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One of the reasons for commemorating a founder is, of course, to do honor to his memory. But there is a personal advantage as well, that of providing inspiration for us in our own struggles.

Today when we honor the co-founder of our college, Dr. Oscar J. Snyder, we revere him for his faith and courage and we pray that we, too, may demonstrate these qualities.

Thomas M. Rowland, Jr.
Founders Day, 1979
The birthday party was a ball! Almost on its exact anniversary date (the official PCOM birthdate is January 24, 1899), the college marked its 80th year, with the fifth observance or the combined Founders Day/Alumni Weekend. Held on January 26 and 27 at the Philadelphia Marriott, the weekend program featured an assembly, class reunions, a general alumni luncheon, continuing medical education courses and a dinner dance attended by 650 alumni, faculty and friends of PCOM.

The celebration's highlight was the annual presentation of the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal. The 25th recipient of PCOM's highest award was Frank Gruber, D.O., class of 1926, professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Gruber was introduced by the president as "a man who lives his life by the values he cherishes. ...In his roles as physician, surgeon and teacher, Frank Gruber has earned the respect of his patients and colleagues both for his technical competence and for his quietly caring manner."

Dr. Rowland also cited Dr. Gruber's commitment to the osteopathic profession. Dr. Gruber's many offices included fellow, life member and past president of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists; chairman and advisor emeritus of the American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology; past president of the Philadelphia County Osteopathic Society and chairman of PCOM's department of obstetrics and gynecology.

Also honored at the dinner was Charles W. Sauter, II, D.O., class of 1931, who received the alumni association's certificate of merit. Dr. Sauter is one of the founders of the New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He served as president of the AOA in 1962 and was active in that association for more than 30 years. He is a past president and former member of the board of directors of the alumni association.

The 80th anniversary party was also notable for the numbers of alumni who attended their class reunions—130 men and women—more than have attended in any other year. (See Reunions, Page Five members of the class of 1929 celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation as guests of the college. Dr. Gus Conti, president of the alumni association, presented each member of the class with a gold medallion in remembrance of the occasion.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal to Frank Gruber, D.O. (L-r) Dr. Rowland, Mrs. Gruber, Dr. Gruber and Judge J. Sydney Hoffman, chairman of the board of trustees.

Charles W. Sauter II, D.O., '31 received a certificate of honor from the alumni association in recognition of his many contributions. Dr. Sauter is a former president of the AOA and PCOM's alumni association.
Representing the oldest class present, Foster C. True, D.O. '22, member of the board of trustees and 1978 recipient of the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal, receives an ovation from the assemblage. Mrs. True is at right.

Gus Conti, D.O. (center), president of the alumni association, presents 50-year medallions to the honored guests of the evening, members of the class of 1929. (l-r) Benjamin Gross, D.O.; Victor J. Manley, D.O.; Dorothy L. Brunner Watson, D.O.; Marion Ortlieb Gross, D.O.; S. Gilbert Corwin, D.O.

Dr. Rowland congratulates Ethel Allen, D.O., '63, who was recently appointed secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The appointment, by Governor Thornburgh, makes Dr. Allen the highest ranking black woman state official. At right are Melvin C. Howell, member of the board of trustees, and Mrs. Howell.

Among the 650 guests at the dinner dance were Henry Nicholas (left), president of local 1199C of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, Mrs. Nicholas, Harvey Tomlinson, director of personnel and Mrs. Tomlinson.
Founders Day Alumni Weekend also included

STUDENT-FACULTY ASSEMBLY


One of the youngest men to graduate from the college, Dr. Gruber disclosed that he could not take the certifying board examination until he was 21, six months after graduation. He traced the growth of osteopathic obstetrics and gynecology through the grim days of the 1930's when deliveries were conducted in the home by general practitioners or poorly trained midwives; he praised the maternal mortality committees, and Dr. Philip Williams of Philadelphia, for raising the standards of obstetrical practice; he noted that the present practice of deliveries in the hospital, conducted by trained obstetricians and well-trained midwives, is a tremendous change for the better.

Dr. Gruber also described his efforts to expand residencies and preceptorship programs in his specialty.

As president of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Dr. Gruber led the fight for that specialty college's privilege to certify in the complete specialty of obstetrics and gynecologic surgery.

While he downplayed his role as arbitrator in the 1961 fight to keep D.O.'s independent in California, he described the efforts to keep the A.C.O.O.G. osteopathic after many members had left during that classic struggle. Dr. Gruber concluded with this advice to the students.

"I urge you to keep active in your profession after you graduate. I urge you to join your local, state and national osteopathic societies to work for the betterment of your profession.

The recipient of PCOM's highest award addresses the convocation of faculty, students and friends.

Nicholas S. Nicholas, D.O., professor and chairman of the department of o.p.p., is congratulated by Dr. Rowland at the general alumni luncheon. Dr. Nicholas, who is a Kirksville graduate, received an associate membership in PCOM's alumni association, making him an honorary member of the class of 1939. John Burns, executive director of alumni relations is in the background.
Carol Fox, director of admissions and students affairs, welcomes Jim Gerrie, D.O. '74 to Founders Day weekend. Jim is a lieutenant commander in the Navy, stationed at Newport, RI.

