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Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national and ethnic origins, sex, sexual preference, religion, or handicap in the administration of its employment and educational policies, student admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, patient admissions and services and other programs administered by the College, Hospital, Health Care Centers and School of Allied Health.

Michael E. Cole, assistant director of personnel has been designated coordinator of PCOM's non-discrimination program. Inquiries regarding compliance with the program may be sent to Mr. Cole at PCOM's personnel office. Inquiries regarding compliance with the sex discrimination provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 may be directed to Mr. Cole or to the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C.
The three-year Capital Gift Campaign to pay for the 4190 building has begun. This building will enable us — as you all know by now — to close 48th and Spruce Streets and finally consolidate our campus at City Avenue.

WHY SHOULDN'T YOU GIVE TO THE CAPITAL GIFT CAMPAIGN?
Reasons that I hear include: supporting your hospital, supporting the college in your own state, inflation, or not being in a position to give a "significant" amount.

WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE TO THE CAPITAL GIFT CAMPAIGN?
Because your college needs your help. It's not the amount that's important, it's support on the part of each graduate.

IF YOU DON'T HELP, WHO WILL?

Thomas M. Rowland, Jr.
President
PCOM's Capital Campaign
Launched at AOA Convention

Time: 8:00 a.m.
Date: The first day of the AOA's 85th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar
Place: Aladdin Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada
Event: PCOM's Alumni Breakfast

Over 300 alumni of PCOM gathered at breakfast before the scheduled scientific and medical sessions to watch a new kind of show. Dr. Rowland presented a humorous, nostalgic look at "Where We Were," tracing with slides the Philadelphia locations of the college from its founding to its newest building still being renovated. The guests frequently interrupted the show with laughter and applause.

The final slides showed the new 4190 building and a button reading "In our hands — and yours." This was the opening salvo in the college's three-year, $4 million capital gift campaign to finance renovations in both Evans Hall at 4150 City Avenue and the adjacent building at 4190.

In announcing the campaign, Dr. Rowland said this is the largest fund raising effort to date by the 82-year-old college. The purchase of the five-story 4190 building three years ago and its renovation will enable PCOM to close its building at 48th and Spruce Streets and consolidate the campus at City Avenue.

"I have confidence in you, the alumni, and our many friends," said PCOM's president.

The campaign starts with $1,800,000, thanks to a $1 million grant from the Pew Foundation and $800,000 from the past three college growth funds. As this issue of the Digest went to press, the campaign pledges approached three quarters of a million dollars.

The capital campaign is administered by Hale T. Peffall, Jr., executive director of alumni relations, and his staff, and organized under a National Committee. This committee forms a communications network of alumni throughout the United States, in foreign countries and in the armed services. Some 400 volunteers will solicit alumni, friends, parents and foundations.

Heading the committee are Galen S. Young, DO, chairman of the department of surgery, and a 1935 alumnus, who serves as general chairman; and Spencer G. Bradford, DO, director of special and continuing education, class of 1942, as national alumni chairman.

The National Committee has established a memorials program to recognize gifts of individual donors. The lobby of 4190 City Avenue will feature a bronze plaque inscribed with the name of each person making a three-year total commitment of $4,190 or more. Donors may also honor a member of their family or a friend in perpetuity through a more substantial commitment. This kind of memorial plaque will be placed in classrooms, laboratories or areas requested by the donors, as well as on the main donor plaque.

All donations are sincerely appreciated.

"The future of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine is in our hands — and yours."

Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr.
President

"In our hands — and yours — the future of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine."

Spencer G. Bradford, DO, '42
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine announced in September that the 13-acre campus on City Avenue at Monument Road will be known as "The Osteopathic Medical Center of Philadelphia."

"We made this decision," said Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., "to clearly identify our campus as a medical center. In addition to the country's 10th largest medical school, we operate a full-service hospital, a school of allied health, four health care centers and a new five-story medical office building. We feel that the new name is more appropriate to our corporate function."

According to Dr. Rowland the official corporate name will remain Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.  

(1) 4190  
(2) Evans Hall (College)  
(3) Moss House  
(4) Hospital of PCOM
On November 10, 1980, the hospital's neonatologist Steven Snyder, DO, and two specially trained RN's, Diane Elko and Helen Lewis, rode an ambulance to upstate Pennsylvania to transport two newborns back to PCOM's renovated neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). The medical team was responding to its first call since joining Operation Newborn.

Tied into a neonatal network, the Hospital of PCOM is part of a regional referral service for physicians in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. Referring physicians in the tri-state area may dial (215) NEWBORN or (215) 581-6160 (Hospital of PCOM) to find out the availability of intensive care nursery beds in 10 Philadelphia and two Camden hospitals; neonatal and perinatal consultations; and neonatal and high risk maternal transports.

The patients, Maria and Monica (not their real names), were premature twins born by caesarian section to a toxemic mother. They weighed 2100 grams and 2200 grams, and suffered from respiratory distress and perinatal asphyxia.

Beth Squadrito, RN, is one of 12 specially trained nurses who give round-the-clock care in the NICU.

Twenty years ago Maria and Monica probably would have died. Before the use of the ventilator and monitoring equipment, only one in 10 premature infants survived, even in a nursery incubator. However, in the past two decades, nurseries have been transformed into bustling intensive care units for all high risk infants, regardless of gestational age or weight. And the survival rate has increased to greater than 70%.

The problem that faced physicians until recently was what to do with a premature infant before he is ready to support life on his own. How could a hospital provide an artificial setting that compares with the controlled-temperature environment of the womb? For in an average 40-week pregnancy, the growing fetus is protected in an environment that provides nutrition, excretes wastes, and protects against infection and psychological trauma.

"What you do," says Steven Snyder, DO, director of the neonatal intensive care unit at PCOM's hospital, "is try to simulate the conditions in the uterus, while encouraging growth outside the womb."

Once Maria and Monica arrived at the NICU, they were placed in open bedwarmers. These are thermostatically controlled cribs which maintain normal body temperature. Helen Lewis, RN, attached taped probes to the infants' skin, which would sound alarms if body temperature went too high or too low. Because the warmer bed is not enclosed, physicians, and nurses have easy access to the tiny patient.

The twins were assisted in breathing by machines called ventilators for several days. According to the neonatologist, one of the most common problems in pre-term infants is Respiratory Distress Syndrome or Hyaline Membrane Disease.

"Their lungs are not ready to breathe in an air environment until at least 24 weeks in gestation," said Dr. Snyder. "And the work of breathing for a premature infant is almost 30 times the work of an adult's breathing. So, many premature infants need the help of a ventilator until the lungs have matured sufficiently to breathe on their own."

Another problem is feeding a tiny patient who has not developed the sucking reflex. According to Dr. Snyder, this reflex does not begin until between 32-and 34-weeks gestation. "And sometimes the digestive system isn't capable
of taking in nourishment," he said. "So continuous feeding through a tube passed through the nose, mouth and into the stomach, is necessary until the baby is mature enough to swallow without aspirating the formula into the lungs."

During their stay in the unit, Maria and Monica received round-the-clock care from a team of 12 nurses, experienced in the use of intensive care equipment and specially trained in caring for tiny patients who can't tell where it hurts. Assisting in this care is the oscilloscope on each open bedwarmer, which gives a constant EKG and blood pressure reading, as well as a digital reading of heart and blood pressure rates.

Like any hospital patient, patients in the NICU need positive stimulation and loving care. The time immediately following birth is crucial in establishing a relationship, both for the infant and for the parents. Said Dr. Snyder, "We encourage parents to visit, touch, hold the infant and to spend as much time as possible with their baby."

When the twins left the hospital for the ambulance ride home, some 10 days later, they were ready for the post-natal care of any infant going home after birth. Maria and Monica returned to the care of their family physician, who had referred them to PCOM's NICU through Operation Newborn.

The pediatric team, under the chairmanship of Joseph Dieterle, DO, also includes Robert Berger, DO, pediatric neurologist; Mary J. Teter, DO, pediatric infectious diseases; Sandra Gawchik, DO, pediatric allergist and immunologist; and Ira Spitzer, DO.

Celebrating the completion of renovations in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit are: (l-r) Mary J. Teter, DO, a specialist in pediatric infectious diseases; Suzanne Baird, RN, head nurse; Robert Berger, DO, pediatric neurologist; Joseph Dieterle, DO, chairman of the pediatric department and Steven Snyder, DO, neonatologist.

Referring physicians may dial (215) NEWBORN, or 581-6160 (Hospital of PCOM), for the availability of intensive care nursery beds.
Our First Philadelphia Fair Had

Fun foods

Music

Thatcher Longstreth (president of Greater Philadelphia's Chamber of Commerce) as honorary chairman.

An organ grinder and his monkey

TV personality Jim O'Brien

Rides on a Fairmount Park trolley

All this plus a profit of $2,800!
Everything!!!!!!!!!!!!

An art and antique show

A magic show by Dr. and Mrs. Lany Weinstein

Games of skill

Face painting

Pony rides and a space walk

Clowns

Members of the Philadelphia Flyers Ice Hockey team

And some of the best hoagies, hot dogs, roast beef and sausage sandwiches prepared by the Women’s Guild and PCOM employees.
Updated CT Scanner

Provides New Benefits For Patients at PCOM's Hospital

Workmen have completed a five-month project to update the two-year-old computer tomography (CT) scanner at PCOM's Hospital.

The new version of the scanner, the Pfizer ASGE 0450, is one of the country's most sophisticated models, according to Robert L. Meals, DO, chairman and professor of radiology at PCOM. Dr. Meals says the new scanner's capabilities are available only to several hospitals in the United States right now.

A CT scanner is an X-ray device that blends radiology, computer technology and photographs to produce three-dimensional views of the body. The scanner can detect diseases and abnormalities such as tumors, cysts and hemorrhages much earlier than can traditional tools.

Among the features of PCOM's upgraded scanner are:

... A color television camera that permits radiologists to distinguish between subtle density differences in the body. Before, density changes appeared only as varying shades of gray, which made detection of some minute changes very difficult.

... A larger memory and computer capability that permits the scanner to reconstruct images more quickly, reducing scanning time for the patient.

... A zoom lens that lets radiologists study tiny parts of the body, like the interior of the eye and the spinal canal in greater detail.

... The ability to reconstruct the image from several angles or perspectives, to give the radiologists additional diagnostic information. Before, scanners could only photograph a "slice" of the body from only one plane.

... Improved radiation therapy planning for cancer patients.

The updated scanner helps therapists aim the radiation beam more precisely, increasing the safety and effectiveness of the therapy. It also provides radiologists with a customized, computerized chart of the radiation dose the individual patient should receive.

PCOM purchased its first CT scanner in 1978. In the sales agreement, Pfizer, Inc., which then was developing an upgraded CT scanner, agreed to provide PCOM with the new model as soon as it was ready. Workmen began updating PCOM's scanner in January, 1980.

Robert L. Meals, DO, chairman of the department of radiology.

