Greetings from The MCP and Philadelphia's Tricentennial!
Visits to The OMCP are welcome anytime, but they’re especially encouraged in this year of Century IV — Philadelphia’s tricentennial celebration. Scenes from The OMCP’s own rich 83-year history appear on the cover, which resembles an old-fashioned postcard. The design is by Elaine Snyder.

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For 83 years, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine has been proud to be a part of a city rich in cultural diversity, educational facilities and institutions devoted to science. This year, the City of Brotherly Love marks its 300th birthday with a yearlong celebration. As Philadelphia looks forward to its next 100 years, we salute its past achievements and look forward to our continued role in the heritage that is "The Philadelphia Story."

If you plan to visit the city this year, or attend any of the Century IV events, don’t forget to visit The Osteopathic Medical Center of Philadelphia. Those of you who have never seen our City Avenue campus cannot help but be impressed by our growth. Those of you who have visited before will be interested in recent additions and developments.

The “Welcome” mat is always out! Do know that we are always happy to see old friends and make new ones.

Thomas M. Rowland, Jr.
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hiladelphians love a party. They always have. They celebrate holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, VIP visits and rites of passage. They celebrate with parades, fireworks, block parties and food and music festivals.

This year Philadelphians are holding a year-long party to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of their city — a city with a rich past that looks forward to its fourth hundred year. That is why the celebration is known as Century IV.

As an American school of medicine and as a Philadelphia institution, The Osteopathic Medical Center of Philadelphia is proud to join the Century IV celebration. We're proud to be part of the history of a city renowned for its medical institutions. We're proud to serve the Philadelphia community as one of the city's 81 hospitals and six medical schools — and the only osteopathic medical college.

The OMCP is relatively new to a city that is 300 years old. We've been here a mere 83 years, but in that time we have made our mark on the City of Brotherly Love. We have educated 5,800 DOs, provided inpatient and outpatient health care to Philadelphia and to the Main Line and operated health care centers in the North, West and Roxborough sections of the city. We have given free physicals for sports and civic groups, including children attending the city-run camp (incidentally, named Camp William Penn), provided check-ups for students in St. Joseph's University disadvantaged student program and conducted free screenings at health fairs all over the city.

The OMCP will be along on many of the Century IV events. When the Queen Elizabeth II arrived in April, our Emergency Medicine physicians and residents manned first aid stations at Penn's Landing, treating everything from bee stings to heart attacks. The great ocean liner was rechristened "Welcome" in honor of the vessel that brought William Penn from England to Philadelphia in 1682. Our DOs and nurses will again be on hand to provide medical care for sightseers when the Tall Ships sail into the Port of Philadelphia in June.

In August, some 30 Philadelphia neighborhoods will show off their diverse cultural backgrounds when they throw the biggest block party in the city, titled "Only in Philadelphia." In September, The OMCP will hold its own neighborhood festival, the third annual Philadelphia Fair, complete with Philadelphia fun foods, two bands, Scottish dancers, an old-fashioned merry-go-round, pony rides and games.

A tapestry created specially for Century IV will be displayed prominently at the Philadelphia Fair. The 10' × 10' piece tells the story of the city’s past, present and future and is made up of 225 eight-inch squares stitched in a variety of sewing techniques by needleworkers from local organizations, including The OMCP. Originated and designed by Reginald Beauchamp, a past president of the Philadelphia Public Relations Association, the tapestry has been displayed at many city celebrations.

Photographs of PCOM and its hospital are part of an exhibit commemorating the city's historic role as the cradle of American medicine, which will be on display all this year at the Philadelphia County Medical Society's headquarters. Our corporate history, with photographs, has a full page in a new book titled, "Philadelphia: Dream for the Keeping." Written by John Guinther, the book will be available in the college bookstore by Christmas.

Along with Philadelphia, The OMCP looks to the 21st century with pride in its past and confidence in its future.
A structure of great sentimental value to many osteopathic physicians, the hospital and college building at 48th and Spruce Streets, was sold this spring to a Philadelphia church group.

The 53-year-old West Philadelphia building was purchased by Emanuel Church in Philadelphia which has retained an architect and plans to renovate the building. The church is currently using the college auditorium for a sanctuary and has landscaped the grounds and erected a wrought-iron fence around the property. Future plans include using the building for a school and for community and day care programs.

The building’s three cornerstones have been removed and relocated at the City Avenue campus.

