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Thomas M. Rowland
We’ve Come a Long Way, Baby  
Department of Pediatrics

PCOM’s department of pediatrics has come a long way since 1912. That was the year the care of the child, the study of his development and the treatment of his diseases was first introduced as a course of study when the college moved to 832 Pine Street.

But, the long way took a giant leap four years ago. Let’s look at some recent cases.

A 31-week gestation baby boy weighing less than three pounds was born at an outlying osteopathic hospital and diagnosed as having respiratory distress. A pediatric team from PCOM, including a physician, resident and nurse, raced to the hospital in an ambulance and rushed the infant to PCOM’s nursery for intensive respiratory care. He was treated and six weeks later sent back to his referring physician healthy and weighing 5.1 lbs.

An eight-year old asthmatic boy with a history of requiring weekly attention in local emergency rooms was admitted to PCOM’s Hospital. His condition was evaluated by pediatric allergist Sandra Gawchik, D.O. and his treatment program was modified. With regular check-ups, his asthma is now controlled.

Four premature infants, two of them weighing less than two pounds each, were born in PCOM’s Hospital within days of each other. All had various and severe problems associated with prematurity. With the use of sophisticated neo-natal intensive care equipment, they responded well and were discharged after lengthy hospitalization.

Four years ago, these cases would have had different endings. Today, with four whole-time, certified pediatricians, two of whom are subspecialists, two residents, nurses with extensive training in the care of the sick newborn and added sophisticated equipment, PCOM’s department of pediatrics provides a broad-based level of care.

The addition of a neo-natal, intensive care center has made a big difference to the department. The unit contains equipment for monitoring cardiac and respiratory data plus neo-natal respirators. With the help of this unit, the department is capable of handling all facets of newborn intensive care except in-depth surgical cases and operative cardiac lesions.

Samuel Caruso, D.O., F.A.C.O.P., ’47, professor and chairman of the department, says “We can treat practically any type of high risk nursery and general pediatric patient.” Children with complex congenital heart problems and those requiring surgery are referred to local hospitals. “We’re not trying to compete with specialty hospitals,” says Dr. Caruso, “We just want to provide the broadest and best possible osteopathic pediatric care.”

Joseph Dieterle, D.O., F.A.A.P., ’70, associate professor, vice chairman of the department and director of nurseries, adds, “With the kind of pediatric care we can provide, many of our osteopathic patients can remain under the auspices of osteopathic medicine, instead of being sent to other city hospitals.”

Dr. Caruso has been a faculty member at PCOM for 18 years and chairman of the pediatrics department for the past six years. He was the first resident trained at PCOM under the program organized by William Spaeth, D.O. ’25, F.A.C.O.P., during his chairmanship of the department. Dr. Caruso is a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians and a past president of that organization. He currently serves as a member of the board of directors of the ACOP and is a member of the Pediatric Society of Philadelphia. He also
serves on various committees made up of the six medical college pediatric department chairmen in the city. Dr. Caruso coordinates the treatment of high risk nursery patients and general pediatric cases with the academic and clinical education of students. He also doubles as professional director of the hospital.

Joseph Dieterle, D.O., who is also adjunct instructor at Temple University Hospital and assistant attending pediatrician at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, was the first osteopathic physician to complete a pediatric residency program at St. Christopher’s. He was elected chief resident in his third year and conducted the training program for the 38 members of the house staff, acting as liaison between the attending staff and the residents. He is a member of the Pediatric Society of Philadelphia and served on its board of directors from 1974 to 1976. Dr. Dieterle is a member of the medical affairs committee of St. Christopher’s and participated in the evaluation of residency training programs for the American Board of Pediatrics. He is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics, is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is board eligible by the American Board of Osteopathic Pediatrics. He is a consultant in pediatrics to the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians. He serves as a member of the governors task force for perinatal care in Pennsylvania, as pediatric consultant to Osteopathic Reporter and as editorial consultant in pediatrics for Osteopathic Physician.

Robert Berger, D.O., F.A.C.O.P. ’58, associate professor, focuses his attention on children with learning disabilities and seizure disorders. He works primarily with PCOM’s neurosensory unit, guiding children through sophisticated studies in impedance and audiolog, speech pathology and functional neurologic responses. He completed a pediatric residency under Arnold Melnick, D.O., F.A.C.O.P. ’45 and maintained a pediatric practice with him for 10 years. Dr. Berger has been a part-time fellow in pediatric rehabilitation in the department of neurology at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children; adjunct instructor in pediatrics at Temple University School of Medicine and medical director of the Summit School, a center for children with learning disabilities in Levittown, PA. He was recently admitted to the American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics and has published five professional articles in the past year. Dr. Berger is a fellow of and past president of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians. He represents that organization at the AOA level, serving as a member of the committee on postdoctoral training and on the subcommittee on residency and preceptor training. This fall he delivered the Watson Memorial Lecture at the ACOP convention in Atlanta. With other pediatric neurologists and neurologic specialists, Dr. Berger is involved in the organization of pediatric neurologic services in the Delaware Valley.

Sandra Gawchik, D.O. (KCOM ’70), assistant professor, is a specialist in pediatric allergy and immunology. She is board certified by the American Academy of Pediatrics and is board eligible by the American Board of Osteopathic Physicians. Dr. Gawchik completed a four-year residency in pediatrics, serving two years at Cherry Hill Medical Center and two years at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children. After this she completed a fellowship in allergy and clinical immunology at Jefferson Medical College. This residency was aimed at tertiary care pediatrics – the care of extremely ill children in pediatric intensive care units, neonatal and cardiac intensive care units. Currently Dr. Gawchik is attending physician in pediatrics at the Children's Heart Hospital, a chronic care unit associated with Jefferson Medical College. She is also a member of the Pediatric Society of Philadelphia.

Two pediatric residents are studying with Dr. Caruso and the department members: senior resident, Alice Rogers, D.O. ’76, and first-year resident Harry Flanagan D.O. ’74. It is hoped that this number will increase next year. In addition, two past residents are fellows in subspecialties at local hospitals with the goal of returning to PCOM to become involved in clinical infectious disease research, to expand the services of the neonatal intensive care unit and become associated with the teaching program. The fellows are Mary Teter, D.O. ’75, who is studying pediatric infectious diseases at St. Christopher’s Hospital, and Steven Snyder, D.O. ’75, who is engaged in neonatology at Albert Einstein, Temple and St. Christopher’s Hospitals.

The pediatrics department also has the opportunity of calling upon Martha
Benoff, Ph.D., assistant professor in psychology to provide psychotherapy for children and adults and family counseling. She also administers psychological tests for children with learning disabilities. Dr. Benoff graduated summa cum laude from the Pennsylvania State University, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Her Ph.D in psychological services was conferred by the University of Pennsylvania.

Members of the department are currently involved with ambulatory consultations for area D.O.'s in general pediatrics, pediatric neurology, clinical immunology and cardiology. Ambulatory pediatric visits at PCOM's Hospital have increased from 1900 in 1977 to over 4000 in 1978. The department is approved by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to do EPSDT tests - early periodic screening, detection and treatment.

The pediatric staff also works closely with the department of obstetrics and gynecology and its chairman, Fairman Denlinger, D.O. '53. In fact Dr. Denlinger's successful "high risk" clinic is responsible for much of last year's increase in the nursery deliveries. At PCOM a pediatrician must be present at all such births. Also the pediatric department gives 24-hour coverage to the hospital emergency room and to the nursery.

Since, as Dr. Caruso points out, the pediatric department is made up of not only clinicians but academicians, its members have been instrumental in expanding the didactic curriculum for students. Child care is an important facet of family practice and the department felt it necessary to double the curriculum to approximately 90 hours to cover all areas of pediatric medicine. The didactic program, coupled with basic training in the third and fourth year, along with rotating internships now give a fine foundation in pediatrics for the general practitioner.

But the giant step doesn't stop here. Hopes for the future include serving as a pediatric center for surrounding osteopathic hospitals, providing for them and their patients a group of subspecialty trained pediatricians to handle their cases. In addition to pediatric neurology, habilitation, allergy and immunology, the department hopes to provide a pediatric cardiologist, neonatologist, infectious disease expert and possibly a pediatric hematologist.

Plans also include the addition of a pediatric intensive care unit, where as in the intensive care nursery, appropriately-trained nurses and advanced equipment would be available for the care of extremely ill children. With full-time pediatricians and a residency staff that is developing depth, the department looks forward to giant steps in child care.
A Working Formula for Learning

PCOM, like many colleges across the nation, has found a formula for learning outside the lecture hall. It's called a college work study program. At PCOM there are students who double as employees and who find their jobs rewarding and sometimes even relaxing.

According to Tony Mangiaracina, a second-year student who worked in the maintenance department this past summer, PCOM's work study program was more than just financially important to him. At times his job was physically exhausting; it "totally separated him from academics," yet allowed him to "participate in the total atmosphere of the college." This program gives many students the same opportunity. For instance, the students can remove themselves from the academic grind by working in maintenance or purchasing. Or, they can continue their studies in a clinical atmosphere in microbiology or the emergency room.

Other departments benefiting from the talents of work study students are physiology/pharmacology, radiology, anatomy, pharmacy, osteopathic principles and practice (OPP), library, pathology, pulmonary medicine, and physiological chemistry.

Coupled with participation in the routine work which goes on in every department, the student also has the opportunity to assist with special projects. Frank Peluso, class of 1980, was one of 12 students who gained valuable experience dealing with patients in PCOM's pulmonary function test booth at KYW-TV's "How's Your Health?" Fair in August.

Students must have more than the ability to work or interest in helping others. They must demonstrate a financial deficit in an application to the financial aid office.

The process is complicated. The student first fills out a need analysis form, which is reviewed by the Graduate and Professional School

(L-r, back row) Joseph Stepanitis, Tony Mangiaracina, John McDonald, (l-r, front row) James Fanning, Lou Mauney and John Mariani served as engineering/maintenance workers this summer.
Financial Aid Service in Princeton, NJ. Upon receipt of a letter of eligibility, the student then fills out an application for the work study program. After an interview with the program coordinator, Hale Peffall, the student is placed in a college or hospital department according to his/her qualifications. This seems to be a relatively simple operation - an interview or two, a few forms to fill out, an awards letter and the student gets a job. However, according to Virginia Gavigan, director of financial aid, it's more like a sea of paper, columns of statistics, and too few student interviews.

"I'm drowning in paper work," said Virginia. "Ideally, I should spend more time with the students; for instance I should do an exit interview to note students' opinions of the program. But, the amount of paper work just won't allow that."

When Virginia is able to meet with the students, she tries to answer two basic questions. First, is there a need? Second, is that need realistic? Surprisingly, most students ask for too little aid. "They don't look at the long range picture," said Virginia. "And, it can hit them all of a sudden."

However, asking for aid and receiving it are two different matters. Although $69,237 was allocated to PCOM by the office of education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare this year, the individual student's needs are set by a guideline budget put out by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. "Sometimes the budget is not totally tuned in with the high Philadelphia prices," mentioned Virginia.

Because of this discrepancy between rising Philadelphia prices and the original guidelines set for student budgets, many students find they are not eligible for the work study program. However, these students may be eligible for aid through national student direct loans, AOA scholarships, and student funds made available by the alumni association.

Once in the work study program the student can work a maximum of 20 hours a week during the school year or 40 hours a week during the summer for a wage of $3 an hour. This is 35¢ more than the minimum wage. According to a recent issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education 80% of other colleges do not pay this "over the minimum" amount.

Although lack of money is an ever-present factor to the medical student, the experience of either getting away from academics or working closely with patients is just as valuable. Frank Peluso, second-year student who worked in OPP, said "Being able to work with patients during the summer before my second year took the edge off the nervousness of dealing with people for the first time." He feels he is a bit ahead of his classmates because of the work study program. This year the summer program students decided to say "thank you" to their college. They took up a collection and presented Dr. Rowland with a $75 check for the annual growth fund.

PCOM's work study program is more than a formula for earning. It's a formula for learning how to help others while helping themselves.
Meet the Board of Trustees

J. Sydney Hoffman, chairman of the board

J. Sydney Hoffman is an eminent Pennsylvania jurist, a respected civic leader and the sincerely dedicated chairman of PCOM's board of trustees. Judge Hoffman has been a board member for 24 years and has held the position of elected chairman for the last six years. As a senior judge assigned to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, he sits regularly in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Yet he has rarely missed either a meeting of the board's various committees or a function of the college and hospital. His commitment to PCOM includes the generous donation of a great deal of his time.

Judge Hoffman was educated in the public schools of Reading, PA, where his father practiced law for 50 years. He attended Albright College, was graduated from Temple University and received his law degree from Dickinson Law School. He also was a fellowship student at Duke Law School and a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1956 he became judge of the county court in Philadelphia and was named to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania in 1965. Membership in professional activities might be enough to absorb all the time of most jurists. But not Judge Hoffman. His professional activities are, of course, numerous. Some of them include: member of the faculty of PCOM as lecturer in medical jurisprudence; member of the visiting faculty of the FBI Academy, Washington D.C.; member of the Appellate Judges' Conference; member of the National and Pennsylvania Councils of Juvenile Court Judges; member of the Criminal Law Committee and Chancellor's Drug Commission of the Philadelphia Bar Association; and chairman of the Governor's Justice Commission of the Philadelphia Regional Planning Council.

In addition, the Judge's interest in his community, his rapport with his fellow citizens and a strong leadership ability have involved him in more community programs than could possibly be listed here. Some of the highlights are: chairman of the Men's Organizations Division of the Allied Jewish Appeal; board member of the Federation of Jewish Charities; board member of the Philadelphia Psychiatric Hospital; former vice president of the Jewish National Fund Council of Philadelphia; member of the board of the Police Athletic League; co-founder of Teen Aid, Inc., and member of its advisory board.

Because of these humanitarian efforts and his contributions to community affairs, more than 50 professional, social and religious organizations have honored him with awards. The Trial Lawyer's Association presented him with its annual award; LaSalle College gave him its presidential citation; Tuskegee Institute gave its founders day award; Albright College conferred an honorary doctor's degree; the American Legion gave its distinguished service award; the Philadelphia County Council of Jewish War Veterans presented the brotherhood award; the Delaware County AFL-CIO presented an award of merit; the Philadelphia Tribune Charities gave the 10th annual merit award; the State of Israel Tribute gave its year of the negev award; Christ Church presented a man of the year award; the Women's Christian Alliance of Philadelphia presented a distinguished service award; the Allied Jewish Appeal gave the humanitarian service award; the Police Athletic League presented its award of distinction and the Pop Warner Little League gave him its leader award. The list goes on and on.

But the essence of the man, his interest in osteopathic medicine and his devotion to Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine is probably better told in his own words, as he wrote them for a Digest interview.

ON HIS INTEREST IN PCOM:
I became interested in osteopathic medicine at an early age through my father, who was a prominent attorney in Reading. He went to an osteopathic physician for almost 40 years, because he believed in the natural methods of curing disease and was outraged by what he called the over-dosage of pills by the medical profession.

ON HIS ROLE AT PCOM
As chairman it is my happy function to preside over the board and coordinate its efforts with those of the president, the faculty, the staff and administration.

ON THE STRENGTHS OF PCOM
The fact that we have the most dedicated, visionary, hard-working president of any organization in the country -- Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr. -- is a major strength of PCOM. Dr. Rowland has inspired the teaching and administrative staffs of the college and hospital to one avowed purpose -- to graduate the finest educated and most humanitarian physicians in the nation.

ON ITS WEAKNESS
I think that we should re-dedicate ourselves to the principles of osteopathic medicine. I am troubled that many of the staff either through apathy, indifference or negligence fail to utilize the basic principles of osteopathic manipulative medicine.

ON ITS FUTURE
PCOM in the last five years has advanced meteorically. There is a momentum here that cannot be denied. Attainable horizons, indomitable courage, absolute flexibility and comprehensive planning have all contributed to this. All of us who are vitally concerned with PCOM are honored and privileged to be part of this outstanding organization.
They arrived well before 9 a.m. on September 7, 1978 - 209 members of the largest entering class at PCOM. They included 172 Pennsylvanians, 38 women, 7 members of minority groups and veterans. They overflowed the corridors of Evans Hall, displaying a variety of emotions -- anxiety, exuberance, wonder, confusion, apprehension. There was joy in the achievement of the first part of a goal and pride in the profession they were about to enter.

PCOM's president, Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., welcomed the new class during a luncheon. "The day you begin your career here at PCOM you are regarded as a member of the osteopathic profession, and you are treated as a member of that profession. Because of this I would expect you to carry yourself in such a way as to gain the respect of all those you encounter . . . patients, employees and visitors are looking at you as representatives of our profession." The president touched upon "discipline" and "execution" as important to the success of any endeavors, especially for an osteopathic physician. Also welcoming the class were members of the college administration: Carol Fox, director of admissions and student affairs, who planned the two-day program of registration and orientation; Judge J. Sydney Hoffman, chairman of the board of trustees; Robert W. England, D.O., dean; and John Burns, executive director of alumni relations, who gave each member of the class a "coffee" mug, guaranteed to hold no beer.

An effective orientation program was implemented by a committee from the class of 1981, chaired by Evan Nicholas. Group leaders for 14 sections of the first-year class provided background information and answered questions on a variety of subjects from books to pizzerias. Dr. Nicholas S. Nicholas, professor and chairman of the OPP department, presented a special introduction to osteopathic medicine. On the program with him were Drs. David Heilig, Alex Nicholas, Spencer Bradford, Emanuel Fliegelman and Domenic DeBias.

New this year were speech tests available for each student. The tests were conducted by Pat McGill, speech therapist in the ENT department, for the purpose of identifying any speech or voice difficulties. Students with possible problems were encouraged to return for a full evaluation and regular therapy if necessary.

The two-day orientation program ended on Friday with a question and answer session on social and professional organizations. The class of 1982 had become an official part of PCOM.
Open House
1. Dr. Rowland greets new students.
2. Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Meals pose with their family, Sharon, class of 1979 and Bobby.
3. Jere Eshleman, Lancaster, PA, shows his family the OPP lab.
4. Dr. Walter Baker, professor of physiology and pharmacology, holds an informal lecture.
5. Dr. Vichazelhu Iralu, director of the department of microbiology, welcomes visitors to his laboratory.
6. Carol Fox, director of admissions and student affairs, cuts the class cake for first-year students (l-r) Phil Spinuzza, Lafayette Hills; Kathi Feinstein, Philadelphia; John Bobby, California, PA.
Faculty Notes

William H. Dickerson, D.O., F.A.C.O.I., professor and chairman of the department of internal medicine, was elected to his second three-year term on the board of the American Heart Association, Southeastern PA chapter in September.

Fairman L. Denlinger, D.O., professor and chairman of the department of ob/gyn, was guest speaker at the banquet of the National Association of Women's Guilds held in Wilmington in September.

Thomas M. Rowland, Jr. LL.D. (hon.) president, represented PCOM, as the presidents of five Philadelphia medical colleges formally invested William Likoff, M.D., as president of Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in September. Dr. Rowland was made an honorary member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons during the 51st Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Specialists held in Atlanta in October.

Robert Berger, D.O., F.A.C.O.P., associate professor of pediatrics, was invited to deliver the 20th James M. Watson memorial lecture at the ACOP convention in Atlanta in September. The lecture was titled “Mental Retardation – Why Bother?” Dr. Berger’s field of interest is pediatric neurology.

William J. Gilhool, D.O., associate professor of internal medicine and chairman of the division of gastroenterology, and Robert H. Jama, D.O., associate professor of surgery and vice chairman of the department of surgery, served as faculty members at the third annual convention of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic General Practitioners Society. The program was titled “General Practice Update” and was held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA, in August.

John W. Becher, Jr., D.O., associate professor and chairman of the department of emergency medicine, has accepted the invitation of the editors of The Osteopathic Physician to become a member of the publication’s editorial board.

Walter Baker, Ph.D., professor of physiology and pharmacology, presented a paper to the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists in Atlanta, GA in October. The title was “Receptors: Their Impact on Our Understanding of the Actions of Drugs on the Brain.”

Robert L. Meals, D.O., professor and chairman of the department of radiology, and Martin S. Landis, D.O., associate professor, were named fellows of the American College of Osteopathic Radiologists at the annual clinical assembly held in Atlanta in October. Dr. Meals presented an exhibit and lecture on “A New Method of Teaching Radiology to Students, Interns and Residents in Osteopathic Hospitals.” The exhibit won second place in scientific exhibits.

Emanuel Fliegelman, D.O., F.A.C.O.O.G., professor of ob/gyn, was recently elected to certification by the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists. In October, Dr. Fliegelman completed a four-lecture course in “Human Sexuality” for the house staff of Albert Einstein Medical Center’s Northern Division.

John Yardumian, D.O., certified in psychiatry by the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry.

Stephen M. Smith, D.M.D., clinical director of the temporomandibular orthopedics center, a division of the department of ENT, published an article in the New York State Dental Journal titled “Muscular Strength Correlated to Jaw Posture and the Temporomandibular Joint.” In the article Dr. Smith tells of performance studies in which he used members of the Philadelphia Eagles professional football team to obtain objective evidence that might indicate a correlation of body muscular strength to the posture and condition of the jaw.

NOTE: The editors of the DIGEST wish to correct an item in the Summer issue’s Faculty Notes regarding the 22nd annual AOA Research Conference held in Chicago in March. We should have stated that Lawrence E. D’Antonio, D.O., director of research, as PCOM’s official representative to the conference, organized the college’s participation. He coordinated the submission of abstracts, arranged for student and faculty participation and led the PCOM contingent of faculty and students.

Raymond L. Ruberg, D.O., F.A.C.O.S., clinical professor of neurologic surgery and chairman of the division of neurologic surgery, spoke on “Cord Trauma” to the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics and the neurosurgical surgeons section of the ACOS during the Clinical Assembly in Atlanta.

Leonard H. Finkelstein, D.O., clinical professor of urologic surgery and chairman of the division of urology, spoke on “Lower Urinary Tract and the Proctologist” to the American Osteopathic College of Proctology during the Clinical Assembly in Atlanta.

Vichazelhu Iralu, Ph.D., professor and chairman of the department of microbiology and public health, spoke on “Sexually Transmitted Diseases” for the clinical microbiology workshop conducted by the Eastern Pennsylvania Branch of the American Society of Microbiology at Jefferson Medical Center in October. Dr. Iralu and Mr. Locke Barber, research assistant, will present two papers on “The Effects of Lectins on Trypanosoma Cruzi” at a joint meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists and the American Society of Tropical Medicine Hygiene in Chicago in November.

Edward A. Slotnick, D.O., clinical associate professor of ob/gyn, was elected to the AOA Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Carol Fox, director of admissions and student affairs, participated in a panel discussion in the education process during the first Osteopathic Awareness Conference held for undergraduate students and advisors at Xavier University, New Orleans, LA in October.
News From the College

At a September meeting of the AACOM council of student council presidents, PCOM students were appointed to the following offices and committees: John Conroy '80, vice-chairperson of the administrative board and chairperson of the legislative committee; Steve Cahill '80 to the liaison committee to the AOA committee on postdoctoral training; Scott Isaacman '80 to the public relations committee and Harry Rae '79 to the committee on national boards.

Richard Wellman, M.D. (left), chief of staff at Butler Veterans Administration Hospital, receives a certificate of appreciation from Dr. Rowland, during the college's third annual recognition luncheon for affiliated hospitals. Dr. Donald H. Thome, assistant dean for clinical education, is at right. PCOM is the first osteopathic college affiliated with a VA hospital to provide an osteopathic dean's committee.

During KYW-TV's outdoor Health Fair in August, PCOM students, volunteers and employees administered 1,173 pulmonary function tests to the Philadelphia community. Held at Independence Mall, the fair included various medical screenings offered by local hospitals and health associations.

The AACOM faculty assessment project held a round table meeting in August at PCOM. Consultants Dr. Carole Bland (standing at microphone), department of family medicine, University of Minnesota, and Dr. Paul Dressel (out of camera range), office of institutional research at Michigan State University, chaired the meeting that included representatives from nine osteopathic colleges. Dr. Sylvia Sharma, (seated second from left) is the project director.
PHILADELPHIA MAYOR FRANK RIZZO'S proclamation of Osteopathic Seals Week was presented to representatives of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in October by Robert Goodkin, assistant health commissioner. (L to r are) Jackie Runkle, Norristown, PA, chairman of the seals campaign; Vickie Maranzini, Roxborough, PA, president of the Students' Associate Auxiliary, and Robert W. England, D.O., dean of the college. The annual osteopathic seals campaign raises funds for student loans and research.

The annual corporation meeting, held on September 27, featured a report from the president, Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., from the treasurer of the corporation, Dr. Elmer S. Carll and from the director of financial affairs, Robert A. Bressler.

Dr. Rowland addresses the first- and second-year classes during the opening convocation of the 88th academic year.

Robert Tabas of the City Line Dinner Theater practices cardiopulmonary resuscitation under the direction of John Becher, D.O., chairman of the department of emergency medicine. Tabas was one of five representatives from the dinner theater who participated in PCOM's second "Cafe Coronary Course" for area restaurateurs.
News From the Hospital and Health Care Centers

URODYNAMIC LABORATORY
PCOM's Hospital has introduced two services for patients with urologic problems. They are: a urodynamic laboratory and an outpatient urologic center.
Both services are directed by Leonard Finkelstein, D.O., clinical professor of urologic surgery and chairman of the division of urology. The urodynamic laboratory helps physicians diagnose and treat patients with urologic problems - - those who have difficulty stopping or starting urination, or whose frequency changes dramatically.
Equipment in the laboratory measures patients' rate of urine flow, records the response of the bladder muscle to filling and voiding, and measures the pressure inside the urethra, the canal that carries urine from the bladder.
The tests, which take 15 to 60 minutes depending on what information is required, provide physicians with strong scientific evidence on which to base their diagnoses for patients with urologic problems.
Besides working in the new urodynamic laboratory, Dr. Finkelstein and Dr. David Arsht, his associate, treat patients on Monday mornings in the hospital's outpatient urologic center.

LAPORTE MEDICAL CENTER
Michael Centrella, D.O., Laporte Medical Center, was approved as medical examiner for the Sullivan County School District for 1978-79 by the Sullivan County Board directors.

Dr. Rowland welcomes members of the Women's Guild at the September membership luncheon. The Guild, which will celebrate its 60th anniversary this year, plans yearly social and fundraising events to benefit the hospital.

Volunteers were honored in September for more than 15,000 contributed hours during the past year. Top recipients were Margaret Conti, second from left, for 1,000 hours and David Wilder, second from right, for 1500 hours. Presenting the awards were Martha Mewbourne, left, director of volunteers, and Alfred A. Meltzer, right, hospital administrator.

Dushore Medical Center
PCOM recently opened a new medical center in Dushore, PA, 10 miles from Laporte in Sullivan County. The Dushore Medical Center, which opened on October 16, was developed in response to a health care delivery need in Sullivan County. Located in the Bernice Rd. office of the late Dr. Theodore Saul, who was a physician in the county for many years, the center is staffed by Michael Rainey, D.O.'77, instructor in the department of general practice. Dr. Rainey and Michael Centrella, D.O. '76, of the La porte Medical Center, will share the health care delivery responsibilities of the county and PCOM students will rotate through both centers. Dr. Rainey, a native of Scranton, PA, was formerly emergency room physician at Bloomsburg Hospital, Bloomsburg, PA.

WCAU-TV's consumer affairs editor, Herb Denenberg, interviews Oree Hammett, director of medical records for the station's 6 o'clock news. The interview concerned patient access to hospital medical records.
HORSE RACING IS THE SPORT OF KINGS. CHESS IS THE SPORT OF MASTERMINDS. AND, RUGBY IS THE SPORT OF...

Well not the sport of the weak of stomach, or the fearful of hard nosed, physical competition.

Since the introduction of rugby to the college in 1974, the PCOM clubs have always been strong contenders in the Philadelphia Professional School League.

The 1978 Fall club started out much like past clubs. They shut out Jefferson Med 16-0, and went on to beat St. Joe's 11-4.

Then came the University of Pennsylvania and the ruggers fell hard to the tune of 34-4.

Injuries took their toll through the first three games, causing PCOM to pull out of the Lehigh Invitational Tournament.

The ruggers will meet Wharton School, Villanova Law and Temple Med in the second half of the Fall season.

The object in rugby is to get the ball. But, sometimes the only way to get the ball is to get the man.

A mass of hands reach for a sideline throw-in during the University of Penn game.
PCOM scrambles for ball.

The PCOM kicker sends the ball downfield at the University of Penn’s River Field.
1941

Herbert Steinberg, Wyncote, PA - moved to Florida in November. Dr. Steinberg practiced internal medicine in the Philadelphia area for 34 years and served as medical director and chairman of the department of medicine at Parkview Hospital. He was also chairman of the cardiovascular department and member of the board of directors of Metropolitan Hospital for 10 years.

1946

Howard E. Barsky, Philadelphia - served as guest editor for the August issue of Osteopathic Annals. He is a consultant in allergy and immunology at Northeastern Hospital, Philadelphia.

1951

Arthur L. Feldman, Danielsville, PA - elected vice president of the Pennsylvania State Society of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. He is the former vice speaker of the House of Delegates of the POMA.

1952

Frank B. Falbey, New York, NY - appointed to the faculty of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine as director of medical education and clinical clerk education at the Mid-Cities Academic Health Center, Grand Prairie Community Hospital, Grand Prairie, TX. Colonel Falbey served as chief of hospital services at the USAF Hospital in Zaragoza, Spain for the past three years.

1953

William S. Billings, Haddonfield, NJ - board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of General Practice.

1956

Alan M. Fallick, Levittown, PA - lectured at the Northeast Regional Library, Philadelphia, on "How to Live Younger, Longer," and at the 18 The Digest

Y.M.C.A. in Fairless Hills, on "How Important Is Nutrition?"

1958

Richard J. Citta, Stratford, NJ - serves as a part-time clinical professor in the department of surgery, New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine. He has been chairman of the department of surgery at John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital since 1974.

Irvin Lock, Cherry Hill, NJ - selected president-elect of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. He is director of laboratories and attending pathologist at the Cherry Hill Medical Center.

1959

Michael F. Avallone, Philadelphia - appointed to a two-year term on the Bureau of Conventions of the AOA.

1966

Edward A. Slotnick, Merion Station, PA - elected to the AOA Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is chairman of the department of ob/gyn at Metropolitan Hospital and clinical associate professor at PCOM.

1967

Sherman Leis, Merion Station, PA - appointed to the board of directors of the Settlement Music School, Philadelphia. He is the principal clarinetist of the Merion Symphony Orchestra. In October he spoke on "Treatment of Hand Burns Using Debrisan" to the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics during the Clinical Assembly of Specialists in Atlanta.

1968

James C. Giudice, Haddon Township, NJ - appointed fulltime professor in the department of medicine at the New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine. He also serves as chief of the pulmonary medicine division at John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Stratford, NJ.

1969

Steven Edell, Cherry Hill, NJ - writes that he is professor of radiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and director of ultrasound at the Philadelphia Veterans Hospital. He is also attending radiologist at the University of Pennsylvania.

Burton H. Ginsburg, North Wales, PA - joined the Schwenksville Medical Office, Schwenksville, PA, as a private participating physician.

1970

Larry Bookman, Denver, CO - relaxes from his emergency room duties at St. Anthony Hospital Central in Denver by playing professional four-wall handball. He is ranked 14th in the U.S. Dr. Bookman was featured in the August 7 issue of the Medical World News, where he commented, "Handball is a form of relaxation for me, because it requires you to concentrate totally on just what you’re doing." He decided not to take up the sport full time because "I enjoy the challenge of medicine."

Louis A. Papa, Cherry Hill, NJ - appointed clinical associate professor of cardiology at John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Stratford, NJ. He is also chief of the subsection on cardiology.

1971

Neal Irvin Brandoff, Philadelphia - appointed medical director of People Acting to Help (PATH), a community mental health facility serving Northeast Philadelphia.

David C. DePutron, Detroit, MI - certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine. He is a member of the staff of Art Centre Hospital, Detroit, and maintains a private practice in Detroit, MI.

1972

Stephen L. Burnstein, Cherry Hill, NJ - relocated to Cherry Hill Medical Center for the practice of adult and pediatric rheumatology and clinical immunology. He was formerly assistant professor of medicine in the department of rheumatology at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and Chicago Osteopathic Hospital.

David R. Byers, Strasburg, PA - opened a new office in Strasburg, after leaving a group practice in Elkins, WV.

Gregory P. Samano and Lawrence D. Kramer, Winter Park, FL - announced their association in family practice.

Lawrence Zazzo, Cherry Hill, NJ - appointed medical advisor to the Camden County hypertension identi-
1973

Philip W. Deibert, Huntingdon Valley, PA - appointed as cardiologist and instructor in the department of internal medicine at Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Stuart D. Levy, Philadelphia - joined the staff of Friends Hospital as a first-year resident in the three-year Hahnenmam Basic Psychiatry Residency Program. His field of interest is psychopharmacology.

Arthur S. Platt, North Caldwell, NJ - appointed instructor in clinical psychiatry at Columbia University, NY.

W. William Shay, Boyertown, PA - named to the medical-dental associate staff of the Pottstown Medical Center, Pottstown, PA.


1974

Charles T. Andrews, St Clair, PA - appointed to the staff of the department of radiology at Memorial Osteopathic Hospital, York, PA.

Anthony Benedetto, Philadelphia - joined the staff of Quakertown Community Hospital, Quakertown, and opened a practice for the treatment of skin diseases.

Thomas P. Pride, York Township, PA - appointed to the staff of the department of pediatrics at Memorial Osteopathic Hospital, York, PA. He will enter an associate practice with Philip W. Eppley '72, chairman of the department of pediatrics at MOH.

Joseph F. Gold, Penn Valley, PA - writes that he is the director of Olney-Logan Medical Center, Philadelphia. The center has recently expanded its services to include hours on two week nights, more examining rooms, and an enlarged waiting area.

1975

Joseph C. O'Laughlin, Columbia, MO - is serving a fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. He is the first D.O. to serve a fellowship at the university.

1976

Lawrence Anastasi, Stratford, NJ, and Dennis Piccone, Stratford, NJ - joined the staff of the department of general medicine at Shore Memorial Hospital, Somers Point, NJ.

Arthur G. Nahas, Philadelphia - joined the staff of the department of emergency medicine at Shore Memorial Hospital, Somers Point, NJ.

John H. Weis, Harrisburg, PA - appointed to the staff of Troy Community Hospital, Troy, PA. He joined Lawrence W. Brown '39 and Edward T. Myal D.O. as a general practice physician.

Charles R. Grubb, Bristol, PA - joined the general practice of Robert D. Briglia '76 and Edward J. Cumbo '76.

1977

John Crawford, III, Wilmington, DE - opened a general practice in Milo, DE.

James P. DeSantis, Farrell, PA - is a general duty physician/instructor with a unit of the Air Training Command in Wichita Falls, TX. He previously served at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Robert A. Dodds, Jr., Miami, FL - relocated to Turkey where he will be a physician with the Incirlik Common Defense Installation U.S. Air Force Base.

David M. George, Livingston, NJ - announced the birth of a son Peter Joseph in September.

James N. Hammett, Harrisburg, PA - joined the staff of Warner General Hospital, Warren, PA as a family practitioner. He is board eligible for certification by the American College of Family Practitioners.

Gary X. Heck, Philadelphia and Ronald L. Schiavone, Bangor, PA - completed their internships at John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Stratford, NJ.

Leroy Kearney Jr., Philadelphia - appeared in the October 1978 issue of Ebony Magazine. The article discussed his mid-life career change. After teaching sixth graders in Detroit for 20 years, Dr. Kearney at age 46 entered PCOM, the article noted.

Jerry Littlefield, Largo, FL - completed an internship at Sun Coast Hospital and started a residency in internal medicine.

James Luckie, Largo, FL - opened a general practice in Fitzgerald, GA.

Rosemarie Leandi Maynes, Maple Glen, PA - opened a family medicine practice in the Maple Glen Professional Center.

John Nicholson, Palmerton, PA - opened a general practice in Palmerton. He is affiliated with the Palmerton Hospital.

Frank Noonan, Hanover, PA - opened a general practice in Littletown, PA. He is a member of the medical staffs of both Hanover General Hospital and Annie M. Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, PA.

NEWs FROM the STATES

Florida

A. Joseph Piccola '61 writes from District 11, FOMA, that plans are underway to establish a new hospital in Fort Myers. The Gulf Coast Hospital Corporation has been approved with Nick Marino '56 as president, and application made to the area HSA. Two D.O.'s from Bristol, PA, Jim Taylor '77 and Dawson Gladding '77, have opened practices in south Fort Myers. And Dr. Piccola was elected president of the Lee County Unit of the American Cancer Society and to the board of directors of Area VI of the South Central Florida Health Systems Council.

Vermont

Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., was the keynote speaker at the banquet of the 73rd annual convention of the Vermont State Association, held in South Burlington in October. Accompanied by John Burns, executive director of alumni relations, PCOM's president attended the two-day convention and met with the Vermont alumni. The seminar speakers for the educational program included Nicholas S. Nicholas D.O., professor and chairman of PCOM's department of osteopathic principles and practice, who discussed "Sports Medicine"; and A. Kenneth Cingoli D.O. '68 of the department of neurology of the Hospital of Vermont Medical Center, whose topic was "The Unconscious Patient."
Frank E. Gruber, D.O., F.A.C.O.O.G.
Emeritus Professor of Ob/Gyn
will receive the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal

Dinner Dance and Class Reunions will be held on Saturday,
January 27 at the Marriott, Philadelphia

Reunions will be held for the classes of:
'29; '34; '39; '44; '49; '64; '59; '64; '69; '74

Reunion Classes will be seated together

More detailed information and reservation forms will be mailed