The CT scanner image shows a thin 3mm scan slice of the mid-lumbosacral disc. The indication of a herniated disc is demonstrated by the posterior bulge of the disc with associated modification and displacement of fat pad on the left.
Edwin W. Abbott, DO, has been appointed associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Abbott has been associated with Drs. Ridgik, Steinberg and Associates, Stratford, NJ, in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology for the past nine years. He holds a master's degree from Temple University and is a 1966 graduate of PCOM. He interned at Doctors' Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and completed a four-year residency in ob/gyn surgery at Doctors' Hospital and at John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Stratford, NJ.

Dr. Abbott is certified in ob/gyn surgery and is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOOG). He is the recipient of two Phillips Roxanne awards from the ACOOG and one Mead Johnson award for research. He has published four papers in his specialty and has lectured at the Ohio Osteopathic Association Annual Meeting and at two conventions of the ACOOG. Dr. Abbott has been associated with the faculty of PCOM since 1972.

Mary Jude Teter, DO, has been appointed assistant professor of pediatrics. She will specialize in children's infectious diseases.

Dr. Teter is board eligible for certification from the American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Pediatrics.

A 1970 graduate of Temple University, she holds the DO degree from PCOM. She served an internship at PCOM's hospital and a three-year residency in pediatrics at HPCOM and at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. Following her residency she completed a two-year fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases at St. Christopher's Hospital.

She has submitted two articles to the American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics and has presented two abstracts in her specialty to the 20th Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy held in New Orleans in September.

Thomas L. Davis, III, DO, has been appointed assistant professor of otorhinolaryngology, bronchoesophagology and oro-facial plastic surgery.

Dr. Davis is a 1976 graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, Iowa. After interning at Allentown Osteopathic Hospital, he served a three-year residency in his specialty at PCOM's 212-bed hospital. He intends to emphasize facial plastic surgery in his practice.

Dr. Davis holds a BA and MS degree from Arizona State University.

New Appointments
Faculty Notes

John P. Simelaro, DO, associate professor of internal medicine, and chairman, division of pulmonary medicine, was elected to associate fellowship in the Scientific Council of the American College of Angiology. The college is made up of scientists dedicated to the study of circulatory problems.

An article by Drs. Simelaro, Ghen and Ginsberg, on the treatment of acute sinusitis and bronchopulmonary disease published in CURRENT THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH, June, 1980, drew requests for reprints from 11 States, the District of Columbia, Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Canada, Republic of Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Yugoslavia, and Japan.

Leonard H. Finkelstein, DO, clinical professor of surgery, and chairman, division of urology, was elected a fellow of the American College of Utilization Review Physicians.

William A. Nickey, DO, clinical associate professor of internal medicine, and chairman, division of nephrology, served as a member of the Joint National Committee on Detection, Evaluation and Treatment of High Blood Pressure.

Albert D. Bonier, DO, FACOS, clinical associate professor of surgery, has been named medical director and director of medical education at Metropolitan Hospital, Philadelphia.

David Bevan, DO, clinical assistant professor of internal medicine, and chairman, division of hematology, was interviewed for an article in The Philadelphia Spirit regarding scleroderma.

Leonard B. Segal, DO, FACOS, clinical assistant professor of surgery, was elected a member of the surgical evaluating committee of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

Albert F. D'Alonzo, DO, FACOI, received the Distinguished Service Award from the American College of Osteopathic Internists. The highest award of the ACOI was presented at the October convention in Florida.

Domenic A. DeBias, PhD, assistant dean for basic sciences and chairman of the department of physiology and pharmacology, Charlotte H. Green, PhD, assistant professor of physiology, and Eugene A. Lentini, PhD, associate professor of physiology and pharmacology, presented individual papers at the 31st annual meeting of the American Physiological Society in Toronto, Canada, in October.

Robert L. Meals, DO, FACOR, professor and chairman of radiology, has been re-elected to the board of examiners of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology.

Vichazelhu Iralu, PhD, professor and chairman of microbiology and public health, spent a month in his home in Nagaland (India), visiting his parents, four brothers and seven sisters.

Jere M. Boyer, PhD, associate professor of microbiology, published a paper in August titled "Partial Identification and Susceptibility Testing of Selected Anaerobes by an Impregnated Disk Method." The paper was published in DEVELOPMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL MICROBIOLOGY.

Marvin Blumberg, DO, clinical associate professor of OPP, was elected to fellowship in the American Academy of Osteopathy. Dr. Schmidt is also a fellow of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, the only woman and one of only six DO's in the United States to be elected to fellowship in both colleges.

William H. Dickerson, DO, professor and chairman of the department of internal medicine, has been named a fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. The College, founded in 1787, is one of the oldest and most prestigious medical organizations in the country.

medicine for medical and allied health professionals. Dr. Carroll's topic was "Allergy, Asthma and Hypersensitization."

Robert W. England, DO, FAAO, FACCOP, dean, was appointed by Pennsylvania Governor Richard Thornburgh to the Health Data Center Advisory Committee, a subcommittee of the Pennsylvania Department of Health's legally constituted Advisory Committee, to advise and make specific recommendations on general program policy, plans for development, and major technical issues relevant to the State Center for Health Statistics.

Alvin Dublin, DO, FOCOO, clinical associate professor of ent, was elected president of the Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology and Otorhinolaryngology.

Emanuel Fliegelman, DO, FACOOG, professor of ob/gyn, spoke to first-year students at Jefferson Medical College on "Humanism in Medicine."

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Dr. A.F. D'Alonzo
Locke W. Barber '83, was awarded the Russell C. McCaughan scholarship for 1980-81. The scholarship is awarded to students who exhibit strong motivation in osteopathic philosophy and outstanding academic performance during the first years.

Scott Fisher '82, was selected co-chairman of the USA rowing committee sponsoring the American Maccabiah Games in Israel. Scott is a 1980 Olympic team candidate and a two-time winner in the 1977 Maccabiah Games.

The class of 1979 contributed $1,500 to the Student Loan Fund.

Pat Carey '83, and his three brothers were the subject of an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer, titled "The Four Carey Brothers Touch CBW Tradition." Central Bucks West High School in Doylestown, PA, is the locale where the four Careys played football. Brother Mike was an all-America center at Pitt; Jim is a linebacker at Villanova; Dan is senior quarterback at CBW. Pat, who quarterbacked Temple tried out with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1978.

Robert A. Bressler, CPA, director of financial affairs, was elected treasurer of the corporation of PCOM at the annual corporation meeting in October. He will continue to serve as director of financial affairs, a post he has held since 1976. Officers of the corporation who were re-elected include J. Sydney Hoffman, chairman; George D. Mansfield, vice chairman; Nancy McCullen, secretary.

Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., president, received the Distinguished American Award Medallion from the American Federation of Negro Affairs (AFNA) in October. He was one of 13 presidents of institutions honored for contributions to AFNA.

PCOM's ENT Department Receives Five-Year Dual Accreditation

The department of ent has received a five-year accreditation in speech pathology and audiology by the Professional Services Board of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASLHA).

PCOM's department is the only facility certified in both speech pathology and audiology in the Philadelphia metropolitan area, and one of nine accredited in the state. ASLHA will re-inspect the department each year to ensure that the nationally recognized standards are met.

The speech and audiology section, staffed by Theodore Mauer, DO, chairman and professor of ent, two clinical audiologists, and a speech pathologist, is part of PCOM's neurosensory diagnostic center.

The center is designed to diagnose and treat neurosensory problems and deficits; behavioral, emotional and neurologic problems; visual disturbances; imbalances; hearing and speech problems; learning and functional disabilities; headaches; dizziness; and suspected lesions or tumors.

The center offers a complete battery of tests including doppler flow, oculoplethysmography studies, functional neurophysiologic response tests, spinal fluid exams, electroneystagmography, visual and brain stem evoked potentials, special hearing and site of lesion central battery, ophthalmologic examinations and in-depth psychological testing.

Health Corps Physicians Determine CME Needs

Before developing continuing education programs for physicians at 10 National Health Service Corps sites in northeastern and central Pennsylvania, The Osteopathic Medical Center of Philadelphia did something unusual. It went to the physicians and asked them what they needed.


Number 1—The service corps physicians, who include both MD's and DO's, wanted the programs at their own service corps sites, not miles away in a big city.

Number 2—They wanted programs tailored to their own particular needs, and those of their patients.

As a result, corps physicians in White Haven, near the Pocono ski areas, will attend a program on orthopedic surgery; those in Hyndman will review thyroid disorders; and those in Spring Mills will discuss office laboratory techniques.

In all, OMCP will run two "mini-conferences" at 10 different service corps locations in Pennsylvania, plus two regional conferences.

The programs, developed under one-year contracts for the northeastern and central regions of Pennsylvania for the National Health Service Corps, are flexible, says Dr. Bradford. Formats will range from lectures to case reviews, patient examinations and consultations. The maximum length per program will be about four hours.

The first two mini-conferences attracted four and five physicians, respectively. That's about what Dr. Bradford expected, he says, considering the location of the centers. Programs are held at one site and physicians in the region are invited to attend.

Service corps facilities covered under the contract are located at Blossburg, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Susquehanna, Orbisonia, Broad Top City, Dry Run, Alexandria, Spring Mills and Hyndman.

During an initial 950-mile journey to the various corps sites last August, Dr. Bradford and Dr. Robert England, PCOM's dean who helped write the grant and plan the program, said the physicians they interviewed were amazed to see them.

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“They couldn’t believe a medical school was coming out to them and asking what their needs were,” says Dr. Bradford.

One physician said: “This is a red letter day for us.”

At each site, Drs. Bradford and England discussed the types of patients seen, the physicians’ backgrounds, opportunities for education, and preferred times, places and subjects of programs.

Primary care and pediatrics seemed to be constant needs, says Dr. Bradford. “Many of these physicians are specialty trained, and are finding themselves confronted with family practice for the first time.”

Besides service corps physicians, nearby physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants are being invited to the education programs.

Dr. Bradford also is sending doctors who request them audio tapes of 18 Saturday continuing medical education programs held at OMCP. “We’re trying to do what we can to meet their needs,” he says.

Osteopathic Seals Week in Philadelphia opened with a proclamation from Mayor William Green. From left are William McLaughlin of the City Representative’s Office, Cheryl Bravyak, president of the Student Associates Auxiliary (SAA), Robert W. England, DO, dean of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Denise Allshouse, vice president of the SAA.

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**News From The Board of Trustees**

**Hon J. Sydney Hoffman**, chairman of the board, received the First Justice Michael Mussmano Award from the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association in October. In the same month Judge Hoffman received a humanitarian award for “outstanding service to the community” from the 32 Carat Club.

**F. Reeve Williams** is the newly elected commander of Benjamin Franklin Post 405 of the American Legion.

Re-elected to three-year terms as members of the board are: Dalck Feith; Herman Kohn, DO; Reed Speer, DO; A. Aline Swift, DO; Foster True, DO; and Gardiner A. Warner.