48th Street had been on the market for several years, before the last PCOM departments were moved to the City Avenue campus. Until December, 1981, the building had housed one of The OMCP’s health care centers, but storm damage this winter forced its closure. The health care center has been successfully relocated at The OMCP’s Medical Office Building at 4190 City Avenue.

While the building closed under adverse conditions, it had also opened in trying times — at the beginning of the Great Depression.

In 1928, in an effort to provide larger quarters for a rapidly expanding college, then located at 19th and Spring Garden Streets, the board of trustees purchased a tract of land at 48th and Spruce Streets.

Capital for the $1,030,000 project was raised through a contribution by S. Canning Childs, a former patient and friend, and a public campaign for funds. When the stock market crashed and fiscal panic began, many of the pledges for the facility went unpaid and fundraising efforts had to be redoubled. Support from faculty, students, alumni and friends eventually helped the college weather the financial storm.

It was a proud time for the college when the building was dedicated in February, 1930. The new facility boasted a modern radiology department, the best-equipped chemistry laboratory in the city and a surgical amphitheatre that could accommodate 250 persons. Innovations in the 76-bed hospital included patient rooms with all-maple furnishings, bedside radios, telephones and electric call systems.

Designed in “Collegiate Gothic Style,” the building featured a red-brick exterior with limestone trim and gabled roofs shingled with variegated slate tiles. It was composed of four floors and two basement levels. The Philadelphia Art Commission designated it “the most beautiful building erected in the city in 1929.”

But just as expansion had led trustees to the 48th Street site, a need for more room for the college and hospital led away from the imposing building in West Philadelphia.

A 16-acre site on City Avenue and Monument Road was acquired and a new hospital constructed there in 1967. That was followed by a college building in 1973. The last academic departments in 48th Street — anatomy and biochemistry — were moved to the City Avenue campus in 1981.

While the building is no longer a part of the college, it will be remembered fondly by many osteopathic physicians who studied there. More than 3,000 DOs were educated in the building, which graduated its first class in 1930 and its last in 1972.

Dr. Rowland, who started at 48th Street as registrar in 1950, has sentimental feelings about the structure. He recalls the warm and close-knit spirit of all those who worked and studied there.

“The building started out in hard times, but the trustees went ahead with the plans even in the face of a depression. In those days the osteopathic profession was still fighting for equal recognition. 48th Street symbolizes the many members of our profession who faced trying times at all levels and emerged stronger.”

The president called the move to the City Avenue campus “a new era for the college. Our own growth has paralleled the increased growth and recognition of the osteopathic profession. We leave a little of ourselves and a lot of memories at 48th Street.”

“48th Street” as it appeared in a painting by the late John Falter, which was commissioned by E.R. Squibb and Sons.
Housecalls take him back in time

When Dr. Paul Herr sees patients at his Quarryville, Pa., office, horses and buggies sometimes stand five deep in the driveway.

When the office is closed, Dr. Herr's car can often be seen parked outside Amish farmhouses in the countryside surrounding Quarryville, where he has come to make a housecall or deliver a baby.

For nearly 30 years the Amish have been coming to Dr. Herr — and he to them — in this rural area of southern Lancaster County. A general practitioner who graduated from PCOM in 1952, Dr. Herr serves an area that is 20 miles wide and 35 miles long, and he sees about 200 patients a week — 20 to 30 percent of them Amish.

While the Lancaster County area might seem a world apart to most Americans, to Dr. Herr it is home. The 56-year-old physician grew up in West Lampeter Township, just 10 miles from where he practices today. In a recent interview conducted during a busy day of house calls and office visits, the warm and friendly physician talked about his Pennsylvania Dutch Country practice.

"I came here because it was a fairly poor, doctor-needy area and because it was near enough for me to associate with an osteopathic hospital (Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital) and the professional stimulation it provides," said Dr. Herr, a slight man with gray hair and glasses.

A sense of commitment also drew him there. A Mennonite, a group he describes as strongly "community-oriented," Dr. Herr said he felt a moral obligation to return to the area after finishing his medical education. As a Mennonite, Dr. Herr holds some of the same religious beliefs as do the Amish. Both groups, for example, practice adult baptism and pacifism — Dr. Herr was a conscientious objector during World War II. But the physician's lifestyle is modern and no different from that of most Americans.

The Amish, by contrast, live much as their ancestors did several hundred years ago. They are a late 17th century offshoot of the Mennonites or Anabaptists and have clung to their forebears' style of dress, worship practices, language and agrarian lifestyle. Most have no electricity or telephones in their homes and don't own automobiles.