Alumni sign up for two days of continuing medical education programs. Chaired by William H. Dickerson, D.O., and Spencer G. Bradford, D.O. the sessions were titled "Office Medicine" and "Modern Concepts of Neoplastic Disease."

Gus Conti, D.O. '53 (right), president of the alumni association, presents the former president William B. Wilson, D.O. '32, with a plaque in appreciation of his contributions.

The weekend ceremonies began early on the morning of January 26 when representatives of the college, students and administration visited the gravesite of Oscar John Snyder, D.O., the co-founder of PCOM and an "example of courage and leadership."
Copies of the reunion photos may be ordered from the Public Relations Department. Please send $2.50 in check or money order payable to PCOM. No cash, please.
We reported on the Hawaii AOA National Convention in the first issue of "NEWS & DUES" which all alumni should have received in January. According to reports from the AOA national office, over 400 PCOM alumni registered for the convention.

Speaking of conventions — EROC is scheduled at the Cherry Hill Hyatt House this year on May 3-6. We hope to see most of our alumni from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania at this time. The PCOM alumni luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th, and we’re planning to present an up-to-date report on campus events at that time. A number of other state conventions are scheduled in the coming months—Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Michigan to mention some — and Dr. Rowland and I hope to make as many as time will permit.

During 1978, active membership in the association reached 1539 with an additional 145 life members. The association sponsors a number of active programs through member’s dues, probably the most important being the student loan fund. Miss Virginia Gavigan, director of financial aid, reported at the alumni board meeting that as of 12/31/78, loans were made to 124 students totalling $62,000. So you can see that active membership in the association provides direct benefits to the educational programs at PCOM.

The association’s board of directors held its regular annual meeting over the Founders Day-Alumni Weekend, January 26th & 27th, and announced the results of the elections of new directors and officers of the board. Ballots for election of directors were mailed out to all active & life members last November. The official 1979 roster of officers & directors is listed in the adjoining column on this page.

Attendance at the Founders Day—Alumni Weekend activities was the best ever. Both Dr. Bill Dickerson and Dr. Spencer Bradford organized outstanding CME programs and these were rounded out at the Convocation ceremonies with a witty and nostalgic review and remembrances of the developments in ob/gyn by the 1979 O.J. Snyder Memorial Medalist, Dr. Frank Gruber, ’26.

At the alumni general luncheon on Saturday, the new officers and directors were installed. Also, Dr. Nicholas S. Nicholas, a 1939 graduate of Kirksville and a member of the PCOM faculty for 33 years, was awarded associate membership in the alumni association.

Saturday evening saw over 630 guests at the dinner dance. The highlights were the presentation by Dr. Rowland of the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal to Dr. Gruber and the first official act of Dr. Conti as president in presenting the gold medals to the members of the 50th anniversary class. Earlier that day at the 1929 class reunion, Dr. Gilbert Corwin recalled graduation day. He said that before the class assembled at Witherspoon Hall in downtown Philadelphia for the formal exercises, the graduates were all required to attend religious ceremonies at a nearby Episcopal church. The funny part of it was that among the entire class, there was not one Episcopalian!

1979 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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Gustave V. Conti, D.O. ’53
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Vacancy (for Robert Maurer)
Michael Sutula, D.O. ’59

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT (5)
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Robinson G. Fry, D.O. ’56
Alfred A. Grilli, D.O. ’48

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John A. Cifala, D.O. ’45
Alexander D. Xenakis, D.O. ’56

MID-WEST DISTRICT (2)
Henry Salkind, D.O. ’56
John E. Burns, D.O. ’52

FAR WEST DISTRICT
Richard S. Koch, D.O. ’38
News From the College

Two PCOM students were commended by the chief of Harrisburg’s (PA) rescue fire company for their assistance in the rescue of the driver of a tractor-trailer. Ken Toff ’79 and Mark Freed ’80 were riding in an ambulance and saw the driver pinned in the crushed cab of the truck. Using a fire truck ladder, the students climbed into the cab, checked the victim’s vital signs and started an I.V. before the man was taken to a Harrisburg hospital. In his commendation, Chief Gutshall of the Rescue Fire Co. said, “Without the benefit of your training and skills, the driver would surely have had less chance of surviving.”

Carol Fox, director of admissions and student affairs, was elected chairperson of the council of student affairs of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

Steven J. Arnow ’79 wrote a 60-page abstract, “Factors Affecting the Continuity of Health Care”, and conducted a lecture in the college’s community health course. Steve holds a master’s degree in health administration from the University of Michigan.

John Conroy, ’81, president of Student Council, and chairman of the legislative committee of the AACOM council of student council presidents, testified in November before the U.S. Office of Education on the Health Education Assistance Loan Program. In his testimony, Conroy recommended that participants in the HEAL program receive interest subsidies to help them repay their student loans. He also recommended that the HEAL program be amended to provide an optional pay-back provision for practicing in health manpower shortage areas.

The department of microbiology has received a contract from Merck, Sharp and Dohme to test its new semi-synthetic broad-spectrum antibiotic Sodium Cefoxitin (Mefoxin), a derivative of cephamycin C with a methoxy group in the 7-alpha position, making it resistant to most beta-lactamases, both penicillinases and cephalosporinases of gram-negative bacteria. The ability to produce such enzymes is the main reason bacteria become resistant to penicillins or cephalosporins. The antibiotic is reported to be useful against gram-positive bacteria as well.

The testing will involve screening the antibiotic against clinical isolates of bacteria. The project will be directed by Vichazellhu Iralu, Ph.D., professor and chairman of the department of microbiology, and Jere Boyer, Ph.D., assistant professor. Cultures will be provided by the clinical microbiology laboratory which is directed by William Walters, D.O., F.A.O.C.P., professor and chairman of the department of pathology.

Dr. Dunfee, who is a member of the Philadelphia Council of Boy Scouts of America, received a resolution of appreciation from the Council’s Executive Board.

Seven fourth-year students gave up part of their summer to serve the Boy Scouts of America in cooperation with David Dunfee, D.O., assistant professor of general practice at 48th Street. The students provided coverage as first aid officers at Eagle Island and Camp Hart Boy Scout summer camps. Related recognition goes to Brian S. Silverman ’79; Keith F. Henderson ’79; Wasyl Terlecky, Jr. ’79; Richard J. Donlich ’79; John G. Brabazon ’79; John J. Bowden ’79 and Michael H. Segal ’79.

SOCCER

Led by first-year goalie Steve Restaino, PCOM’s soccer team placed second in the Health Professions Soccer League with a 4-2 record. The maroon and gray booters beat MCP, Temple Med, Philadelphia Optometry, and an independent team.

The two losses came at the hands of the league’s best and worst teams, as PCOM fell to undefeated Temple Dental, 4-2, and last place Villanova Law, 1-0.

Martin, a veteran player from Rider College in Trenton, NJ, led the team in scoring with nearly two goals per game. Restaino logged four shut-outs and a .833 goals-against average.

Restaino had a lot of help from second-year fullbacks Steve McNulty and Rich Bianco to keep that average low.

The 1978 team, boasting good passing, team work, and no major injuries, looks forward to opening its spring season in late March.


The department of educational communications made a videotape for Domenic DeBias, Ph.D., professor and chairman of the department of physiology and pharmacology, for presentation as a scientific exhibit at the AOA convention in Hawaii in November. The tape illustrated a research project on the somatic expression of myocardial infarction which is being investigated by Dr. DeBias, Charlotte Green, Ph.D., assistant professor, and David Heilig, D.O., professor of osteopathic principles and practice. An 8mm film on PCOM was also produced by the department for presentation to the college alumni in Hawaii. The movie was written by John Burns, director of alumni relations, and filmed by Charles Dear of the educational communications department. The film, which cost about $100 to produce, was received with great enthusiasm by PCOM’s alumni.
News From the Hospital and Health Care Centers

Robert L. Meals, D.O., professor and chairman of the department of radiology, explains an image produced by the CT scanner.

CT SCANNER UNVEILED

The hospital unveiled its new Pfizer AS&E, five-second, total body, computer tomography (CT) scanner at an open house for area physicians, students and employees in December. Approximately 300 people attended.

The scanner, which was in operation before the open house, is an x-ray device that blends radiology, computer technology and photography to produce unobstructed, two-dimensional, sectional representations of any part of the body. Extremely sensitive, the scanner can detect disease and abnormalities such as tumors, cysts and hemorrhages much earlier than can traditional diagnostic tools.

Scanners also can reduce exploratory surgery by as much as 25 percent and in one Toronto hospital, reduced the average length of stay by 1.6 days. The Health Systems Agency of Southeastern Pennsylvania and the PA. Department of Health approved the hospital’s purchase of a scanner for a price not to exceed $734,000. PCOM’s hospital is the first known osteopathic institution in the Middle Atlantic States to acquire a scanner.

The hospital has also agreed to provide services to members of the Health Maintenance Organization of Pennsylvania (HMO-PA). This means that HMO-PA’s 22,000 area members are eligible to receive pre-paid treatment at the hospital. (Participating physicians on PCOM’s professional staff will provide medical services.)

Alfred A. Meltzer, Hospital administrator, has been appointed to the AOA hospital accreditation committee. Prior to his joining the hospital inspecting teams, he will spend two weeks in February participating in inspections as an observer. Mr. Meltzer is also a member of the AOA planning and program committee, which will organize the annual meeting to be held in San Francisco in October.

GREENWOOD MEDICAL CENTER

James L. Witt, D.O., associate professor and director of the center, announced approval by the board of directors of a $21,000 appropriation for a new x-ray and emergency room at the center. Dr. Witt is quoted in the Harrisburg, PA Patriot, “The new room will include a ramp and door for ambulance patients and will provide a higher level of intensive care for persons who otherwise might need hospitalization. (This) will allow us to bring patients from Brookline Manor (the Juniata County nursing home) and other areas right into our emergency facilities for more detailed x-rays, for treatment of simple fractures, for sutures and for other emergency procedures that could not be performed at health-care facilities.” The center completed its second year last October.

Dr. Witt was the subject of a column by Darrell Sifford in the December 24 Philadelphia Inquirer. He discussed the advantages and disadvantages of practicing rural medicine.

LAPORTE MEDICAL CENTER

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Centrella (assistant professor of general practice) are the parents of a son, Louis Rocco, who was born last June.
Mrs. Regina Esposito R.N. (center) was honored at a tea in her honor on the occasion of her retirement after 14 years of service to PCOM. Her husband Vito is second from left. Mrs. Esposito had been a member of the nursing department since 1964, had served as director of nursing at 48th Street in 1968 and had served on the utilization review committee for five years. Extending good wishes are (l-r) Muriel Crowther R.N., nursing supervisor; Joan Meade R.N. (back to camera) head nurse, recovery room; Ella Buchanan R.N., coordinator of inservice training.

Mrs. Bradford

Mrs. Jean C. Bradford, president of the Women's Guild, received an award of merit from the Italian-American press at the festival of the Philadelphia Exclusive (an Italian newspaper). The award was conferred for her humanitarian efforts on behalf of her fellow-man and PCOM's hospital.

Mrs. Bradford is completing a two-year term as president of the Guild, in which she has been active for 33 years. She is also an active member of the committee for special education in the Lower Merion School District and is the former acting chairman for retarded persons for Lower Merion Township.

Married to Spencer Bradford, D.O., assistant dean for basic science at PCOM, Jean is the mother of six children.

Dr. Nickey

Dr. Nicky

ACUTE HEMODIALYSIS UNIT

William Dickerson, D.O., professor and chairman of the department of internal medicine, announced the installation of facilities for acute hemodialysis on January 29. Co-directors of the new service are William A. Nickey, D.O., clinical assistant professor of internal medicine and chairman of the division of nephrology, and Stephen Levin, D.O., clinical assistant professor. Both Drs. Nickey and Levin are board certified in internal medicine and in the subspecialty of nephrology.

The service is provided in the third floor intensive care wing by nurses specially trained in kidney disease and hemodialysis techniques.
PCOM's School of Allied Health welcomed five groups of new students in ceremonies held on November 15. The curriculum now includes five programs: EKG technicians; EEG technologists; medical assistants; surgical technologists and the recently added dental assistants' program.

The School's first class of four EKG technicians was graduated in September. Students in three other programs will complete one year courses of study in April. The School, which is a joint effort by PCOM and District 1199C, opened in April, 1978.
FRANK E. GRUBER

His colleagues describe him as a highly respected physician, skilled surgeon and excellent obstetrician. His former residents term him an ethical, compassionate, patient and tireless educator. He calls himself an "aginner", who enjoyed a good fight "agin" those who would denigrate the osteopathic profession. On January 27, 1979, PCOM named him recipient of the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal.

Frank E. Gruber D.O., F.A.C.O.O.G., emeritus professor of obstetrics and gynecology, was an active member of PCOM's faculty for 46 years—44 of those years in ob/gyn. During that time he maintained a practice, first in center city Philadelphia and later in Norristown, PA, taught didactic and clinical obstetrics and gynecology, supervised in outpatient clinics and played a dynamic role in support of osteopathic medicine on a national level.

Dr. Gruber is a native of Philadelphia who first became interested in osteopathic medicine on a national level. "He says, because he was not especially happy with the certifying examinations of that time.

"I wouldn't want to do it today, though", he said in a recent interview, "because of the complications that can occur. In spite of the modern trend to save costs by returning to home deliveries, I still feel that it's better to have the baby in the hospital. However, I see nothing wrong with a new mother going home the day after her child is born, providing everything is normal."

Dr. Gruber was certified in obstetrics/gynecology in 1950, "somewhat late", he says, because he was not especially happy with the certifying examinations of that time.

Being a forthright and determined man, he did something about it. As a very active member and (later) president of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, he helped to make changes that raised the standards of the specialty. "This was one of the most interesting, productive and satisfying eras of my life," he said. He was elected a fellow of the ACOOG in 1957.

The same dedication and effort that he gave to his practice and to teaching, Dr. Frank Gruber devoted to the osteopathic profession. He served as chairman and later as advisor emeritus of the American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology; as a long-term member of the AOA committee on postdoctoral training; and as a member of the committee on hospitals of the AOA. "I always played devil’s advocate on the hospital committee," he admits.

Quietly but effectively, Dr. Gruber was always ready to defend his position wholeheartedly or to launch an attack. "We had lots of fun doing battle to keep California from swinging to the AMA," he said "the aginner", with a twinkle in his eye. "But the most satisfaction I had", he admitted, "was arguing with the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons to get proper certification for ob/gyn physicians."

Somehow he also found time to serve as chairman of the professional staff of both PCOM's Hospital and Riverview Osteopathic which is known today as Suburban General Hospital.

In 1969 the Journal of Maternal and Child Health presented Frank Gruber with the Distinguished Physician Award in recognition of his contributions. In 1979 his alma mater conferred upon him its highest award for leadership and service to his college and to his profession.

In presenting the medal, Dr. Rowland said, "I can honestly say that I have never yet met the individual who does not respect him both for the person and the physician that he is."

Frank Gruber has earned his distinguished awards as he has earned the respect of his patients, his students, and his colleagues.
Christmas
1978

Yes Virginia, this is Santa Claus.

This year, Dr. Walters joined the show.

Chorus line, 1982

Samauri, D.O.

Class of 1981
Jim Russell, class of 1980, portrayed Cookie Monster at the Christmas party at the CAMBRIA STREET HEALTH CARE CENTER and apparently devoured one of the guests' cookies.

Irma Fitzhugh, a music therapist, serves as master of ceremonies at the 48th STREET HEALTH CARE CENTER's party for senior citizens. The party was sponsored by Rosalie Clarke, L.P.N. and the employees at 48th Street.

Reversing roles, members of PCOM's administration serve members of the dietary department at the employee Christmas buffet. Above, Robert A. Bressler, director of financial affairs, and Alfred A. Meltzer, hospital administrator, provide the service.

At the ROXBOROUGH HEALTH CARE CENTER, William Knoll, a patient, played Santa Claus at the party for area children. His elves are (l-r) Judy George R.N. and Carol Twille.

Jerry Hickman, administrator for the health care centers, played host to area children at 48TH STREET'S Christmas party.

The student council Christmas party for children of students and employees featured Bob Aitken, class of 1982, as Big Bird.
New Appointments

Katherine M. England, A.B., D.O., F.A.C.G.P., has been appointed associate professor in the department of osteopathic principles and practice.

Dr. England holds a bachelor's degree from Houghton College and the D.O. degree from PCOM, where she served her internship. She has pursued graduate studies at Hahnemann Medical College and at Children's Hospital.

Robert G. Cuzzolino has been appointed assistant director of admissions and student affairs.

Cuzzolino will assist Carol Fox, the director of admissions, in evaluating and interviewing applicants to the college, and also will offer general support in student affairs.

Before his appointment, Cuzzolino was assistant registrar at Glassboro (N.J.) State College. Previously, he served as a full-time substitute teacher in Scotch Plains (N.J.)-Fanwood Schools, as a placement counselor in Allentown, and as a full-time counseling intern and coordinator of college dining at Kutztown (PA.) State College.

Mr. Wolf

James J. Wolf, assistant administrator of the Hospital of PCOM, has been appointed planning coordinator for 4190 City Avenue.

Jim started at PCOM twenty years ago as an office boy. Since then he has been promoted through the ranks from clerk typist to college recorder in the college office to assistant administrator of the Hospital. In 1969 he became assistant to Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., then vice president for administrative affairs. When the college moved to City Avenue in March, 1973, Jim served as plant and facilities coordinator for Evans Hall.

In September of the same year, he was appointed acting administrator of PCOM's Hospital. Three years later he was appointed assistant administrator with responsibility for the departments of physical therapy, housekeeping, laundry,
In his new capacity, Jim is responsible for working closely with the architects and engineers on 4190. He will also serve as manager in Evans Hall and other PCOM facilities.

Mr. Flamini

Joseph Flamini has been appointed assistant administrator at PCOM’s hospital.

Besides assisting the administrator, Flamini will assume administrative responsibility for certain ancillary and service departments, oversee the development of operating and capital budgets, and coordinate special projects.

Before his appointment, Flamini served as financial assistant to the administrator. He also worked two years in the planning and budgeting department at the corporate offices of American Medicorp, Inc., formerly located in Bala Cynwyd, PA.

A 1976 graduate of Rutgers, the State University, N.J. (Camden Campus), Flamini received a B.A. degree in political science with a minor in business administration. He is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in Willingboro, and is married to the former Debbie Danielenko.

1928

W. Irvin Atkinson, Millville, NJ—featured in an Atlantic City Newspaper article titled “Doctor, 72, Is Going Strong.” The article noted that Dr. Atkinson, a general practitioner, still makes house calls and “has no plans to retire.”

Ivan Bixby, Athens, PA—donated a copy of his book “With Charity for All” to PCOM’s library. The book highlights the life of Abraham Lincoln in verse.

1942

Richard Heistand, Lancaster, PA—discussed the changes in medicine he has seen in the past 33 years in a recent issue of the Lancaster Sunday News. Dr. Heistand has been a member of the surgical staff at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital since 1945.

John J. Kelch, Drexel Hill, PA—appointed medical director of Tri-County Hospital, Springfield, PA. Dr. Kelch will continue his duties as director of medical education at the hospital.

1943

Joseph M. Kobland, Lancaster, PA, elected a trustee of the Lancaster County Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

1944

Albert Bonier, Jerome Bonier ’77 and Bruce Bonier ’78, Cherry Hill, NJ—serve on the staff at Cherry Hill Medical Center. Dr. Albert and his sons were the subject of an article appearing in the Cherry Hill News.

1951

Victor M. Bove, Lancaster, PA—elected a trustee of the Lancaster County Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

1952

Philip L. Mouer, York, PA—elected president of the staff of Memorial Osteopathic Hospital, York. Dr. Mouer serves as director of osteopathic manipulative services at Memorial and clinical assistant professor of OPP at PCOM.

Walter W. Schwartz, Springfield, PA—named director of the intensive care and cardiac care units at Tri-County Hospital, Springfield. Dr. Schwartz maintains a private practice in Springfield.

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1955

Paul W. Herr, Quarryville, PA—elected secretary-treasurer of the Lancaster County Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

Frank A. McGowan, Holmes, PA—reappointed to the board of directors of Tri-County Hospital, Springfield. Dr.
McGowan, one of the founders of Tri-County, has served as president of the board of directors, chairman of general practice and vice chief of staff of the hospital.