**Elmer S. Carll LL.B. (hon)**, former treasurer of the corporation, will continue to serve as chairman of the board’s finance committee and as a member of the foundation committee. Dr. Carll, who received his honorary degree from PCOM in 1966, is the former executive vice president of Industrial Valley Title Insurance Company.
New Friends — Valerie Tamurro, No. Wcodmere, NY, compares notes with Bill Strowhauer, Drexel Hill, PA.

New Coats — Jim Ditaranto, McKeesport, PA, tries on his first white jacket.

New Books — Carl Roth, Hermitage, PA, gets the book bill from Vincent Albano, manager of the bookstore.

New Gifts — John Damiano, McAdoo, PA, receives a PCOM coffee mug from Hale T. Peffall, Jr., director of alumni relations.

And Good Wishes For a New Career — Ken Costello, Plantation, FL, Catherine Barone, Miami, FL, and Richard Kimmel, Yardley, PA join Carol Fox, director of admissions and student affairs, for cake-cutting ceremonies following an outdoor luncheon for the class of 1984.
News from the Hospital and Health Care Centers

Conrad Fraider, DO, '77, resident in orthopedics, received third prize honors from the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics for his paper "Arthroscopic Surgery of the Knee." His award was presented by an Ethicon representative during the annual meeting of the AOAO in Florida in October. Alfred A. Meltzer, administrator, was elected hospital administrator representative to the West Philadelphia Advisory Council of the Health Systems Agency (HSA) of Southern Pennsylvania. He will also serve on the Delaware Valley Hospital Council's Committee to Assist Hospital Planning.

Sullivan County Medical Center in Laporte made available to County residents flu and pneumonia immunizations in late September. According to Michael Rainey, DO, staff physician, 103 persons received vaccinations.

The 48th Street Health Care Center conducted free blood pressure screenings in a local supermarket in late October. Some 200 tests were given by students and nurses.

Frances Dektor Rothman, PhD, wife of Irwin Rothman, DO, '51, FACP, professional staff, was awarded the legion of honor by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. The award is given periodically to persons who have provided outstanding service to the community. Dr. Frances Rothman is chief psychologist with Associates for Health and Guidance, teaches psychology at St. Joseph's University, and is a counselor at Gwynedd-Mercy College.

Jerry Hickman, administrator of the health care centers, was elected to the board of directors of Voyage House, Inc., a city-wide advocacy program for youth.

A Philadelphia talk show, "AM/PM" featured Ronald Kirschner, DO, clinical associate professor in ent, live from the hospital's orthopedic room in October. Dr. Kirschner performed an oro-facial plastic surgery procedure known as "wrinkle threading." The procedure, developed by Dr. John Conley, is a simple method of filling in the wrinkles and lines that come with aging.

Color TV in OR

An operating room at the Hospital of PCOM is now equipped with color television.

No, the hospital's surgeons are not watching TV between operations. The color TV camera and monitor, installed at a cost of $18,000, are being used to educate students, interns and residents.

Balanced on the end of a long boom so it doesn't put excess weight on the surgeon's instrument, the 1.3 lb. TV camera is coupled to an endoscope—an instrument used to view hollow organs, such as the bladder, urethra or rectum.

The TV equipment gives the students a surgeon's-eye view of the entire endoscopic procedure. If the students want an "instant replay," they can record the procedure on tape and play it back on the monitor.

In the past a teaching surgeon would interrupt a procedure to allow students to see what he was doing. Now, many students can learn at the same time while watching an entire procedure. "The new equipment is a great teaching aid," says Leonard Finkelstein, DO, chairman of the division of urology at PCOM and clinical professor of surgery.

PCOM's students are equally enthusiastic. "It's like seeing a movie instead of stills," said one student. Another, watching a procedure on the monitor, said: "It's like seeing with Dr. Finkelstein's eyes."

Hospital of PCOM on the Map

PCOM's Hospital was designated as the President's hospital when President Carter visited a local TV station in September. Secret Service officials met with administrator Alfred Meltzer to review the hospital's capabilities. After an inspection, the agents named the Hospital as a treatment area if the President required medical attention. This was the first time an osteopathic hospital received this honor.

And at the request of the City of Philadelphia, John Becher DO, chairman of the department of emergency medicine, and his staff manned first-aid stations at John F. Kennedy stadium during the Phillies victory celebrations in October. Dr. Becher and his staff also manned first-aid stations in Center City during the Pope's visit to Philadelphia last year.
1. Nursing supervisors and head nurses participated in a management course sponsored by the nursing department's inservice program. The day-long seminar featured Alexander Schaap RN, MSN, a national nursing educator and hospital consultant.

2. Mickey Mouse in the person of Rachel Roth, and clown Cathy Eskin, both of Bala Cynwyd, brought a touch of Halloween to pediatric patients.

3. Jeanne Zwaan, clerk-typist in radiology, was the winner of the Great American Smokeout Turkey Raffle held in November. Samuel Caruso, DO, professional director, presented the $25 check donated by PATHMARK. The raffle called attention to the national effort to promote non-smoking by the American Cancer Society.
Alumni News Briefs

1923
Arthur Weinert, Wapwallopen, PA—featured in an article in the Citizens' Voice, Wilkes-Barre, PA, titled "Country Doctor Still Makes House Calls at Lily Lake." Dr. Weinert, who is semi-retired, provides emergency medical care for retired people in the community.

1946
Harold Barsky, Philadelphia—established an office for allergy and immunology services in the ambulatory care department of St. Mary's Hospital, Philadelphia. Dr. Barsky is board certified in allergy and immunology by a Conjoint Board of American Board of Internal Medicine and American Board of Pediatrics, and is a member of the American Academy of Allergy.

Henry Nemerof, Philadelphia—serving as chief of geriatric psychiatry at Philadelphia State Hospital since 1969, is also deputy admissions officer.

1950
Meyer Kirshbaum, Philadelphia—completed a three-year term as treasurer at the Philadelphia State Hospital.

Martin Rosenthal, Dresher, PA—elected president of the medical staff at the Philadelphia State Hospital.

1953
John C. Pelosie, Saddles Brook, NJ—accepted a commission as captain in the US Navy. He was recalled to active duty and will be stationed at the hospital of the Naval Training Center, Orlando, FL, in the orthopedic surgery department.

Joseph C. Sabato, Cresson, PA—opened a family practice in Cresson. He is on the emergency room staff at Mercy Hospital in Johnstown, PA.

1954
Raymond H. Johns, Front Royal, VA—joined the staff of United Community Hospital, Grove City, PA, as anesthesiologist. He has served on the Board of Governors of the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists since 1973 and is the immediate past president.


1956
David Patriquin, Athens, OH—appointed full-time professor of family medicine and head of the section of opp, at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

S. Paul Sadick, San Diego, CA—promoted to Captain in the Medical Corps, US Naval Reserve.

1959
Kirk Herrick, Lewisburg, WV—installed as president of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. He is dean of academic affairs at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

1960
Paul Cipriano, Norristown, PA—re-elected chairman of the professional staff at Suburban General Hospital, Norristown. He is a general practitioner.

Floyd Krenget, Asbury Park, NJ—inagurated July 15 as president of the AOA.

David Rosenthal, Dresher, PA—elected treasurer of the professional staff at Suburban General Hospital, Norristown, PA. He is president of the American Osteopathic College of Rehabilitation Medicine and is one of 11 members of a special panel serving the federal Food and Drug Administration reviewing surgical and rehabilitation devices.

1961
H. William Knab, Sarver, PA—spoke at the Layman's Luncheon in Brackenridge, PA. He is board certified in family practice and is on the staff of Allegheny Valley Hospital Center.

1962
Joseph Shatz, Norristown, PA—elected secretary of the professional staff at Suburban General Hospital, Norristown. He is in general practice.

1964
George R. Swajian, Harrisburg, PA—awarded second place by the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics' Ethicon Scientific Paper Awards for his paper, "Carpal Tunnel Syndrome—A Five Year Study."

1965
Richard S. Hinkle, Danville, PA—completed a two-year fellowship in perinatology at Magee Women's Hospital, Pittsburgh. He is now on the staff at Geisinger Medical Center in the department of ob/gyn.

Galen D. Young, Bala Cynwyd, PA, and Charles J. Trigiani '79, Philadelphia—announced their practice association in Bala Cynwyd.

1966
Michael I. Abraham, Bala Cynwyd, PA, and Larry W. Cohen '74, Cherry Hill, NJ—announced their association in the practice of general surgery at Cherry Hill Medical Center.

Merrill Jay Mirman, Springfield, PA—became a member of the advisory panel to Medical World News.

1968
Lawrence A. Foster, Cherry Hill, NJ—elected vice president of the Camden County Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

1971
Richard Parcinski, Johnstown, PA—appointed to the staff of Memorial Hospital of Bedford County, in pulmonary medicine.

1972
Dan Jacobs, Philadelphia—elected vice president of the medical staff at the Philadelphia State Hospital.

1974
Charles A. Kastenberg, Cherry Hill, NJ—elected secretary of the Camden County Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

William J. Somerset, Haddonfield, NJ—joined the staff of Moss Rehabilitation Hospital, Philadelphia. He is a member of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine and the Philadelphia Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Franklin D. Strong, Philadelphia—relocated his practice in internal medicine to 5501 Green Street, Philadelphia.

Gary Sussman, Upper Dublin, PA—opened a family practice in Perkasie, PA.
1975

George M. Ajian, Wayne, NJ—appointed acting chairman of Saddle Brook General Hospital’s department of gynecology.

Eugene Andruzczyk, Cornwells Heights, PA—joined the Northeast Medical Center in Philadelphia in the practice of ob/gyn.

John J. DePalma, Forked River, NJ—opened offices in Forked River and Bricktown, NJ, for the practice of nephrology and hypertension. He also was appointed to the staff of Community Memorial Hospital, Toms River, NJ, in the department of medicine, specializing in nephrology.

Ronald Vallorani, Havertown, PA—certified in internal medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine, and currently is pursuing a fellowship in nephrology at Jefferson University and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Camden, NJ.

1976

Andrew J. Cutton, Fairless Hills, PA—accepted by the Health Maintenance Organization of Pennsylvania as a participating private physician. He is on the staff of Delaware Valley Medical Center, Bristol, PA, and Saint Mary Hospital, Middletown Township, PA.

Robert Hippert, Fleetwood, PA—featured in an article in the Reading Eagle which highlighted the opening of his family medicine practice in Fleetwood with Robert Sellers, MD. They met while serving in the US Navy and decided to join forces to practice medicine in a rural area. Drs. Hippert and Sellers feel they are fortunate to have a new building and a community which supports them.

Barry C. Holms, Havertown, PA—opened a practice in internal medicine at Swarthmore Medical Center, Swarthmore, PA. He completed a three-year residency in internal medicine at Mercy Catholic Medical Center, Philadelphia.

Edward E. Janus, Fairview, PA—joined the staff of Doctors Osteopathic Hospital, Eri e, PA, in the department of internal medicine.

Robert D. Madder, Pittsburgh, PA—lectured on “Dermatological Manifestations of Internal Disease” and “Venereal Disease” at the American College of Emergency Room Physicians in September at Las Vegas, NV. Dr. Madder practices in West Bridgewater, PA, and is on the staff at the Medical Center of Beaver County.

Richard M. Weintraub, New Orleans, LA—joined the staff of Shore Memorial Hospital, Somers Point, NJ, as an emergency room physician.

1977

Michael D. Horowitz, Camden, NJ—appointed to the staff of the department of medicine, Coatesville Hospital, Coatesville, PA. Dr. Horowitz is associated with Brandywine Family Practice Associates, Coatesville.

Sol Lizerbram, San Diego, CA—appointed to the Governor’s Council on Wellness and Physical Fitness by California Governor Jerry Brown. The council plans to develop and coordinate conferences, clinics, and research in the areas of wellness, health planning and preventive medicine.

Rosemarie L. Maynes, Dresher, PA—relocated her family medicine practice to the Maynes Medical-Dental Center, Dresher, in association with her husband James F. Maynes, DDS. She is a school physician for the Wissahickon District, a Bucks County public health physician, and a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Maynes is on the staff at Suburban General Hospital, Norristown, and Chestnut Hill Hospital.

Paul F. Remick, Scranton, PA—opened a family medicine practice in Scranton. He is certified by the American Board of Family Practice and is an active member in the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Wayne E. Schuricht, Austin, TX—completed a residency in emergency medicine at the University Hospital in Jacksonville, FL.

Mark Tanker, South Euclid, OH—appointed a special fellow in gastroenterology at the Cleveland Clinic Educational Foundation in Cleveland.

Frederick R. Wilson, Philadelphia—joined the staff of United Community Hospital, Franklin, PA, specializing in internal medicine.

1978

Joseph A. Cable, Norristown, PA—received a Mead Johnson Fellowship Grant. He is a resident in internal medicine at Suburban General Hospital, Norristown.

William F. Finan, Jr., Southgate, MI—practicing family medicine at the Kistler Clinic in Southgate, and on the staff of Riverside Osteopathic Hospital in Trenton, MI.

Talmadge J. Jacobs, Philadelphia—promoted to Brigadier General in the US Army Reserve. Dr. Jacobs, the first black reserve general in Pennsylvania, is commander of the 157th Separate Infantry Brigade. He has served in the reserve for 24 years.

Stephen R. Shaub, Ekalaka, MT—joined the practice of Paul Clymer ’68 and David Clymer ’74, in Mount Union, PA.

Laurence P. Stillman, North Miami, FL—opened a family medicine practice in North Miami.

Theodore Waldron, Conyngham, PA—named medical director of the Alcoholism and Drug Services of Lower Luzerne County. He maintains a family practice in Conyngham.

1979

John J. Bowden, Jr., and Robert H. Brehouse, Levittown, PA—opened a family medicine practice in Levittown and Philadelphia.

John F. Brabazon, Bristol, PA—opened a family medicine practice in Ephrata, PA.

Earl H. Brinser, Mount Joy, PA—opened a family medicine practice in Mount Joy.

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Paul Doughty, Sandusky, OH—opened a family medicine and obstetrics practice in Ulysses, PA.

Kenneth W. Dunkle, Turnersville, NJ, and John G. Laughner, Norristown, PA—appointed to the staff of United Community Hospital, Grove City, PA. Dr. Dunkle is in the practice of family medicine in Grove City, and Dr. Laughner joined the general medicine practice of Raymond J. Saloom '60 in Harrisville, PA.

Robert Fliegelman, Chicago, IL—named intern of the year at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Peter C. Gent, Midlothian, VA—opened a practice in family medicine and osteopathic treatment in Midlothian.

Robert Hynick, Allentown, PA—joined the staff of Allentown Osteopathic Hospital in the emergency room/outpatient services department.

Craig J. Krause, Tamaqua, PA—joined the staff of Coaldale Hospital in Coaldale, PA. His family medicine practice is located in Tamaqua.

Leonard Kurello, Allentown, PA—started a surgical residency at St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, PA.

William C. Leach, Stratford, NJ—received a Mead Johnson Fellowship Grant. He is serving a residency in pediatrics at John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Stratford.

Maria A. Limberakis, Philadelphia—joined the practice of The Bustleton Medical Center, Philadelphia, in general family medicine.

William J. Murphy, Pocopson Township, PA—announced the opening of his practice at the Barton Center in Kennett Square, PA.

Donald L. Musholt, Farrell, PA—featured in an article in the Sharon Herald. A former aerospace engineer, he opened a practice in the downtown area of Sharon, PA.

Robert P. Oristaglio, Jr., Allentown, PA—named to the staff of Allentown Osteopathic Hospital's department of internal medicine. He has a private practice in Allentown.

Jonathan E. Ostroff, Philadelphia—opened a practice in general and family medicine in Philadelphia.

Joseph V. Pongonis, Bristol, PA—joined the staff of Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital and opened a family medicine practice in Lancaster, PA.

Stacey A. Robertson, Allentown, PA—serving as National Health Corps physician at the Southern Huntingdon County Medical Center, Orbisonia, PA. Dr. Robertson and her husband are building a house in Shade Gap, PA.

William B. Swallow, Harrisburg, PA—joined the staff of Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg, PA. His general practice is in Milton, PA.

Stephen F. Uhlman, Erie, PA—joined the staff of Doctors Osteopathic Hospital, Erie, PA, as an emergency room physician.

1980

Gerald R. Medwick, Mahonoy City, PA—started a residency in radiation therapy at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Stephen Paxson, Waterville, ME—serving as intern at the Waterville Osteopathic Hospital.
In Memoriam

J. Maurice Westerman '23, Lancaster, PA, died on August 8, 1980.

Marion Griswold '26, Milford, ME, died on September 14, 1980.

John Colvin '27, Kingston, PA, died on August 4, 1980. He was 85. Dr. Colvin maintained a family practice in Kingston for more than 50 years. He was a veteran of World War I and a life member of the VFW. He is survived by his wife, a sister and four brothers.

Theodore W. Stiegler, Jr., '27, Lighthouse Point, FL, died on August 26. He was 79. Dr. Stiegler was a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists and clinical emeritus professor of internal medicine. He maintained a practice in Wilmington, Delaware, for more than 40 years, and served as a member of the faculty for 35 of those years. Dr. Stiegler joined the faculty in 1932 as instructor in the practice of osteopathy, and retired in 1967 as clinical professor. He served also as director of clinics, which included those at 48th and 20th and Susquehanna Streets, for 16 years.

Beryle Arbuckle McKinley '28, FACOP, Springfield, PA, died on October 1, 1980. She was 75 and had retired from practice 10 years ago. Dr. McKinley was the founder and former president of the National Osteopathic and Cerebral Palsy Foundation, and founder and president of the Osteopathic Cerebral Palsy Institute in Broomall, PA. She was the author of numerous articles on cerebral palsy, which were collected and published as a book and was the recipient of numerous honors, including the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of the American Academy of Osteopathy. She was a native of South Africa and received her premedical training at Natal University. She is survived by her husband, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Giraud Campbell '31, Lynbrook, NY, died, date unknown.

Irving Stapholz '36, Huntington, NY, died July 8, 1980.

Sidney Slotkin '44, Collingswood, NJ, died September 26, 1980.

Bernard Berry '44, Bucksport, ME, died on September 10, 1980.


Albert R. Valko '60, Columbus, OH, died on August 27, 1980.


Mrs. Eleanor Roberts, Philadelphia, PA, died in September. Mrs. Roberts was a member of the college's division of financial affairs for 20 years.

Mother of Nicholas S. Nicholas, DO, chairman and professor of the department of opp.

Wife of Martin Neifield, DO, professional staff.

Wife of Melvin Smith, DO '63, professional staff.

Mother of Frank Levito, acting store-room manager.

Mother of Mrs. Elaine Bressler, hospital Women's Guild.

Father of Hinda M. Green, DO, class of 1980.

Father of Robert Weisberg, DO, class of 1966.

Sister of Thomas P. Hooker, class of 1984.

Daughter of Anna Helt, DO, class of 1979.

Nurse Alumnae

Betty Johns, class of 1947, East Lansdowne, PA, died on October 11. Betty served as head nurse of the 48th Street emergency room for 25 years. In 1972 she transferred to the City Avenue hospital where she was head nurse in the recovery room for two years.

Mrs. Ruth Pinder, class of 1934, Annville, PA, died in November 1980.

Betty Johns, RN
The AOA convention in Las Vegas provided an excellent opportunity to renew friendships with PCOM alumni. Over 300 were at the alumni breakfast, enjoying Dr. Rowland's college history in color slides and stopping the show periodically to see if they were in the crowd scenes. Each alumnus received a printed copy of Dr. Rowland's corporation report to bring him/her up to date on what's happening at the college.

Later that day Dr. Rowland hosted a reception in the 26th-floor Penthouse Suite of the MGM Grand Hotel. The gala occasion was well and happily received by more than 500 PCOM alumni, their wives, members of the faculty and administration, and friends.

Since my return from the convention, my staff and I have been engaged in plans for Founders Day/Alumni Weekend, including a meeting of the Alumni Board, class reunions, CME programs, and the dinner dance. We should have an excellent attendance.

It is interesting to note that some 46 out of 119 participants in the ninth New England Osteopathic Assembly, held in October, were alumni of PCOM. George W. Northup, DO, '39, editor of the AOA, was the Roswell Bates Memorial Lecturer. Dr. Bates was a 1935 graduate who was a founder of the Bangor, Maine, Osteopathic Hospital and, at the time of his death, president of the New England Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine. Harrison Aldrich, DO, '61, president of PCOM's alumni association, introduced Dr. Northup. The assembly's faculty included Floyd Krengel, DO, '60, president of the AOA; and Lee M. Adler, DO, '72, editorial consultant of the Journal of the AOA.

And in sports, the PCOM athletic teams have done it again! The soccer and rugby teams won their respective professional school championships: the soccer team beat Penn-Wharton for the Professional School Soccer League title; and the rugby team defeated Temple Medical School to become the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union champions.

Please don't forget to send any alumni news to my office and I will see that it gets to the Digest editor. Or call 581-6522 if it is easier, or if you have any questions. See you at Founders Day/Alumni Weekend.

Hale T. Peffall, Jr.
Correction

The editors of the Digest extend sincere apologies to Victor Scali and Ronald Servi. 1980 graduates whose photos were inadvertently transposed in the summer Digest. Below are the correct captions for the award winners:

Victor Scali, DO
Co-winner of the Belle B. and Arthur M. Flack Memorial Award for proficiency in internal medicine

Ronald Servi, DO
Winner of the Wilbur P. Lutz, DO, Memorial Award for proficiency in physical diagnosis
"I declare the 90th academic year in session."—Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., Convocation, 1980.