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The Cover
The slogan for PCOM’s Second Annual Growth Fund is “Help Us Get It All Together.” Through the acquisition of 4190, a five-story office building located next to Evans Hall, PCOM plans to move the rest of the College from 48th Street and finally “Get It All Together” on City Line Campus.

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The President's Page

"We need you to help us get it all together."

Tom Rowland
We're Expanding

PCOM is expanding. In August the College purchased a five-story office building known as 4190 City Avenue and located next door to Evans Hall. As soon as possible, office, administrative and laboratory functions will be moved into the building to alleviate many existing space problems.

In 1957 when the College purchased 16 acres of land at City Avenue and Monument Road, there seemed to be plenty of room for expansion. But twenty years later the space had run out. The walls of the three buildings at City Avenue bulged, and two departments (anatomy and physiological chemistry) were still at 48th Street.

Twenty years has brought to PCOM increasing numbers of students, an enlarged faculty, expanded patient services, more and better technological equipment, more departments, more divisions, more personnel and a space problem.

The purchase price of 4190 was $2,225 million, but according to a spokesman for the builder, "that building is worth $5 million at least." "4190" was originally constructed in 1973 and was designed as an office building. But due to its location on the "Philadelphia wage tax" side of City Avenue, it stood nearly empty for four years. In order to purchase and renovate 4190, PCOM borrowed $4 million from the Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority to be repaid over a long term.

The purchase will not only help ease the space problem but will enable the College to consolidate its campus. The two departments at 48th Street will be transferred to City Avenue and consideration is being given to selling the 48th Street building. Because of the need for health care in that area, the College expects to continue to maintain its health care center at another location in the neighborhood.

The 4190 building is made of steel-reinforced concrete with tinted glass window walls. Each of the floors above the first contains approximately 30,000 square feet, and will provide PCOM with a total of 120,000 square feet of space. The frontage on City Avenue will increase by 200 feet. Present plans call for the building to house research laboratories, classrooms, faculty offices, physicians' outpatient offices, locker areas, conference rooms, a print shop, the data processing office and the departments of financial affairs, purchasing and personnel.

The architectural firm of Harbeson, Hough, Livingston & Larson is currently planning the interior design and space moves.

With PCOM's new building came one tenant with a 20-year lease, a popular Philadelphia discotheque, "Fran O'Brien's". For a while the College thought it might be the only medical college with its own disco. However a trip to Kirksville, MO, by one of the editors, turned up the fact that KCOM also has a watering spot, smack in between its divided campuses. For the Guinness Book of Records, PCOM probably has an edge, since our disco is housed in a building on campus.

Next to 4190, PCOM's new building, Tabas Enterprises has renovated the former Presidential Ford building to create the City Line Dinner Theater. (The editors recommend both the fare and entertainment to visiting alumni and friends.) At the suggestion of Daniel Tabas, president of TE, PCOM and the dinner theater share parking lots on a reciprocal basis. The College has the use of the large parking lot at Stout Road and Monument Avenue during the day and the dinner theater uses the College and Hospital lots after 5 p.m. The neighborly gesture has relieved many of PCOM's parking problems.
The First Day

What's the first day at PCOM like?
"Frightening," "Exhilarating," "Confusing," "Intimidating." "It's the greatest!" "It's a bummer." "I can't remember a thing about it."

These are some reactions of former first-year students to their first day at PCOM. The day of registration and orientation is necessarily an ordered regimen of forms to fill, tuition to be paid, books to be bought, faculty to be introduced and speeches of welcome. It usually is remembered as a kaleidoscope of faces and unsortable facts.

This year the day was different, thanks to the office of admissions and student affairs and members of student council. Their innovative efforts provided a two-day orientation program designed to give the 211 members of the class of 1981 an overview of PCOM and answers to their many questions. After registration, first-year students were divided into eight sections, with student council members serving as group leaders to each section. Informal morning and afternoon discussions were held in various classrooms. The discussions were keyed to students' questions and offered a pleasant forum for information. On the second day, members of the faculty and departmental chairmen led the discussion groups. According to a random sampling of the class of 1981, the student reaction was generally favorable.

At a luncheon held in honor of the class of 1981, the first-year students were welcomed by Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., president; Dr. Robert W. England, dean; and Carol Fox, director of admissions and student affairs. Dr. Rowland's address to the first-year class included some strong advice. "I expect from our administration and faculty a spirit of total commitment, involvement and dedication," he said. "I expect the same from you... I expect that you will 'carry' yourself in such a way as to gain the respect of all those you encounter. Respect is earned. "I have always believed that 'discipline' and 'execution' are essential to the success of any endeavor," he concluded," and I... suggest that if you hope to be successful, knowledgeable and respected as an osteopathic physician, you begin to practice discipline."

The orientation program closed on the second day with a presentation titled, "Osteopathy, Your Choice", chaired by Dr. Nicholas S. Nicholas, chairman of the department of osteopathic principles and practice. Members of the faculty and staff lectured on the relationship of osteopathic principles to all phases of science and medical care.

Registration day is made up of equal parts of 1. endless forms, 2. parking stickers, 3. tuition payments, 4. books galore and the 5. first white coat.
Convocation

The traditional ceremony of Convocation formally opened PCOM’s academic year. The brief program was held on the plaza of Evans Hall before an audience of more than 300 students and faculty members. In his Convocation address, Dr. Rowland said, “You are a student of osteopathic medicine at a most exciting time in our profession... (which is) a healthy and distinctive profession. We will meet and survive our future only if we do it as the osteopathic profession.

“To do this, you must learn the osteopathic concept of patient care. Our faculty and staff must teach and practice this concept. For we are different... both in the way we perceive and treat our patients and in the use of osteopathic manipulative therapy as a part of patient care.”

The president concluded with his best wishes for the success of the students and a declaration that the 87th academic year was officially in session.

The following Sunday, new students and their families were invited to an open house and tour of the college departments. Chairmen and professors were on hand to explain the course of study and, in many cases, to graphically indicate the workings of the department. Refreshments were served behind the Administration Building.
At PCOM’s Open House, first-year students and their families
1. tour Evans Hall
2,3. meet the faculty
4,5. enjoy refreshments
News From the College

PCOM RECEIVES GRANTS TOTTALLING $442,624

PCOM has received two grants totaling $442,624 from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The first grant, for $342,624, is designed to expand PCOM's family medicine residency training program and to educate residents in providing comprehensive, ambulatory, primary health care. The grant will permit the college to construct a family medicine residency suite in part of the new building at 4190 City Avenue. To comply with requirements of the grant, PCOM has expanded its department of general practice and added two new faculty members. Potential funding for the three-year family medicine grant is $815,000. The second grant, for $100,000, is to plan and administer PCOM's preceptor training program. Osteopathic physicians in areas of "physician manpower shortage" work with the college's students on a one-to-one basis to help them to become family practitioners.

Dr. A. Ritchie, president of the Preston Institute of Technology of Melbourne, Australia, toured PCOM as the guest of Dean England in October. Dr. Ritchie was on government assignment to consider the Australian licensure of D.O.'s and to explore the possibility of establishing an osteopathic college in Australia.

Mitchell Ghen, class of 1980, president of Student Osteopathic Medical Association, spoke on hypertension at a Community Relations Workshop meeting of the 15th District Police. He also conducted free blood pressure screenings.

Shown at a recent staff meeting of the ENT department are (l-r) J. Ernest Leuzinger, D.O., emeritus professor and former chairman; Theodore P. Mauer, D.O., professor and chairman and Lynn F. Sumerson, D.O., clinical assistant professor and vice chairman of the department.

Two PCOM surgeons were honored at the 50th Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Specialists held in October in Los Angeles. Galen S. Young, D.O., FACOS, FAAO (left), professor and vice chairman of the department of surgery, received an honorary life membership in the American College of Osteopathic Surgery. Henry D'Alonzo, D.O., (second from right), assistant professor of thoracic surgery, was elected a fellow of the ACOS. At center is Richard Rounce, D.O., then president of ACOS.
Dr. Rowland presented a report to PCOM’s corporation on October 4, showing the expansion of PCOM to a $25 million corporation.

Directors of medical education, administrators and medical directors of affiliated hospitals were honored at a luncheon on October 18 for their roles in the clinical education of PCOM’s students.

Can you guess who came to PCOM’s Halloween party in this regalia? If not, turn to page 20.
News From the Hospital and Health Care Centers

Alfred A. Meltzer, hospital administrator, was inducted into the American College of Osteopathic Hospital Administrators as a nominee at the annual meeting in Seattle, WA, in October. He has been selected to serve on a newly created task force on the financial requirements of osteopathic hospitals.

Ronald Gannelli D.O., attending and consulting surgeon, was elected to membership in the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons at the clinical assembly in Los Angeles, CA in October.

The 48th St. Health Care Center is brightened these days by the attractive blue uniforms of student nurses from Villanova University's School of Nursing. Starting in September, 20 women and one man have been rotating through the center as part of their clinical education. Above, Kathryn Ralph and Kathleen Fanning take the blood pressure of Mrs. Evelyn Harris, who has been an outpatient of PCOM's HCC's for 20 years.

That's Dr. Joseph Dieterle, assistant professor of pediatrics, as Big Bird. And that's Dr. Steve Snyder, resident, as Cookie Monster. The occasion was a Halloween party for pediatric and diabetic patients. The Hospital dietary department and Gino's Inc. cooperated in furnishing trick or treat fare for restricted diets. Gino's contributed 100% sirloin hamburgers and the costumes.
Meet the Board of Trustees

Ruth E. Purdy D.O., PCOM class of 1950, joined the board in 1975. She is an internist who practices in Columbus, O., where she is affiliated with Doctor’s Hospital. Dr. Purdy has been director of that hospital’s ICU-CCU for 14 years and member of their board of trustees for six years. In 1970 she served a one-year term as chief of staff; Dr. Purdy is married to Jack T. Zeller, a prominent Columbus attorney. In spite of their two active professions, they save Wednesdays and weekends to be together.

In the words of one of her colleagues, Dr. Purdy is “a fine physician, an active educator, an articulate and capable administrator and an intensely loyal person.” The colleague is William Scott D.O., former chairman of PCOM’s department of medicine and present assistant administrator for education and director of emergency room and clinics at Doctors Hospital. He has been teacher and friend to Dr. Purdy for 27 years. He was lecturer in cardiovascular medicine at PCOM during her student days and taught at Doctors Hospital during her internship and residency. In his opinion Dr. Purdy is “outstanding in her contributions to her profession and to her patients.”

Ruth Purdy is a handsome, athletic, intelligent and frank woman who, in her own words, has always been “very proud to be an alumna of PCOM.” Born in Killbuck, O., Dr. Purdy first became interested in medicine as a freshman at Killbuck High School. “I almost died from a ruptured appendix,” she reminisced during a recent interview. “Back in those days, there was no penicillin and the method of giving

Dr. Purdy

IV’s was really a subcutaneous infiltration. I was impressed with the hospital, the doctors and nurses and from that time I just wanted to be a doctor.”

After graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University, she attended Kent State University briefly for extra credits in physics before applying to medical school. An accident during a round of golf (which is still her favorite sport) led her to osteopathic medicine. Don Allworth, a D.O. at Kent, treated her for an injured elbow and asked if she had ever considered osteopathy. “By the time he was through treating me, and straightening out my elbow,” she says, “I was most interested in osteopathic medicine and applied to PCOM, Chicago and Kirksville.” She was accepted by all three.

In 1946 there weren’t many women at PCOM. It was the post-war era and most of the students were male and veterans. “But there was no prejudicial treatment of women, either by the faculty or by the men students,” she notes. In fact Ruth Purdy was made an auxiliary member of Phi Sigma Gamma and frequently joined study groups at the fraternity house.

During her student days, some of her close friends included Dr. and Mrs. Philip Lessig, Phil Lessig ‘36 was then a famous parasitologist and PCOM faculty member. His sister-in-law, Dorothy Sivitz ‘49, often shared Ruth’s apartment at 48th and Pine when she had night duty at the hospital. Of the faculty, two professors stand out in Ruth Purdy’s memory, “Dr. Bill Baldwin, who taught pharmacology, and Dr. Angus Cathie, without a doubt a masterful teacher.”

Education at PCOM was, in Ruth Purdy’s opinion “well presented and well structured in the first two years. After that it was in direct proportion to your motivation. If you wanted it, you really got in there and dug for it.”

As an intern at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Dr. Purdy became interested in every specialty introduced to her (except surgery). It was Dr. Frank Spencer and Dr. Bill Scott who finally convinced her she had the makings of an excellent internist. After a three-year residency in this specialty, she limited her practice to internal medicine. Dr. Purdy was certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine in 1961 and elected a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists in 1968. She is active in many Ohio diabetic and heart associations and serves as member of the board of trustees of both the Central Ohio Diabetic and Central Ohio Heart Associations, Dr. Purdy is also actively engaged in the educational programs of residents and interns and served as chairman of Doctors Hospital’s department of education from 1970 to 1974.

After graduation from PCOM Ruth Purdy remained very close to the college, attending alumni luncheons at many state and AOA conventions. She notes, “I have always been interested in the College; and I have tried to reflect that interest by contributing to the Alumni Fund and by interesting potential students in PCOM.”

Dr. Purdy feels that PCOM is the foremost osteopathic college today for two reasons -- one is Tom Rowland’s leadership and the other is the strength of the faculty. She says, “I feel there must be a pulse beat in the internal structure that propels this faculty. Each time I visit I’m impressed with the spirit that I see and the feedback that I get from the students. The education they receive is excellent. I am very proud to be an alumna.”
Why are women treated like children by some physicians?

AN INTERVIEW WITH EMANUEL FLIEGELMAN, D.O.,
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

(The following is a synopsis of an interview conducted on Philadelphia’s KYW-TV in July. The interviewer was Diane Betzendahl of the IMPACT show.

DB: Why are some women treated like second class citizens by their physicians?

EF: I think that it comes from the past when many physicians had a patronizing attitude toward all patients. Gynecologists and obstetricians are usually male and it is hard to understand how they can be so sure that they know what is wrong with a woman patient since they cannot sense or feel what the woman feels. These male physicians usually have the attitude that women are just a little bit less able to understand or know about themselves and their bodies.

DB: Why has this been perpetuated for so many years?

EF: Unfortunately, in medical school, little or no time is taken to teach future physicians how to talk to patients -- how to listen to patients. Of course, anatomy, physiology and pathology are important. But where are the courses that teach future physicians how to listen to patients, how to understand what the patient is communicating and how to answer the patient and explain? So often, the patient leaves the office without understanding any more about what the medication is for, or what the problem is. I believe that the consumer, the patient receiving this service, should say then, "Wait a minute, doctor. I know you are a busy man, but I want you to explain what my problem is. How did I get it?"

DB: Yes, but we women do not always ask those questions that should be asked. How do we establish a good doctor/patient relationship and just what is a good doctor/patient relationship?

EF: The main thing is rapport. A patient has a traditional fear of this man who is known as "Doctor"; considers him a little bit of God, on a pedestal. The patient is nervous, tense and anxious. Instead of the physician asking "How old are you?" Perhaps he should say "How young are you?" The patient laughs and begins to relax. The ice is broken. There is a friendship.

EF: Well, suppose we have a friendship, a rapport going. The patient should ask the physician, "How did I get this problem? Would you describe it to me?" So, take out a little model or diagram and explain. Do not take anything for granted. Where did the patient learn about tubes and ovaries and uterus and vaginas? She should have learned in school, but unfortunately many of our school programs are deficient or inadequate.

DB: Wouldn't that be threatening to some doctors?

EF: It might be, but if the doctor has enough confidence in himself, if he realizes that he can put this kind of thing over, he should not be afraid to do it. If we physicians know what we are talking about and are honest, we do not have to be afraid of the patient asking for an explanation of his problem. We do not need mysticism to let the patient know that we are high and mighty and know what we are talking about.

DB: All right, being able to ask the right questions gets the right answers. But what are the right questions?

EF: If someone really does know, you can sense it. Communication is very important. I could stand there and talk about cystoscopy and barium enemas and ultrasound, but the patient does not know what that is. It is my job to explain on a level the patient can understand that a cystoscope is the introduction of an instrument that has lenses and lights on it so I can look into the bag that contains urine.
DB: What you are saying is that the doctor has to be sensitive to the patient. So often doctors treat their patients like numbers, referring to them as "the broken leg in 604". Do you think this will change?

EF: Yes and do you know why? We are taking first and second year medical students into the hospital. When I hear a student say "Give the hysterectomy in room 203 an enema", I ask him the name of the patient. If he doesn't know, I tell him to get the chart and look it up. "This is a human being, not a cow. This might be your sister, your mother. How do you want her treated? Like room 203?" These young physicians are being called to task when they use such language.

DB: So that pedestal that we referred to, that is sometimes reinforced in medical school, will no longer be there?

EF: You deserve a pedestal only if the patient gives you one. You do not get one by birthright or by having it handed down to you by tradition. Often a patient will wonder why she can't call me "Manny" when I call her "Susan". There is no breakdown here. If I deserve her respect, it won't be because I have the title "Doctor" in front of my name. As far as I am concerned, my patients are to call me "Manny" from now on. There is no loss of respect. You get respect for what you do and how you say it.

EF: I will answer that with a question. When you buy a piece of furniture and are not satisfied with the service, you do not continue to go to that store and you let the people know that you were dissatisfied? You will go to someone who does not provide service.

DB: It's easier to shop for furniture than for a doctor. How do I go about that?

EF: Before you go to a doctor, you should find out why you want to go to him or to her. It should be because a friend or another physician recommended the doctor, because they trust the doctor. You do not just open the phone book or go to the closest physician because he is convenient. Doctors should not be convenient. They should be capable and competent and understanding.

DB: How do other doctors feel about you and about what you have just told me?

EF: I am considered a maverick and frequently called a radical. But that's all right because we have to change and frequently mavericks and radicals are behind change. People do listen to me and to my ideas, especially my students, residents and interns. This is where I think the greatest impact will be.

DB: You are saying that this is the way a doctor should be. Are most doctors like this?

EF: No, but there are courses given today in medical schools and institutions throughout the country under the title of Humanities or Humanism in Medicine. I think that we are going to make an impact in this area and convert, change or modify attitudes.

DB: What if I find a doctor who just will not answer my questions. How do I handle that?

EF: Sometimes these fears have been aroused by various types of myths. Here again the word "doctor" does not mean pill pusher, shot-giver, knife-wielder; it means to teach and comes from the Latin "docere". If it means to teach, then you must take a few minutes to teach a patient who does not know about these things because she thought there was something mystical about it.

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DB: So you think that times are changing and that in many ways, we, the consumer, are the ones that have to bring about the change.

EF: We now teach Human Sexuality to the first year students at PCOM. That means we have more than 200 future physicians who are learning new and modified attitudes. That is where it starts.

DB: Good. We will take up that banner and run with it.
Alumni News Briefs

1930
Ronald Ambler, Norristown, PA -- was honored by the hospital he helped organize some 23 years ago -- Riverview Hospital, now known as Suburban General. Special presentations were made to Dr. Ambler at a noon buffet for all employees of the hospital on the fifth anniversary of the hospital at its present location. Dr. Ambler is the head of the hospital's Quality Assurance Department.

1939
George W. Northup, Paradise Valley, AZ -- received an honorary degree of doctor of science of osteopathy from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in June. Dr. Northup is the editor of the D.O. magazine and author of Osteopathic Medicine: An American Reformation.

1941
Norman Lazin, Lebanon, PA -- board certified as a Diplomate of the American Society of Bariatric Physicians in October. Dr. Lazin was also elected a trustee of the society.

1944
Raymond Ellis Dietz, Camp Hill, PA -- elected a fellow of the American Society of Bariatric Physicians. He is a Diplomate and Chairman of the Board of Certification of the American Board of Bariatric Medicine and serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of Obesity and Bariatric Medicine. He is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Internists and has limited his practice to bariatric medicine since 1958.

1945
Arnold Melnick, Philadelphia, PA -- received the Harold Swanberg Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor of the American Medical Writers Association for "distinguished contributions to biomedical communication."

He is a past president of the Association and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Parkview Hospital, Dr. Melnick has been active in writing and is consulting editor of Clinical Pediatrics and Osteopathic Reporter, associate editor of Medical Communications and editor of the ACOP Newsletter.

1947
Philip Adler, Farmington, MI -- inaugurated as AOA president for 1977-78 in July. Dr. Adler is clinical professor of ob/gyn at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has been a member of the AOA board of trustees since 1968 and was first elected to the house of delegates in 1963.

1951
David Cramer, Melrose Park, PA -- was honored by his North Philadelphia patients on the occasion of his 25th anniversary. His patients gathered in his office to tell him that the community is grateful for his staying in an area where many have fled from riots and a high crime rate. Dr. Cramer was quoted in a story in the Philadelphia Inquirer, "This is rewarding work. It's financially rewarding, and when I go home at night, I feel like I've done something, that my life is worth something." To those who thanked Dr. Cramer for "sticking it out, "he said, "I'm touched, I really am."

Donald C. Guerdan, Frankfurt, Germany -- writes the College from Germany where he is a colonel in the Air Force Medical Corps. He is responsible for mental health at Rhein-Main Air Force Base near Frankfurt.

1955
Norbert L. Slupe, Cinnaminson, NJ -- awarded a postgraduate pediatric fellowship at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, sponsored by the William Penn Foundation. The four-week program is designed to return the practicing pediatrician to a teaching hospital, permitting an update of his practice techniques and knowledge of the latest scientific advances in pediatrics.

Leonard J. Tierno, Pennsauken, NJ -- was the subject of an article in the Delaware Valley Business Magazine as was his Delaware Valley Diagnostic Care Center in Pennsauken. Dr. Tierno is the director of the preventive medicine facility, where a battery of procedures provides diagnostic tests in a half-day examination. His theory, "They do preventive maintenance on machinery. Why not on people?"

1956
John E. Love, Pittsburgh, PA -- elected president of the medical staff of Divine Providence Hospital in Pittsburgh.

1959
Ronald Goldberg, Tansboro, NJ -- served as panelist on a program titled
"The Female Athlete" held at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ. Dr. Goldberg is team physician for the Lower Camden Regional High Schools, director of Winslow Sports Medicine Clinic and secretary of NJACGF. Another panel member was Edward Slotnick '66, Merion Station, PA who spoke on "Female Physiology and Menstruation."

1960
Arnold O. Allenius, Columbus, OH -- elected vice chairman of the Ohio State Public Health Council, which writes rules and regulations governing the Ohio Department of Health.

David Rosenthal, Dresher, PA -- appointed director of physical rehabilitation medicine at Suburban General Hospital, Norristown, PA. He is the former assistant medical director in charge of clinical affairs and medical staff president at Moss Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia. Dr. Rosenthal is an assistant professor in rehabilitation medicine from Temple University Medical School.

Raymond Saloom, Harrisville, PA -- is a candidate for Congress from the 25th Pennsylvania District. He is seeking the Republican nomination at the primary election next spring. Dr. Saloom is serving his second three-year term on the board of Blue Shield of PA and a second term on the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Medical Care Foundation. He is a member of the PMCF board and member of the board of the American Association of Professional Standards and Review Organizations.

1962
David E. Schooley, McVeytown, PA -- appointed district medical director of South Central District of the Pennsylvania Department of Health. He will provide consultation to state health centers in the district on medical matters and assume responsibility for all department clinical activities.

1964
Leonard W. Johnson, Phila., PA -- is currently president of the alumni association of Florida A&M University. This fall the Association sponsored the first medical seminar for graduates who are physicians, Said Dr. Johnson, "the seminar will recognize and publicize achievements of FAMU graduates who have entered the field of medicine and will serve as a reunion for them."

The two-day seminar concluded with attendance at the Florida A&M-Bethune-Cookman football game.

Dr. Leedy

Richard F. Leedy, Jr., Columbus, OH -- appointed chairman of the department of family practice at the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry's Division of Osteopathic Medicine.

W. Rowland Leedy, York, PA -- appointed chairman of the department of internal medicine at Memorial Osteopathic Hospital, York. Dr. Leedy completed his three-year residency in his specialty at MOH.

Brendan O'Brien, Allentown, PA -- certified by the American Osteopathic Board in Surgery in Orthopedics.

1965
Floyd W. Rosdahl, Skiatook, OK -- joined Drs. Back, Fullingim, Knight and Lavendusky of Osteopathic Radiology, Inc., Tulsa, OK, in the practice of radiology and nuclear medicine. Dr. Rosdahl practiced general medicine for eight years in Skiatook before taking a residency in radiology at the Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital in Tulsa.

1966
Anthony J. Fugaro, Cherry Hill, NJ -- appointed director of the department of anesthesiology at Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia.

1967
Earl U. Bachenberg, Tulsa, OK -- elected president of the Tulsa district Osteopathic Society. A dermatologist, he is president of the American College of Osteopathic Dermatologists.

Louis J. Totani, Pen Argyll, PA -- announced the relocation of his office from Bangor Medical Center, Bangor, PA to Wind Gap, PA.

1968
Amanda C. Blount, Las Vegas, NE -- has relocated in Las Vegas where she is occupational physician for the Nevada Test Site in Mercury, NE.

Dr. Ahner

1970
David H. Ahner, Media, PA -- selected among the "Outstanding Young Men of America" for 1977. Selections are made for demonstrated outstanding professional achievement, leadership ability and exceptional service to the community. He is a member of the department of psychiatry and medical director of the comprehensive alcoholism program at Chester-Crozier Medical Center, Upland, PA.

Jack M. Fireman, Warwick, RI -- published an article in the June issue of the American Druggist, a publication for pharmacists. The article is titled "What Pharmacists Should Know About Osteopathic Medicine."

Dr. Fireman was a registered pharmacist before entering PCOM. He is a general practitioner and is on the staff of Cranston General Hospital.
Charles J. Kaczey, Holidaysburg, PA -- successfully completed the examination of the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry to become a diplomate of the AOBNP with certification in psychiatry.

Henry K. Sagel, York, PA -- elected fellow by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He is a member of the staff of MOH.

1971

David DePutron, Birmingham, MI -- announces his association with Sydney F. Ellias, D.O. and Andrew R. Ellias, D.O. for the practice of internal medicine in Detroit.

1972

J. Frank Kehler, III, Woodbury Heights, NJ -- announces the opening of his office in Elmer, NJ for the practice of adult and adolescent allergy.

Neal Sherman, New York, NY -- appointed to the medical staff of St. Anthony Community Hospital in Warwick, NY. He recently completed a residency program in obstetrics and gynecology at Beth Israel Medical Center in NYC. He is board eligible in OB/GYN.

1973

Robert C. Luderer, Brookville, PA -- joined Family Practice Associates in July. He completed his internal medicine residency at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital and a year's medical oncology fellowship at the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

Arthur and Ellen Platt, North Caldwell, NJ -- announce the opening of their office for the practice of psychiatry and the treatment of marital and sexual dysfunctions in Cedar Grove, NJ. The Drs. Platt, who are members of the department of psychiatry at the Roosevelt Hospital, NYC, are associated with Dorothy Strauss, Ph.D. of the Downstate Medical Center, State University of New York.

Michael A. Zittle, York, PA -- joined the medical staff of York Hospital, the first osteopathic physician to be admitted to the staff in the hospital's 97-year history. Dr. Zittle is a member of the staff of Memorial Osteopathic Hospital in York and is the medical director of Pleasant Acres, a 600-bed county nursing facility.

1974

Thomas P. Bride, Ephrata, PA -- opened an office for the practice of pediatrics in September. He served a three-year residency in pediatrics at Harrisburg Polyclinic and is on the staff of Ephrata Community Hospital.

Daniel B. Brubaker, Pittsburgh, PA -- awarded a clinical fellowship by the board of directors of the American Cancer Society at the Hospital of the University Health Center of Pittsburgh, department of pathology, division of immunology. He is a third-year resident in pathology. The fellowship involves research on lymphomas and leukemias. He has been studying these types of malignancies of various white blood cells over the past year and has presented two papers to the American Association of Immunologists in Chicago and a paper to the Third Veterans Administration Diagnostic Electron Microscopy Conference.

Fred A. Cox, Wilmington, DE -- opened professional offices in State College, PA with Charles W. Maxin, M.D., a family practitioner. Dr. Cox recently completed a three-year residency in pediatrics at Wilmington Medical Center. As part of his residency program, he received experience at the Alfred I. Dupont Institute for Crippled Children and is interested in providing care to handicapped children.

John W. Denman, Gardner, MA -- opened an office for the practice of internal medicine in Massachusetts. He recently completed a two-year residency at Harrisburg General Hospital, Harrisburg, PA.

Daniel D. Janiak, Pittsburgh, PA -- elected vice president of the medical staff of Divine Providence Hospital in Pittsburgh.

John T. Johnson, Davenport, IA -- was the subject of a roast by the Sepia Guild of Davenport. It was a friendly roast, however, since the Guild noted, "In today's society it is rare to find a person who takes an active part in the needs of the community, professionally, socially, spiritually and economically. For this reason it behooves us to honor Dr. Johnson, who in the past year has led the community in awareness for the needs of others."

Steven Katz, Phila., PA -- winner of a Mead-Johnson NOF postdoctoral fellowship grant. He is a resident in general surgery at the Hospital of PCOM.

Franklin D. Strong, Phila, PA -- announced the opening of his office in Germantown for the practice of internal medicine and the expansion of his family with the birth of his second child Rebecca Lynn in September.

1975

John Michael Keller, Ephrata, PA -- will assume full-time emergency room duties at Harrisburg Hospital. He has accepted a teaching post at Hershey Medical Center and will be active in paramedic work in the Harrisburg area. He is certified in the practice of advance cardiac life support.

David J. Shingles, Allentown, PA -- announces the opening of his office for family practice in Allentown.

Ronald Vallorani, Aldan, PA -- selected chief medical resident at Mercy Catholic Medical Center's Fitzgerald Mercy Division.

Allen J. Zagoren, Cherry Hill, NJ -- winner of a Mead-Johnson NOF postdoctoral fellowship grant. He is a resident in general surgery at Cherry Hill Medical Center.

1976

Robert D. Briglia, Allentown, PA and Edward Cumbo, Bristol, PA -- opened a practice in general medicine in Phillipsburg, NJ. Dr. Briglia is a former registered pharmacist and Dr. Cumbo is a former registered physical therapist.

Trudie Ellenberger, Eden, PA, completed an internship at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital and has opened an office for the practice of family medicine in association with Mark M. Burrell, D.O. She is married to Roger Bacharach who plans to open an art gallery in Millersville, PA.

Doreen Goring, Allentown, PA -- was featured in an August article in the Allentown Morning Call. Dr. Goring has traveled far "from a native of England to American citizen, from dental assistant to physician." She became a naturalized citizen on
June 22, finished her internship at Allentown Osteopathic Hospital on July 1 and opened a family practice in her home the same month. Dr. Goring came to Lancaster from Yorkshire, England in 1964 with her husband Robert. They have a 14 year old son Karl.

Barry J. Kaplan, FPO, New York, NY - is the medical officer of the U.S.S. California, a nuclear powered cruiser. He writes "I do quite a bit of manipulation, ... My corpsmen are now familiar with what I do and refer patients to me stating they believe the patient needs OMT."

Ronald Kludo, Beaver, PA -- opened a practice in family medicine after completing a rotating internship at Allentown Osteopathic Hospital.

J. Lindsay Parks, Marion Center, PA -- is full-time physician for the Mahoning Medical Center opened in Indiana County for 20,000 residents of the rural area between Indiana and Punxsutawney. The center was financed by individual pledges, business contributions, bake sales, dances and auctions. In addition the federal government has allocated money for equipment and staff salaries for the first three years of operation. The staff includes a dentist, pharmacist, dental hygienist, two dental technicians, an LPN, x-ray technician, board certified physician's assistant and administrative and secretarial personnel.

Thomas Piepszak, West Trenton, NJ -- joined the Pennington (NJ) practice of Dr. Alexander Farina and the medical staff of the Helene Fuld Medical Center, Trenton.

John C. Prestosh, Allentown, PA -- was appointed to the active staff of St. Luke’s Hospital after completing an internship at Allentown Osteopathic Hospital.

Paul T. Shellenberger, York, PA -- opened a family practice in West York.

Calvin L. Vermeire, Anchorage, Alaska -- is serving with an Alaskan Air Command at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Captain Vermeire is a flight surgeon.

New Appointments

Donald Thome, D.O. was appointed assistant dean for clinical education in September. He will be responsible for designing the College’s curriculum for third- and fourth-year students, and administering their student rotations. He will also continue to serve as chairman of the department of ophthalmology.

Dr. Thome is a 1959 graduate of PCOM. He interned at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital in Wilmington, DE, and completed a residency in ophthalmology at Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is a diplomate of the American Osteopathic Board of Ophthalmologists and Otorhinolaryngologists and is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association and the American Intraocular Implant Society.

Dr. Thome served on the staff of Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital, where he was a member of the hospital’s executive committee from 1961-75, when he joined PCOM’s faculty. He served as ophthalmologist on the medical board of the Lancaster Blind Association.

A former resident of Lancaster County,

Dr. Thome is a fifth generation physician. His father, Roscoe M. Thome D.O. graduated from PCOM in 1935. All the Thome physicians maintained general practices in northern Lancaster County.

Dr. Thome and his wife Rachel have three children and live in King of Prussia.

Martha Benoff Ph.D. -- appointed instructor of psychology in the department of neurology and psychiatry. Besides teaching at PCOM, Dr. Benoff will provide psychotherapy for children and adolescents, as well as family therapy. She will test and evaluate children with emotional problems and learning disabilities in the college’s neurosensory diagnostic center. Dr. Benoff will be available for psychological consultations in the Hospital of PCOM, and will work in the Hospital’s mental health unit.

Before her appointment to PCOM, Dr. Benoff served a post-doctoral internship in child psychology at Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute. Earlier, she served as staff psychologist at the Parkway Day School, and was a certified school psychologist at schools in Wallingford, Yeadon and Swarthmore. She was a reading clinician at the University of Pennsylvania reading center.

Dr. Benoff graduated summa cum laude in psychology from Penn State University in 1971. She holds an M.S. in Education from the University of Pennsylvania in reading and psychological services, and a Ph.D. in psychological services from the University of Pennsylvania’s Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.
Gerard W. Szczygiel D.O., appointed assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology. A 1972 graduate of PCOM, Dr. Szczygiel interned at the College’s Hospital and completed a four-year residency in obstetrics and gynecology there. In 1977 he was named “Resident of the Year.” He also received a master of science degree in obstetrics and gynecology from PCOM in June, 1977. During Dr. Szczygiel’s residency, Mrs. Katrina Braxton, one of his patients, was so impressed by his care and concern for her during labor that she named her son after him. The name: Szczygiel Paul Braxton.

Dr. and Mrs. Szczygiel have two children, a boy and a girl, and live in King of Prussia.

Henry Hitner Ph.D., appointed assistant professor of pharmacology. A native of Bethlehem, PA, Dr. Hitner holds a bachelor of science degree from Moravian College; and master’s and doctorate degrees in pharmacology from Hahnemann Medical College and Graduate School. He has published three scientific papers on pharmacology.

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Allan Wolfe Levy D.O., appointed assistant professor of pathology. A 1960 graduate of PCOM, Dr. Levy interned at Metropolitan Hospital in Philadelphia. After 12 years of general practice in Mt. Ephraim, NJ, he undertook a four-year residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden, NJ, completing it in 1977. From 1968-73, he served as attending physician for the Mt. Ephraim Township school system.

Dr. and Mrs. Levy have two daughters and live in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Alexander S. Nicholas D.O. - appointed assistant professor of osteopathic principles and practice. He is a graduate of Penn State University and PCOM (1975), where he received the Eimerbrink award for exceptional ability in osteopathic therapeutics.

Virginia A. Thompson, R.N. - appointed administrative assistant to the president of PCOM.

Miss Thompson, who holds an associate degree in nursing from Gwynedd Mercy College and a B.S. degree in nursing from University of Pennsylvania, has been director of nursing at PCOM’s Hospital since 1972. Previous employment included the American Oncologic Hospital, Georgetown University Hospital, the Hospital of PCOM (two years as a nursing supervisor).

In addition to her nursing degrees, Miss Thompson has taken graduate courses in business administration at the University of Pennsylvania.

Fall 1977
CHARLES HILLYER D.O.

Just before he fell asleep one night about five years ago, Charles Hillyer, D.O., '36, had an idea: “Why not combine your two loves of golf and scouting?” he asked himself. He pursued the idea, and as a result, the Boy Scouts of America recently began offering its 1.5 million members a merit badge in golf.

This newest merit badge, one of 19 sports-oriented badges offered by the Boy Scouts, is part of a pilot program designed to help youngsters learn sports that can be played for a lifetime and keep them interested in scouting longer. Previously, many youngsters dropped out of scouting about age 11 or 12 in favor of sports. A tennis merit badge will be offered next.

When Dr. Hillyer first began working on the golf merit badge, he expected to complete the project in three or four months. But it took him five years. His toughest problem was condensing the mountain of potential material to a workable size. Finally, after three years of work and four drawers full of notes, Dr. Hillyer went to Joseph C. Dey Jr., former director of the United States Golf Association (USGA) and a former journalist, for help in writing and editing the pamphlet. Even so, the final product, at 72 pages, is about 20 pages longer than the average Boy Scout pamphlet.

The pamphlet, which was praised in the 1977 issue of Golf Digest, includes instructional articles by Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf, as well as material from the National Golf Foundation and organizations representing Arnold Palmer and Billy Casper.

Understandably, Dr. Hillyer is quite excited about the golf merit badge. For the first time in the history of golf, he says, people will learn the rules and the sport's history before playing it.

Dr. Hillyer, who has been active in both golf and scouting for more than 50 years, is an executive board member of the Scouts' North Florida Council. He is also a member of the USGA's sectional affairs committee, and has served as a member of the USGA's rules assistance committee at major championships for the past 22 years.

Moreover, he is a founder of the Jacksonville Area Golf Association, and each year, the Hillyer Cup matches, head to head competition between amateur and professional golfers, are held in his honor.

Dr. Hillyer, who began playing golf at age 5, and competitively about age 12, still plays 18-36 holes a day at Timmyquana Country Club. He has a handicap of plus 1.

This past summer he played eight major championships in nine weeks, but, after two excellent rounds in the Canadian Amateur, he had to withdraw because of health reasons. Dr. Hillyer, who practiced family medicine, retired in 1974.

From 1932-36, Dr. Hillyer played golf on PCOM's team and was also the team manager. He fondly recalls matches with Paul Lloyd D.O., emeritus professor of radiology, and George S. Rothmeyer D.O., who was professor of anatomy and gastroenterology. These outings, he says, gave him the opportunity to know the profession, and they provided trusted friendships that have lasted all his life.
Faculty Notes

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In Memoriam

Blanche A. Corlis '15, Medina, NY

Earl B. French '17, Philadelphia, PA, died on June 20. He was 89 and had practiced medicine in Philadelphia for the past 60 years. Dr. French was born in Pulaski, NY, and attended Syracuse University School of Medicine before entering PCOM.

Alvah Jack '21, Hightstown, NJ, died on October 14 in Princeton Medical Center. Dr. Jack practiced in Hightstown from 1937 to 1968 when he retired. He was an Army veteran of World War I.

John C. Morresy '37, Long Branch, NJ, died on October 28.

Theodore H. Freilich '49, Chicago, IL, died on September 28. He was 55. Dr. Freilich was a native of New York City who grew up in Philadelphia and had lived near Chicago since 1971. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII; graduated from PCOM in 1949 and interned at Metropolitan Hospital, Phila. In 1961, he moved to Long Island, NY and practiced at LeRoy Hospital and Massapequa General Hospital. He also served as clinical instructor at the College of Medicine of the State University of NY.

After studying advanced cancer surgery in Florence, Italy, he moved to Illinois in 1971 to become professor of ob/gyn at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. At the time of his death, Dr. Freilich was a member of the board of directors of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, an organization which he formerly served as president. He also served as a consultant to the Federal Drug Administration.

Charles W. Johler '50, Carbondale, PA, died on August 16 in Lighthouse Point, FL. He was a veteran of WWII.

Richard H. Campo '78, died on October 10.

Mrs. William Galbraith, widow of William O. Galbraith D.O. '05, former professor and chairman of ENT at PCOM, passed away on September 5 in the Presbyterian Home on City Avenue.


Mortimer Sullivan, Jr., Wash. D.C., son of Mortimer Sullivan D.O. '12, died in October.

Marie Mills West, Phila., PA, 1946 graduate of PCOM's School of Nursing, died on August 9, victim of a fire.

Metropolitan Hospital dedicated a cardiac care unit in memory of Philip Lessig '36, emeritus professor of microbiology at PCOM and one of the founders of Metropolitan. Dr. Lessig died July 6, 1976.
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