Arnold Wechsler, Upper Darby, PA—retired as chairman of obstetrics and gynecological surgery at Tri-County Hospital, Springfield, Dr. Wechsler chaired the department for 18 years.

1953

Gustave V. Conti, Garden City, NY—presented a lecture titled “The Unstable Low Back, Its Causes and Treatment with Sclero-therapy” at the 1978 AOA convention in Hawaii. Dr. Conti was elected president of PCOM’s alumni association during Founders Day/Alumni Weekend.

1955

David McClain, Des Moines, IA—named to the clinical faculty of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, IA. Dr. McClain has been in private practice in Des Moines since 1967.

1956

Albert Golin, Lauderhill, FL—serves as supervisor in the Primary Health Care Division of Broward County, FL. He is the first D.O. to hold this position.

1958

Sander E. Kabel, Delran, NJ—appointed chief of the allergy service at Walson Arm Hospital, Fort Dix-Maguire Air Force Base, NJ. Dr. Kabel is a member of the American College of Allergy and Immunology and an associate fellow of the American College of Allergists.

1959

D.L. Bottomley, Monterey, CA—appointed chief of the occupational health section at Fort Ord, CA. Dr. Bottomley has specialized in occupational medicine and public health for 15 years.

Willard L. Noyes, Allentown, PA—elected chairman of the Allentown Osteopathic Hospital staff. He is a member of the department of surgery at the hospital.

1962

Dale M. Steventon, Allentown, PA—elected president of the American Osteopathic College of Pathologists. Dr. Steventon is chairman of pathology at Allentown Osteopathic Hospital.

Bernard Goldstein, Oak Park, MI—appointed to the adjunct faculty of the Des Moines College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. Dr. Goldstein also serves on the faculty of Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine.

1963

Stuart A. Brodsky, Cranston, RI—elected a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

Charles J. Cannon, Newark, DE—joined the faculty of the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine as an assistant professor of family medicine.

1964

David Gerber, Westbury, NY—appointed clinical associate professor and chairman of family medicine at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine.

1965

Philip J. Bell, Philadelphia—is board eligible for certification in general practice.

Alexander B. Chernyk, Norristown, PA—elected chairman of the professional staff at Suburban General Hospital, Norristown. Dr. Chernyk is past chairman of the department of surgery at Suburban.

1966

Michael I. Abraham, Cherry Hill, NJ—joined the staff of John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Stratford, NJ. Dr. Abraham is certified by the American Board of Osteopathic Surgeons.


1967

Allen Fields, Hollywood, FL—named to the board of directors of the Dade County Chapter of the American Cancer Society and program chairman for Dade County Public Education. Dr. Fields is the recipient of the American Cancer Society’s 1978 national award for “dedication to the goals of public education.”

1968

George L. Bradley, Jacksonville, FL—opened a practice in family medicine in Jacksonville.

William J. McGrath, Greensburg, PA—certified in gastroenterology by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. McGrath is a member of...
the internal medicine staff at Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg.

1969

Sally Craig, Elizabethtown, PA—certified by the American Osteopathic Board of General Practice. Dr. Craig has maintained a general practice in Elizabethtown for eight years.

Frank Parker, Lock Haven, PA—certified by the American Board of Family Practice. Dr. Parker maintains a family practice in Lock Haven.

Barclay M. Wilson, Milton, PA—was the subject of a profile in the Milton Standard. Dr. Barclay has been a general practitioner in Milton since 1971.

1971

John J. Pulich, Lancaster, PA—elected president of the Lancaster County Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Pulich is an associate radiologist at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital.

Jay Rosen, Dresher, PA—selected “Citizen of the Week” by the Ambler Gazette, for his exceptional service during last year’s snow emergency in Upper Dublin Township, PA. Dr. Rosen shares a family practice in Fort Washington, PA, teaches in the family practice department at Abington Hospital, and is a staff member at Chestnut Hill and Abington Hospitals.

1972

Dan Jacobs, Philadelphia—presented a paper on the manic-depressive patient at the AOA convention in Hawaii. Dr. Jacobs is a staff psychiatrist at the Philadelphia State Hospital.

Anthony Repici, Willow Grove—appointed to the Pennsylvania State Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners. Dr. Repici maintains a general practice in Willow Grove.

1973

Henry Komansky, Stratford, NJ—appointed to the staff of John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Stratford. Dr. Komansky is board eligible by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine.

James T. Lee, Upland, CA—served as chairman of the professional activities committee and a member of the governing board of Ontario Community Hospital, Ontario, CA.

1974

Anthony Benedetto, Philadelphia—serves as assistant professor of dermatology at Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, where he practices the highly specialized Mohs’ chemo-surgery for the removal of skin cancer. Dr. Benedetto completed a fellowship in the Mohs’ technique at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio. He is a member of HPCOM’s professional staff.

1975

Nicholas R. Birlew, Prospect Park, PA—serving a fellowship in diagnostic radiology in neuroradiology and CT scanner at the University of Louisville, KY.

James Dwyer, Ft. Dix, NJ—named director of emergency medical services at Ft. Dix, NJ. Dr. Dwyer completed his residency at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX.