In working with the Amish, Dr. Herr said he believes in taking a "direct, but non-intrusive approach" and feels it has been this and his knowledge of the community, not his religious background, that have helped him win acceptance from the Amish. "If you're not Amish, you're an outsider," he explained.

But the Amish seek medical care from "outsiders" like Dr. Herr because there are no trained Amish doctors or nurses. And as he will tell you, despite their primitive lifestyle, the Amish for the most part want the best modern medicine has to offer.

"The Amish will take medication and have surgery if it is indicated," he said. "Often they are surprisingly sophisticated in their knowledge of medications — they read drug literature and ask about side effects."

The Amish still prefer having their babies at home, Dr. Herr said, but if he decides it is necessary, they will go to the hospital to deliver. Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital, in fact, makes special provisions for the Amish. It offers a guaranteed price 24-hour plan in which the baby stays in the mother's room and is cared for by family members. The Amish have no medical insurance and pay "cash on the barrelhead" for their care, Dr. Herr said. "There is never a hassle about money (with the Amish)."

The Quarryville physician delivers about 130 babies a year, half of them at home. He said the trend today towards providing birthing rooms in hospitals is a good one. "There is entirely too much technology at the hospital. Today they're getting back to the same kinds of things I've done all along."

The way in which the Amish care for their newborns is also something Dr. Herr approves of. "After the baby is born, the Amish have a good system of lay people to look after the mother and child. There is a tendency to care for the baby until a hired girl is ready to look after the house. It's a pretty sophisticated way of life." Dr. Herr frequently sees this system in action as he makes follow-up visits to women and their new babies in the home. He averages five or six house calls a week, mainly to infants and the elderly.

The osteopathic physician also marvels at the care the Amish provide for their elderly. The older family members live out their years in comfort in the "grosdawdy" or grandfather house, an addition to the large Amish family farmhouse. Often the care of the elderly is shared, with parents visiting each child for part of the year.

But while the Amish seem to have workable solutions for some of the problems that trouble modern Americans, their world is not utopia. "There is considerable incidence of manic depressive psychosis and suicide among the Amish," Dr. Herr said, problems which seem to run in certain families. Because of this tendency, these illnesses are under study by Victor McKusick, M.D., a world-renowned geneticist at The Johns Hopkins University, and others, to whom Dr. Herr regularly sends information.

When mental illness does strike Amish people, they will see a psychiatrist or be hospitalized if necessary. Frequently, however, the mentally ill are cared for at home. If a person is suicidal, family members or the community will watch him and at some point may gather to decide whether hospitalization is necessary, according to Dr. Herr.

The intermarriage among the closed society of the Amish has led to other genetic problems. "I treat families who have dwarves or microcephalics," said Dr. Herr. "I also see quite a bit of congenital cerebral palsy and congenital
pulmonary fibrosis." Of the intermarriage, Dr. Herr said, "There are some problems, but probably less than you'd think. And it works the other way. It produces some very fine and talented people."

One aspect of working with the Amish that Dr. Herr has found frustrating is their resistance to accepting vaccines. "If their family has taken vaccines, they will. If they haven't, they won't. It's a strange quirk in their religion."

This problem gained nationwide attention in 1979 when cases of polio broke out among the Amish of Pennsylvania. Despite their beliefs, however, many allowed their children to receive the vaccine in school or came to Dr. Herr's office to be inoculated. They did so, he said, because they felt a moral obligation not to spread the disease to others. During the polio scare, the Quarryville physician was consulted by Amish church officials for a possible course of action. He said that being asked for his opinion in a time of crisis is one of the rewards of his work with the Amish.

Frequently, Amish bishops and ministers call him when their people become upset. "I have the feeling they want me there because I understand their simple way with things," Dr. Herr said.

Being able to help people is what drew him to the medical profession. "I was attracted not so much to the mechanical business of internal medicine or dealing with trauma, but the psychological involvement with people as a helping person."

He said he had "a terrific role model" in Sol Yoder, DO '25, his family's physician, who is now retired and living in Lancaster. "I don't think our family took 10 pills in 19 years. Sol explained the osteopathic concepts of disease and treatment to us in clear terms. He manipulated us when we had acute illness and did very well." While Dr. Herr prescribes more medication than his mentor, he uses OMT on a regular basis and has had special success in using osteopathic cranial manipulation on infants with cerebral palsy.

Despite his busy practice — his files hold 10,000 charts — Dr. Herr has always made time for his family and his profession. His wife, