Foundation, "the Osteopathic Progress Fund is more than support-through-dues. Each physician's voluntary gift to the college or colleges of his choice represents a resource without which our schools could not fulfill their expected roles in the years ahead."
Ginny Ruberg, wife of second-year student Raymond, served as co-chairman of the Student Wives Holiday Bazaar. A variety of Christmas gifts, toys and plants were sold in the hospital lobby.

A FLAG FOR OVERMONT . . . The senior citizen's residence sponsored by PCOM, Overmont House, received a flag from the local Jewish War Veteran's Post. Presiding at ceremonies held in December were (l-r) Hon. George X. Schwarz, president of Philadelphia's City Council; Louis Caralis, resident of Overmont and chairman of the War Veteran's Post activities from its founding in 1935; Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr. and Commander Frank Sirulnick, commander of the post.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Members of the Pereira family of West Philadelphia (l-r), Henry, Pamela, Sam and Naomi, found Santa Claus (Frederick Struthers, third year) a good listener at the 48th Street Health Care Center Christmas party. All three Health Care Centers provided parties and gifts for members of their communities.

Holiday gifts, baked goods and raffle tickets were an important part of the Women's Guild Christmas Mini-bazaar held in Barth Pavilion. Above, Mrs. Ruth Diehl (center) and Mrs. Carmella D'Alonzo (right), Guild members, assist with raffle tickets.
ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT

The use of diagnostic ultrasound has fast become a valuable tool for the clinician and for the teacher of medicine. Because it can be applied in such a wide spectrum of areas—in obstetrics, cardiology, neurology and ophthalmology—its applications are predicted to equal or surpass those of x-ray diagnosis in many clinical settings within the next ten years.

PCOM has recently acquired two new ultrasound units for use in two departments at Barth Pavilion—in radiology and in the division of cardiology, department of internal medicine.

The department of radiology uses ultrasound in a number of capacities: in the examination of expectant mothers to determine fetal size, position of the placenta and gestational periods without danger of radiation and in the checking of patients with abdominal masses to detect the presence of a tumor, cyst or organomegaly. Suspected cysts and tumors can be accurately needle-biopsied with ultrasonic guidance. Also, accident victims with head injuries can be examined for possible hematoma. Instruments utilizing ultrasound provide technical information by sending out high-frequency sound waves. A single transducer acts as both emitter and receiver of the ultrasonic energy. As these waves travel through the body, they are reflected by interfaces between tissues with different acoustic properties. Reflected sound then returns to the transducer, where vibrations are reconverted to electrical signals that are then recorded on an oscilloscope.

The term “echocardiography” refers to the use of diagnostic ultrasound in clinical cardiology—a totally non-invasive technique. Echocardiography is used to diagnose such lesions as valve motion, leaflet thickness, orifice size, chamber size, septal thickness and pericardial effusion, to name some.

PCOM’s new echocardiography equipment is assembled on a mobile cart which includes apex cardiography, dual phonocardiography, conventional ECG and carotid pulse for the total non-invasive study of the patient. These instruments can be used at the bedside, in outpatient departments or in the hospital’s heart station. A strip chart recorder provides students at the college with permanent records of the various events in the cardiac cycle.

Patients, students and clinicians at PCOM can all benefit from the growing uses of ultrasound and other parameters in diagnostic medicine. And with a better understanding of its effects on human tissue, new therapeutic applications may eventually evolve.
DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

Dr. Sherman Leis '67 has been appointed to the Hospital’s surgical staff following the completion of a two-year fellowship in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Dr. Leis studied at Rolling Hill Hospital in Cheltenham, Pa. at the Hopital St. Louis in Paris; at the University of Lund Hospital in Malmo, Sweden and at the Hopital Foch/Clinique Belvedere in Paris with the internationally known reconstructive surgeon, Paul Tessier, M.D. He was also a faculty participant at two scientific meetings—the Swedish Society of Plastic Surgery’s Annual Congress in Malmo and the Congress of the French Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Paris.

Dr. Leis is a graduate of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, and PCOM. He interned at Zeiger-Botsford Hospitals and completed a residency in general surgery at Metropolitan Hospital and Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. He is board eligible in both general and in plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Dr. Robert Erwin, chairman of the department of surgery, delivered a paper on the management of the perforated duodenal ulcer at a program on the peptic ulcer at Ohio State University in February. Attending the conference was Dr. David Arsht, newly appointed resident in general surgery at the Hospital. Dr. Arsht is a graduate of Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed an internship at Metropolitan Hospital and spent one year in general surgery at Cherry Hill Medical Center.
WILLIAM S. SPAETH, D.O.

William Spaeth, D.O., has received well deserved praise and honor from his profession, his medical college, his colleagues, his students and his patients.

Probably the honor that means the most to him is the title that he earned 50 years ago—the one to which he continues to dedicate a lifetime of service—doctor of osteopathic medicine. He lives it, practices it, teaches it and loves it.

"Osteopathic medicine works. I know," said PCOM’s emeritus chairman of the department of pediatrics in a recent interview for the DIGEST.

"In the days before antibiotics," he continued, "I pulled many a pneumonia case through with supportive treatment. I firmly believe in Dr. A. T. Still’s philosophy that God would not have made such a wonderful system—the body—without having included its own protection against disease. What we as osteopathic physicians do is help the body help itself."

Dr. Spaeth had a dramatic motivation to enter the osteopathic profession. Stricken with polio at the age of 17 and with influenza the next year, he credits his recovery from both diseases to the skill of Wesley Dunnington, D.O., of Philadelphia.

"Having been brought through both those diseases by an osteopathic physician—I didn’t take any medicine either—it was all treatment—I had a good reason to become an osteopathic physician."

After his graduation from PCOM, Dr. Spaeth went into general practice first with Dr. Dunnington and later into his own practice in Drexel Hill, where three generations of his patients revere him as a pediatrician, general practitioner and friend.

The year he graduated was also the year that Dr. Edgar O. Holden, who taught pediatrics at PCOM, became dean of the college. Speaking to the students at the Founders Day convocation, Dr. Spaeth told of Dean Holden’s request to Dr. Ruth Tinley, Dr. Mildred Fox and himself to start a pediatric department at PCOM.

"I had always been interested in pediatrics," Dr. Spaeth said, "and I always liked children, so it was a pleasant challenge.

"The request was also good since it required immediate organizing of preceptorships, post graduate courses and finally residencies in pediatrics. Dr. Samuel Caruso (now chairman of Pediatrics at PCOM) was my first resident and a good one."

Not only was Dr. Spaeth instrumental in building PCOM’s pediatric department, but he rose to department chairman in 1945, a post he served until his retirement in 1971. During this time he continued his general practice and served at the clinic (18th and Spring Garden Streets) three days a week. (Today his "retirement" includes five lectures at the College, physical examinations of newborns in the Hospital, clinic hours at the 48th Street Health Care Center and his practice.)

The College’s first postgraduate course in pediatrics as organized by Dr. Spaeth was a total pediatric curriculum utilizing two pediatricians, Dr Leo C. Wagner and Dr. F. Munro Purse, in giving a broad-based pediatric education to osteopathic G.P.’s. In addition Dr. Spaeth arranged for sub-specialists to lecture—such distinguished physicians as Dr. James Madison Eaton for orthopedics; Dr. Edwin Cressman, dermatology; Dr. H. Willard Sterrett, Sr., urology; Dr. Harold Bruner, allergy; Dr. H. Walter Evans, ob/gyn; Dr. Paul Lloyd, radiology and Dr. Joseph Py for bacteriology. Alumni
from miles around Philadelphia attended the programs.

An activist in national osteopathic pediatric circles, Bill Spaeth became a charter member of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians when the teaching staffs of osteopathic colleges were invited to form the nucleus of that organization in 1940. Along with other members of the ACOP, he worked tirelessly to organize preceptorships, postgraduate courses and finally residencies in pediatrics.

He has been called the "father of osteopathic pediatrics," since it was his work and the work of his first residents that gave impetus to osteopathic pediatrics. At an ACOP banquet some years ago, Bill Spaeth's residents and the pediatricians who had been trained by those residents were asked to stand. Those who stood represented a majority of the osteopathic pediatricians in the eastern United States.

His students recall Dr. Spaeth as a sincere and dedicated teacher, mature and knowledgeable. Said one,

"He was an involved and understanding teacher who tried to support all young pediatricians. He always gave us an example of a physician sincerely concerned about his patients."

His colleagues recall Bill Spaeth as an extremely conscientious man doing his very best at all times. In the words of one, "his decisions were based on what was best for the patient, best for the depart-

ment and best for the College. He was always helpful and always a good friend."

Bill Spaeth never sought honors or offices. His dedication was to his work and to the college where he taught what he knew to others. But honors came to him.

In 1945 he received a plaque from the American College of Osteopathic Physicians; in 1951 he was elected a fellow of the ACOP; in 1956 he received PCOM's Alumni Association's certificate of honor for "distinguished service and loyal devotion rendered in the welfare and upbuilding of PCOM; for faithful service, integrity and untiring efforts in teaching and imparting osteopathic knowledge for the advancement of osteopathic pediatrics."

Maternal and Child Health Journal honored him with the Distinguished Pediatrician Award, the national pediatric college (ACOP) requested him to deliver the James M. Watson Memorial Lecture in 1960; and in 1975, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine presented Bill Spaeth with its highest award, the O. J. Snyder Memorial Medal.

It was typical of the distinguished physician that he accepted the award "in all humility."
Dr. Philip M. Lessig, emeritus professor in internal medicine, delivered two papers to the American College of Osteopathic Proctologists at the recent AOA convention. They were entitled “Man's G. I. Guests—Friend or Foe?” and “Relationship of Microbiological Organisms to the Colon, Rectum and Anus.” Dr. Lessig is administrative head of the heart station and co-chairman of the sub-division of gastro-intestinal diseases at Metropolitan Hospital. He is also a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists, a member of the American Physicians’ Fellowship and the National Osteopathic Board of Examiners.

Dr. Nicholas S. Nicholas, professor and chairman of the department of osteopathic principles and practice, authored a new text—Atlas of Osteopathic Techniques—which was reviewed in the February issue of the D.O. by editor George W. Northup, D.O.

In the review Dr. Northup said, “Any physician interested in reviewing some things he already knows and seeing some things that he hasn’t observed will find this book a useful addition to his library. In my opinion it is one of the best books on osteopathic manipulative technique to be published in recent years.”

Dr. Northup also praised the quality of photography and graphics, for which Walt Webb, photographer in the department of educational communications, and Don Hulmes, chairman of the department, can accept credit.

Dr. M. H. F. Friedman, visiting professor of physiology, gave a seminar on “Entero-enteric and Entero-visceral Reflexes” at Michigan State University in February.

Dr. Friedman also participated in faculty discussions on the role of physiology in research in osteopathic medicine and the education of the osteopathic physician.

Dr. Dale M. Steventon, associate professor of pathology, has been elected chairman of the Miller Memorial Blood Center in Bethlehem, Pa. Dr. Steventon, a native of Allentown, has been chairman of the department of pathology at Allentown Osteopathic Hospital since 1966.

Dr. Marvin L. Rosner, assistant professor of internal medicine, has been appointed a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists. Dr. Rosner is director of the cardiac care unit at Metropolitan Hospital and has served as chief of the hospital’s medical staff.

Dr. Jerome A. Greenspan, associate in proctology, has been awarded a fellowship by the American Osteopathic College of Proctology. Dr. Greenspan is proctologist for the Philadelphia Police and Firemen’s Medical Association and the Health Center of the International Ladies’ Garment Workers Union. Dr. Greenspan also maintains a private practice in proctology.

Dr. Dominic J. Salerno, lecturer in orthopedic surgery, has been reelected chief of the medical staff of Tri-County Hospital, where he also serves as chairman of the department of orthopedics. Dr. Salerno completed two residency programs at PCOM—one in general surgery and one in orthopedic surgery.

Dr. Ronald R. Ganelli, instructor in surgery, has been elected vice president of the Philadelphia County Osteopathic Medical Society and delegate to the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association.

Dr. Anita H. Atkins, assistant in the department of obstetrics and gynecology, directs a free female cancer screening program at Girard Medical Center and recently gave a lecture on breast cancer to the Norristown Unit of the American Cancer Society. Dr. Atkins is chairman of the department of ob/gyn at Suburban General Hospital and at Metropolitan Hospital.

Dr. Marvin E. Blumberg, assistant professor in osteopathic principles and practice, has been appointed chairman of the committee on osteopathic principles at Metropolitan Hospital, where he also serves as a member of the departments of general practice and rehabilitation medicine.

Dr. Thomas M. Rowland Jr., president, was among nine prominent Americans honored for distinguished achievement by Philadelphia’s Golden Slipper Club at their annual achievement awards dinner. The club is a philanthropic organization which conducts varied programs for children, older citizens and needy families.

In March Dr. Rowland joined members of Philadelphia’s Welsh Society to commemorate St. David’s Day at the group’s 247th annual reception and dinner. Established in Philadelphia in 1729, the society is the oldest in continuous existence in the United States. Dr. Rowland now serves as vice president and will become president during the Bicentennial year.
1924
George L. Lewis, Allentown, Pa.—retired from practice after a 27-year career as anesthesiologist with Allentown Osteopathic Hospital. He and his wife Elizabeth will reside in Ocala, Florida.

1926
William B. Strong, New York, N. Y.—delivered the Memorial Lecture at the 1974 meeting of the American College of Osteopathic Internists in Atlanta, Georgia. In it Dr. Strong traced the evolution of various schools of medicine, with particular examination of the heritage of osteopathic medicine. Dr. Strong was awarded a commemorative scroll for presentation of the lecture.

1927
J. McA. Ulrich, Camp Hill, Pa.—returned to general practice following retirement as radiologist at Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg.

1928
Ivan F. Bixby, Athens, Pa.—missed PCOM's 75th anniversary dinner but is happy to hear news in the DIGEST about his fellow classmates. Although Dr. Bixby is partially blind, he still maintains a part-time practice in Athens.

1929
Benjamin Gross, Cherry Hill, N. J.—named osteopathic proctologist of 1974 by the American Osteopathic College of Proctology at its annual meeting in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Gross is a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Proctologists and is a past president of the College of Proctology and the Eastern States Osteopathic College of Proctology. He co-founded the Camden Osteopathic Clinic in 1929 and has authored several articles on proctology. He now serves as attending proctologist at the Cherry Hill Medical Center.

1933
F. Munro Purse, Wynnewood, Pa.—district governor nominee of Rotary International, and his wife are the hosts for Catherine Peacock, an American Indian from the Laguna reservation in Casa Blanca, New Mexico, who was a recipient of a scholarship from Rotary International. Ms. Peacock, 19, who is enrolled in a two-year nursing program at Gwynedd-Mercy College in Gwynedd Valley, Pa., is one of the first American Indians to receive a scholarship from the Rotary.

1935
A. A. Golden, Wilmington, Del.—will present a paper before the tenth International Congress of Gerontology this June in Jerusalem. The paper is entitled "Geriatric Anesthesia: A Clinical Study of 294 Patients 70 Years and Older Undergoing Anesthesia." Dr. Golden served as a volunteer anesthesiologist at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem during April and May of 1973. This will be his sixth trip to Israel.

Dr. Golden was chairman of the medical staff and director of medical education at Riverside Hospital in Wilmington until 1973. He now serves as chairman of the department of anesthesia at the hospital. He has authored many articles relating to anesthesia and the osteopathic profession.

1936
Robert M. Warden, Stratford, N. J.—elected vice president of the medical staff of John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital. Dr. Warden is a diplomate and fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

1937
D. J. Aveni, Cleveland, Ohio—elected to the executive committee of Richmond Heights General Hospital in Cleveland. Dr. Aveni is director of medical education at the hospital.

1938
Antonio A. Vergara, Manila, Philippines—elected president of the newly formed Sports Medicine Association of the Philippines. Dr. Vergara also served as host physician at the 28th annual world weightlifting championships and the annual world medical seminar on weightlifting in Manila.

1939
Bruce C. Tompkins, Garden City, Mich.—retired from his private practice in anesthesiology and is now resident staff physician at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

1942
Norman Walter Arends, Grand Blanc, Mich.—is associate pathologist at Flint Osteopathic Hospital, member of the faculty at Flint Osteopathic Hospital School of Medical Technology and clinical professor in the department of...
osteopathic medicine at the College of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University. Dr. Arends is a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Pathologists.

Daniel B. Bond, Eugene, Ore. — recently completed a term as the only D.O. on the Oregon State Board of Health. Dr. Bond now serves as secretary of the Oregon Foundation for Medical Care, the parent body to implement P.S.R.O. in the state of Oregon for 4100 M.D.'s and D.O.'s. He is also secretary of the Greater Performance Standards Review Organization for the state.

Ronald A. Mertens, Jamaica Plain, Mass.—appointed chairman of the department of surgery at Huntington General Hospital.

1945
Leonard R. Becker, Schwenksville, Pa.—named to the board of directors of Suburban General Hospital in Norristown. Dr. Becker is chairman of the department of anesthesiology at the hospital; chief of the division of anesthesiology at Metropitan Hospital, Philadelphia and visiting anesthesiologist at Delaware Valley Hospital in Bristol, Pa. and Lawnsdale Hospital, Philadelphia. He is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Anesthesiology.

Gerard C. Shaw, Glen Rock, N. Y.—elected a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists. Dr. Shaw is director of medical education and chairman of the department of internal medicine at Saddle Brook Hospital.

1946
W. Roland Disinger, Cleveland, Ohio—elected to the executive committee of Richmond Heights General Hospital in Cleveland. Dr. Disinger is chairman of the department of internal medicine at the hospital.

1947
Philip Shtasel, Philadelphia, Pa.—elected a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology. Dr. Shtasel is director of the division of nuclear medicine in the department of radiology at Metropolitan Hospital in Philadelphia. He is certified in radiology by the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology and in nuclear medicine by the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. Dr. Shtasel is a member of the board of governors of the Greater New York Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and of the American College of Nuclear Physicians.

1950
Grace H. Kaiser, New Holland, Pa.—elected president of the medical staff of Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. Dr. Kaiser has been a member of the hospital staff for the past 23 years and serves in the department of obstetrics and gynecology.

1951
Jay R. Miller, York, Pa.—elected a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology. A former president and member of the board of directors of the national college, Dr. Miller also holds membership in the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology. He is chairman of the department of radiology at Memorial Osteopathic Hospital in York, chairman of the hospital's utilization committee and former staff chairman.

1954
Robert B. Davies, Indiana, Pa.—appointed staff physician at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and team physician for varsity sports. Dr. Davies had maintained a private practice in Kutztown, Pa.

1955
Jay A. Style, Philadelphia, Pa.—appointed acting chairman of the department of general practice at Metropolitan Hospital. Dr. Style is chairman of the hospital's credentials committee and formerly served as vice chairman of the department of general practice.

1956
Julius R. Glover, Cleveland, Ohio—elected chief of the medical staff for a second term at Richmond Heights General Hospital, Cleveland. Dr. Glover, who has been a member of the hospital staff since 1970, is chairman of the department of obstetrics and serves on the liaison, credentials and nominating, infection control and utilization committees.

1957
Robert S. Bear, Harrisburg, Pa.—appointed medical director and director of medical education at Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg. Dr. Bear is past president of the hospital's medical staff.

1958
Francis E. Davis, York, Pa.—joined the staff of Memorial Osteopathic Hospital as associate pathologist. Prior to a three-year residency in pathology at Memorial Osteopathic, Dr. Davis had maintained a general practice in Miami, Florida for 13 years.

Wayne R. English, Fort Worth, Tex.—spoke on osteopathic concepts in rehabilitation medicine during the 76th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association held in Dallas this May. Dr. English maintains a practice in rehabilitation medicine in Fort Worth and is on the faculty of TCOM. He is a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Rehabilitation Medicine.

1959
William A. Anderson, Togus, Me.—left his private practice to work in the outpatient services department of the V.A. Hospital in suburban Augusta (Maine). Dr. Anderson is the first D.O. to be employed by the hospital.

1960
Frank J. Marruchello, Cherry Hill, N. J.—elected treasurer of the medical staff of John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital. Dr. Marruchello is a member of the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists.

David Rosenthal, Philadelphia, Pa.—appointed assistant medical director for clinical services at Moss Rehabilitation Hospital. Dr. Rosenthal is affiliated with Albert Einstein Medical Center, Northern Division; Frankford Hospital and Temple University Hospital.

Raymond J. Saloom, Harrisville, Pa.—re-elected a member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Medical Care Foundation, the organization which acts as a PSRO support center for the state. He also is a member of the foundation's executive committee. The Harrisville general practitioner is a member of the POMA board of trustees and executive committee. He is also consultant to the POMA committee on hospital peer utilization review and is active on committees at the AOA level.
1962
James H. Black, Pensacola, Fla.—enrolled in the student flight surgeon program at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola. Prior to his enrollment, Dr. Black practiced anesthesiology in Fort Worth, Texas.

Lawrence Nessman, Wayne, N. J.—elected president of the Passaic County Osteopathic Medical Society.

1963
Ethel D. Allen, Philadelphia, Pa.—named by President Ford to the 33-member National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year 1975. Dr. Allen, a member of Philadelphia's City Council since 1972, also received the Philadelphia Tribune's Charities Community Service Award as a "tribute to her efforts in dealing with the political, social and economic needs of the community."

Dr. Allen appears frequently on radio and television programs in Philadelphia in connection with such topics as women's rights, politics, prison reform, drug abuse and the black community. She is a member of the Mayor's Committee on Emergency Health Care Services, the Community Committee on Medical School Admission and is a medical advisor for the Yancy (Yank) Durham National Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation. She sponsored legislation that created the Youth Services Commission, designed to work directly on the city's youth gang problems, and also helped organize a drug rehabilitation program in North Philadelphia to deal with the city's burgeoning epidemic of narcotics abuse.

Robert G. Binder, Voorhees Township, N. J.—elected chief of the medical staff of John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Stratford, N. J. Dr. Binder is a diplomate of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.

1966
John T. Barbagiovanni, Marlton, N. J.—elected secretary of the medical staff of John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital. Dr. Barbagiovanni is a member of the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists.

Seymour S. Kilstein, Lancaster, Pa.—operated on two Lancaster county women recently to implant bladder pacemakers. According to Dr. Kilstein, urologic surgeon at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital, "These were the first such implants in the state. There have been only 97 in the entire country. The first was implanted in a young man at the Mayo Clinic about six years ago, and it's still working well." Dr. Kilstein completed a three-year residency in general surgery at Lancaster Osteopathic and served a two-year fellowship in urology and urologic surgery at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. He has lectured on urologic problems at meetings of the Philadelphia Urologic Society and the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, of which he is a member.

1967
Earl U. Bachenberg, Tulsa, Okla.—appointed part-time clinical associate professor at Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. Dr. Bachenberg was among 30 osteopathic physicians recently appointed to the faculty of the Oklahoma college.

1968
David O. Boyer, Hellertown, Pa.—appointed to the staff of St. Luke's Hospital in Allentown, Pa. in the department of general practice.

John Trzesniowski, Philadelphia, Pa.—joined the medical staff at St. Mary Hospital at Frankford Avenue and Palmer Street, Philadelphia.

1969
Frederick L. Cole Jr., Cherry Hill, N. J.—appointed to the medical staff of Elizabethtown Hospital for Children and Youth, Elizabethtown, Pa.

William J. Saks Jr., Allentown, Pa.—completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecological surgery at Allentown Osteopathic Hospital and has joined Drs. Frank Weaver and Gene W. Miller '67 in their ob/gyn practice in Allentown.

John G. Shutack, Lehighton, Pa.—opened a practice in pediatrics in Lehighton with Charles F. Smith, M.D. Dr. Shutack was chief resident in pediatrics from 1972 to 1973 at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and was honored with a fellowship in pediatric allergy at Thomas Jefferson Medical College from 1973 to 1974.

1970
Louis C. Haenel, Stratford, N. J.—appointed to the medical staff of John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital as endocrinologist. Dr. Haenel served a residency in internal medicine at the hospital and was also a fellow at Hahnemann Hospital.

Joel J. Rock, Pittsburgh, Pa.—is serving a two-year fellowship in critical care medicine at the University of Pittsburgh.

Edward A. Spoll, Easton, Pa.—serves as the only D.O. on the Watkins Glen Race Medical Team.

1971
Fred R. Bailor, Jr., Williamsburg, Va.—has opened a private practice in Williamsburg. Dr. Bailor was employed as a full-time physician in the emergency room of Flint General Hospital, Flint, Michigan, for over two years prior to his move.


1972
David L. Berndt and Larry I. Gilderman, Hollywood, Fla.—opened a family practice in Hollywood. Both physicians are on the staff of Community Hospital of South Broward, Florida, where they serve in the emergency room.


1973
Donald A. Krachman, Cherry Hill, N. J., Robert J. Labaczewski and Dominic J. Laganella, Turnersville, N. J. — appointed to the medical staff of John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital in the department of general practice.

Joseph A. LaCavera Jr., Elmer, N. J.—completed an internship at Osteopathic General Hospital in North Miami Beach, Florida.
Residencies

News of the following residencies was sent to the DIGEST to be used in Alumni News Briefs; however, for your convenience the editors have incorporated this information in this section.

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Radiology
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Kerwin H. Seiden
Anesthesiology

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Milton L. Bluitt
Psychiatry

Russell Griesback, Jr.
Pulmonary Diseases
(fellowship)

Class of 1968
Norman M. Kopman
Pulmonary Diseases
(fellowship)

John F. Schmeizer
Dermatology

Class of 1969
Reuben L. Alexander
Surgery

Bernard A. Bronczyk
Pathology

Calvin M. Dubrow
Ophthalmology
(fellowship)

Edward M. Silverman
Surgery

Class of 1970
David H. Ahner
Psychiatry

Class of 1971
David C. DePutron, Jr.
Internal Medicine

Dr. DePutron plans to begin private practice in July '75 with further training in hematology to follow.

Gerard M. Papp
Orthopedics
(3rd year)

John J. Pulich, Jr.
Radiology
(3rd year)

Darryl A. Robbins
Pediatrics

Gerald F. Robbins
Neurology

Paul W. Sauer
Cardiovascular Diseases

Class of 1972
Stanley J. Borden
Ophthalmology

Dr. Borden has completed a residency in general practice.

Stephen L. Burnstein
Internal Medicine
(2nd year)

John C. Carlson
Obstetrics and Gynecology

William J. Croft
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Raymond L. Fuller, Jr.
Internal Medicine
(2nd year)

Roy L. Gorin
Orthopedics
(2nd year)

Danny Jacobs
Psychiatry

Lawrence D. Kramer
Family Practice

Francis E. Meyers
Family Practice

Richard S. Rissmiller
Pediatrics

Class of 1973
Claude B. Amarnick
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(1st year)

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Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital
Lancaster, Pa.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Cincinnati, Ohio

Botsford General Hospital
Farmington, Mich.

University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia General Hospital
Philadephia, Pa.

Flint Osteopathic Hospital
Flint, Mich.

Nassau County Medical Center
East Meadow, N. Y.

Wilson Medical Center
Wilmington, Del.

J. F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital
Stratford, N. J.

Metropolitan Hospital
Phila., Pa.

Memorial Osteopathic Hospital
York, Pa.

Philadelphia State Hospital
Phila., Pa.

U.S. Naval Hospital
Coronado, Calif.

St. Margaret's Memorial Hospital
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
Phila., Pa.

U.C.L.A.-V.A. Hospitals
Los Angeles, Calif.

Queens Hospital Center
Jamaica, N. Y.

Brentwood Hospital
Cleveland, Ohio
RESIDENCIES Continued

David P. Chernicoff  
*Internal Medicine*  
(1st year)

Robert C. Erwin, Jr.  
*Surgery*

Alan A. Fantauzzo  
*Family Medicine*  
(2nd year)

Community General Osteopathic Hospital  
Harrisburg, Pa.

Brentwood Hospital  
Cleveland, Ohio

Southside Hospital  
Bay Shore, N.Y.

Dr. Fantauzzo's residency is sponsored by the State University of New York at Stony Brook College of Medicine. He is the first D.O. accepted for the residency as well as the first to join the staff at Southside Hospital.

Harry L. Faust, Jr.  
*Psychiatry*  
(1st year)

Barry M. Krein  
*Internal Medicine*

Bruce R. Piccone  
*Internal Medicine*

Arthur S. Platt  
*Psychiatry*

John Sealy Hospital  
Galveston, Tex.

Interboro General Hospital  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Graduate Hospital of the University of Penna.  
Phila., Pa.

Roosevelt Hospital  
New York, N.Y.

Ellen M. Platt  
*Psychiatry*

Donald J. Schnapf  
*Radiology*  
(1st year)

Michael J. Slavin  
*Internal Medicine*  
(1st year)

John S. Stevens, Jr.  
*Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
(1st year)

Class of 1974

Anthony Benedetto  
*Dermatology*  
(beginning July 1)

Marshall James Gerrie, Jr.  
*Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
(beginning July 1)

Roosevelt Hospital  
New York, N.Y.

Tri-County Hospital  
Springfield, Pa.

Metropolitan Hospital  
Phila., Pa.

Allentown Osteopathic Hospital  
Allentown, Pa.

Cleveland Clinic  
Cleveland, Ohio

Naval Regional Medical Center  
Phila., Pa.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Joseph F. Py, '26, emeritus professor and chairman of the department of microbiology and public health at PCOM, died Feb. 26 at Barth Pavilion Hospital. He was 80.

Dr. Py had maintained a general practice in Roxborough, Pa. for more than 40 years. A special relationship existed between him and his patients—a relationship built upon his concern for their problems and their respect for him as a physician and as a man of the people. Joseph Py became interested in medicine after the death of his first wife in childbirth and earned his tuition at PCOM by working nights in a steel mill.

After graduation in 1926, Dr. Py was appointed to the faculty as clinical assistant in bacteriology. In 1932 he was appointed professor and chairman of the department of microbiology and public health, a position he held until his retirement. During World War II, he headed the war medicine and bacteriology department at PCOM. From 1950 to 1959 he served as a member of the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

During his 46 years as a member of the faculty, Dr. Py served as an effective and understanding teacher known for his ability to help student physicians apply what they learned to careful and sympathetic patient care. Added to the quality of his teaching and the practicality of his observations was a sense of humor that endeared him to all. PCOM's history, as written by Cy Peterman, notes, "Dr. Py's earthy, homespun style enchanted his students, so
IN MEMORIAM

that his classes were usually high in percentage of attendance.”

PCOM honored Dr. Py last year in ceremonies unveiling his portrait at the annual faculty-staff dinner-dance. The portrait hangs in Evans Hall, along with portraits of distinguished professors and leaders in osteopathic medicine.

Previous honors conferred upon Dr. Py by his college were the Lindback Award for distinguished teaching in 1969 and in 1971 PCOM’s highest award, the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal for leadership and service.

His memberships included the American and Pennsylvania Public Health Associations, the American and Pennsylvania Societies of Bacteriology, the American and Pennsylvania Osteopathic Associations.

Miss Jean Hall, former administrator of the hospitals of PCOM died Jan. 19 at Hershey Medical Center. She was 83.

A gracious lady and one of PCOM’s most faithful colleagues, Miss Hall served in many administrative capacities for more than 20 years. She entered PCOM as office manager in 1948 and was appointed acting superintendent of the 48th Street hospital in 1949. From then on she touched many areas of PCOM’s operation with her knowledge and competence.

In addition to handling the administration of the 48th Street hospital, she served as administrator of the hospital at 20th and Susquehanna Avenue, as purchasing agent when this department was established in the administration building in 1958 and as manager of the business office on several occasions.

She retired three times and each time was called back into service whenever there was a need. The “superintendent,” as she was called in respectful banter, returned each time—in 1967 as assistant to the vice president; in 1968 as acting administrator at 48th Street and in 1970, in the medical records department.

Miss Hall was a native of Blossburg, Tioga County, Pa. and a graduate of State Teachers College, Mansfield. She came to PCOM with 20 years’ experience in the hospital field, 10 years at the Pottsville Hospital, first as executive housekeeper and then as purchasing agent, and 10 years at locust Mountain Hospital, Shenandoah, Pa. as office manager and as superintendent.

She was universally respected for her knowledge of every aspect of hospital work and for her administrative abilities. And her dry wit and gracious manner endeared her to everyone. As one employee said,

“She was the nicest person I ever knew.”

Dr. John A. Kelly, ’24, Paoli, Pa., died March 2 at the age of 73. Dr. Kelly retired last year after 48 years of practice in Paoli. He was a former vice president of the Tredyffrin-Easttown Board of School Directors and a former president of the Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn Rotary Club. Surviving are his wife, the former Anne Simon; a son, Dr. John A., Jr., ’59; a daughter, Mrs. Susann Kurz, and five grandchildren.

Dr. A. Lloyd Reid, ’25, Summit, N. J., died on February 1 at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York, at the age of 73. Dr. Reid was on the medical staffs of West Essex General Hospital and the Newark Eye and Ear Hospital. There are no immediate survivors.

Dr. Robert D. Anderson, ’30, Philadelphia, Pa., died on February 17 at his home. He was 72. Dr. Anderson was long active in Germantown and West Mount Airy community affairs. He was also former president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association and a former trustee of the American Osteopathic Association. Surviving are his wife, the former Eileen Maffett; a daughter; a sister and two grandchildren.

Dr. C. Tyler Holbrook, ’32, East Haven, Conn., died on January 7 in Emerson Hospital, Concord, Mass. He was 75. Dr. Holbrook has maintained a practice in East Haven for more than 40 years. He was a member of the American Academy of Osteopathy and was a World War I veteran, serving in the Army. He is survived by his wife, Claudia Marcoullier Holbook, a brother and two nieces.

Mrs. Charles E. Flack, Levittown, Pa., R.N., a graduate of PCOM’s School of Nursing, died recently in Mexico City while attending a medical convention with her husband, Dr. Charles B. Flack ’44. She was 51.

Mrs. Flack, the former Rita Swift, graduated from the School of Nursing at 48th Street in 1945 and did postgraduate work in obstetrics at Chicago Lying-In Hospital. She was a board member of the Delaware Valley Hospital in Bristol, Pa. and a past president of the Women’s Auxiliary at the hospital.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are four sons, three daughters, her mother, two sisters and three grandchildren.
PCOM ALUMNI!

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Thank you!

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Reunions for classes of:
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All class reunions start at 4 p.m.,
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FRIDAY, MAY 30 — ALUMNI DINNER DANCE—6:30 p.m. cocktails (cash bar); 7:30 p.m. dinner
($40.00 per couple—dress optional)

SATURDAY — MAY 31 — GENERAL ALUMNI MEETING AND LUNCHEON — 12:30 p.m., ($7.00 per person—
husbands and wives of alumni are invited)

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 — COMMENCEMENT — 3 p.m., Academy of Music, Broad and Locust Streets

PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS—EVANS HALL—MODERN ADVANCES IN THERAPY FOR THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER

Program Chairman: Marvin L. Rosner, D.O., F.A.C.O.I., assistant professor of Internal Medicine
Ralph Tomei, D.O., chairman, Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism and assistant professor of
Internal Medicine

Room numbers for the seminars will be assigned upon registration

Thursday, May 29 — Entire Day
12:00 to 2:00 P.M. — Rheumatology — Alfred DePiero, D.O., acting chairman, Division of
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Friday, May 30 — 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. — Registration
8:45 to 9:00 a.m. — Welcome — Alfred Grilli, D.O., president-elect, Alumni Association
and Dr. Rosner
9:00 to 10:00 a.m. — Pediatrics — Joseph Dieterie, D.O., assistant professor of Pediatrics
10:00 to 11:00 a.m. — Obstetrics and Gynecology — Farlain L. Denlinger, D.O., chairman and professor of
Ob/Gyn
11:00 to 12:00 Noon — Osteopathic Principles — Nicholas S. Nicholas, D.O., F.A.A.O., chairman and pro-
fessor, Osteopathic Principles and Practices
12:00 to 2:00 P.M. — Luncheon — (Cafeteria—Evans Hall)
2:00 to 3:00 P.M. — Neurosurgery — William Sitzell, D.O., instructor in Neurological Surgery
3:00 to 4:00 P.M. — Anesthesiology — Isadore Lieberman, D.O., chairman and professor of
Anesthesiology
4:00 to 5:00 P.M. — Hyperalimentation — James Harris, D.O., lecturer in Surgery and surgeon
for the Health Care Centers

Saturday, May 31 — 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. — Infectious Disease — William H. Dickerson, D.O., F.A.C.O.I., chairman and
professor of Internal Medicine
10:00 to 11:00 A.M. — Cardiology — Marvin L. Rosner, D.O., F.A.C.O.I., assistant professor of
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11:00 to 12:00 Noon — Immunology — Edmund T. Carroll, D.O., Professional Staff, Internal Medicine
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