Sheldon Lebovitz, Berwyn, PA—joined the Health Maintenance Organization of Pennsylvania’s (HMO-PA) health care delivery network. Dr. Lebovitz maintains a private practice in Berwyn, and is a member of the staffs of Paoli Memorial Hospital, Devereux Foundation, Devon, PA, and the Wayne Nursing Home.

1976

Richard H. Cohen, Huntingdon Valley, PA—joined the Health Maintenance Organization of Pennsylvania’s (HMO-PA) health care delivery network. Dr. Cohen is a member of the staffs of Holy Redeemer Hospital, Meadowbrook, PA,
Rolling Hill Hospital, Elkins Park, PA, and Warminster General Hospital.

Carl M. Desiderio, Clifton, NJ—opened a family medicine practice in Kenilworth, NJ. Dr. Desiderio serves as a member of the associate staff at Memorial General, Union, NJ.

1977

Barry H. Burkhardt, Wayne, PA—appointed to the staff of Paoli Memorial Hospital, Paoli, PA.

Robert J. Esper, Erie, PA—joined the staff of Doctors Osteopathic Hospital, Erie. Dr. Esper maintains a family practice in the Esper Medical Center, Erie.

Cell U. Kim, Philadelphia—joined the staff of Suburban General Hospital, Norristown, PA and Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia.

Rosemarie Leandri Maynes, Maple Glen, PA—opened a family medicine practice in the Maple Glen Professional Center. Dr. Maynes is a member of the staffs of Suburban General Hospital, Norristown, PA and Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia.

James Miller, Midway, WV—serves as the only physician at the newly opened Gulf Area Health Clinic in Raleigh County, WV.

Alfred Oberholtzer, Schwenksville, PA—participated in a panel discussion titled "Advancement Opportunities in a Changing World" at the Montgomery County College Founders Day Convocation. Dr. Oberholtzer is a 1972 graduate of the college and is now on the staff of Parkview Hospital, Philadelphia.

Robert Stockmal, Philadelphia—appointed assistant professor of family medicine at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

NURSES ALUMNAE

Miss Uhler

1956

Margaret E. Uhler, Lancaster, PA—listed in the first edition of the "World Who's Who of Women in Education." Miss Uhler is director of health services at Lancaster Bible College and serves as a part-time staff nurse at the Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital.

Jere Boyer, Ph.D., assistant professor of microbiology, has been granted a U.S. patent for devising a simple, new laboratory method of testing the susceptibility of fungi to antibiotics. Instead of individual tubes to test the effectiveness of each antibiotic, Dr. Boyer uses tiny filter paper discs. The discs are easier to handle than test tubes, more economical and can be prepared and stored for longer periods of time.

Freddie K. Carr, Ph.D., assistant professor of physiology and pharmacology, has been awarded a two-year research grant by the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association Foundation to study the behavior of minute, cellular bodies in the heart. Dr. Carr is investigating what happens to lysosomes, small bodies that contain infection-fighting enzymes, when blood flow to the heart is interrupted. This condition, which occurs during open heart surgery, is called ischemic arrest.

Walter W. Baker, Ph.D., professor of physiology and pharmacology, presented a paper to the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology at the annual meeting in Hawaii in December. The paper was titled "Pharmacologic Analysis of Various Local Neuroregulatory Mechanisms in the Caudate Nucleus."

Saul Jeck, D.O., clinical associate professor of ob/gyn, was elected a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists at its annual convention in San Antonio, TX.

Stephen Wood, D.O., clinical assistant professor of general practice, and associate physician at Bucknell University, and James Witt, D.O., associate professor, were guest lecturers at the university during a sociology seminar on rural health care. The physicians answered questions from pre-med students on osteopathic medicine. For many of the students this was their first opportunity to meet D.O.'s.

Alex Macaione, D.O., assistant professor of dermatology, who served as pro-

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gram chairman for the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology at the AOA convention, was elected the 78-79 president of the A.O.C.D.

Lolly McGreevey, B.S., instructor in electron microscopy, was appointed to the Electron Microscopy Society of America's certification board for a six-year term.

Leonard B. Segal, D.O., clinical instructor in surgery, was appointed to the scientific exhibits committee of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

Emanuel Fliegelman, D.O., F.A.C.O.O.G., professor of ob/gyn, testified before the Committee of Health, Education and Welfare on in-vitro fertilization. He was representing PCOM and POMA. The January issue of The Female Patient features an article by Dr. Fliegelman titled "The Touch of Osteopathy", in which he explains the osteopathic philosophy and history.

Albert F. D’Alonzo, D.O. F.A.C.O.I., clinical professor and vice chairman of the department of internal medicine, gave the memorial lecture at the A.C.O.I. convention in Florida. Dr. D’Alonzo is past president of the A.C.O.I.

David Heilig, D.O., F.A.A.O., professor of osteopathic principles and practice, was awarded the A.T. Still Medallion of Honor by the American Academy of Osteopathy during the AOA convention in Hawaii. This is the highest honor awarded by the Academy and was presented by Nicholas S. Nicholas, D.O., F.A.A.O., chairman of the department of osteopathic principles and practice, outgoing president of the A.A.O. Dr. Heilig, who served as program chairman for the academy was elected to the board of governors of the A.A.O. and Dr. Nicholas was elected to the executive board.

Fairman L. Denlinger, D.O., professor and chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology, was elected a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists on January 18, 1979 at the 46th Annual Convention of A.C.O.O.G. held in San Antonio, TX. He was also elected to the board of trustees of A.C.O.O.G. During the four-day educational convention he presented a paper titled "Pregnancy-Induced Hypertension".

Stephen Smith, D.M.D., clinical director of the temporomandibular orthopedics center, ENT, addressed the Greater New York dental meeting in November on osteopathic dentistry. His topic was "Total Body Posture Related to TMJ Function and Dysfunction." He is also the author of an article in the American Journal of Physiologic Dentistry titled "Chronic Illness Profiles in Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction—Patients' Case Report on Cardiac Stress."

William H. Dickerson, D.O., F.A.C.O.I., professor and chairman of the department of internal medicine, spoke at the plenary session of the 38th American College of Osteopathic Internists convention in Florida in November. His topic was "Antimicrobial Agents." Dr. Dickerson is chairman of the American Osteopathic Board of Internists and is vice chairman of the council on education and evaluation of postdoctoral training programs for the A.C.O.I.

Alexander Nicholas, D.O., assistant professor of OPP, was appointed to the board of directors of the American Academy of Osteopathy during the AOA convention.

George H. Guest, D.O., F.A.C.N., professor and chairman of the department of neurology, was interviewed on the subject of retirement tension in January for an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer by Darrell Sifford, a syndicated columnist. Dr. Guest is chairman of the certifying board in neurology and psychiatry.

Shankar Vyas, Ph.D., associate professor and director of library sciences and college archivist, attended the mid-eastern medical libraries' committee on resource sharing meeting in November.

Thomas M. Rowland, L.L.D. (hon.), president, was appointed president of the board of governors of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine at the AOA convention. In January, the president spoke to the Jenkintown Rotarians on "Osteopathic Medicine and the College."

Robert W. England, D.O., F.A.A.O., F.A.C.G.P., dean, was appointed chairman of the committee of deans of AACOM.

William Walters, D.O., F.A.O.C.P., professor and chairman of the department of pathology was elected to the American Osteopathic Board of Pathology.

John Becher, D.O., professor and chairman of the department of emergency medicine, served as program chairman and director of postdoctoral and predoctoral educational programs of the American Osteopathic College of Emergency Physicians at the AOA convention.


Lewis A. Selisker '34, Philadelphia, PA, died on January 9, 1979. He served as physician for the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission, for the Philadelphia Warriors and for the Philadelphia Arena. Dr. Selisker is survived by his wife, two sons, five grandchildren and two brothers.

Julius Sobel '34, Bristol, PA, died on November 11, 1978. He was 69. Dr. Sobel was a physician for 42 years. He was a member of the Philadelphia County Osteopathic Society and the Radcliffe Cultural and Historical Foundation. He was a past president of Bristol Jewish Center, founder and past president of the Delaware Valley Medical Center in Bristol and a past president and fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Proctology. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a sister, a brother and four grandchildren.

Franklin E. Abel '37, Yonkers, NY, died on November 29, 1979.

William H. Behringer '38, Allentown, PA, died October 15, 1978 in Fort Lauderdale, Fl. He was a co-founder of Allentown Osteopathic Hospital and had practiced osteopathic medicine and surgery for 39 years. He served on the board of directors of the alumni association in 1944, as a delegate to the AOA national convention in 1944 and as speaker of the AOA’s house in 1947. Dr. Behringer was a past president of the POMA, a past president of the American Osteopathic College of Proctology and served eight terms as chairman of the staff of Allentown Hospital. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, three sons, a stepdaughter, stepson and five grandchildren.

William Bilbow '58, Basking Ridge, NJ, died October 17, 1978. Dr. Bilbow was a graduate of Villanova University and served with the Army Medical Corps in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He is survived by his wife, a son, a brother and a grandchild.

Mrs. George C. Crudden, Allentown, PA, sister of Dr. A. Aline Swift, died on November 9, 1978.

NOTICES

LOG SYMPOSIUM

The 1979 Lambda Omicron Gamma Fraternity National Convention and symposium is scheduled for April 5–8, 1979 at Homowack Lodge, Spring Glen, New York.

The symposium focuses on general practice updates and 24 CME credits have been applied for. Housing may be obtained directly from Homowack Lodge. Details are available upon request from Dr. Domenic Ronco, Delaware Valley Medical Center, Bristol, PA.

The convention is open to non-members as well as members. A list of speakers and the complete program will be available shortly.
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PCOM'S 1978 SOCCER TEAM, kneeling (l-r), Bruce Kassie, forward; Steve Restaino, goalie; Rich Bianco, fullback; Bill Zipperer, halfback; Fred Harwick, forward; Jerry Mehalick, forward; and Brad Green, halfback. Standing, left to right, Tom DiPasquale, forward; Skip Hartman, forward; Pat Anderson, captain, halfback; Rob Martin, forward; Joe Ambrose, fullback; Rich Antosek, forward; Jim Glah, halfback; Tom Makatche, forward; Steve McNulty fullback; and Tom Trotter, halfback. Absent from photo, Al Fritz, forward and Ken Parschauer, halfback.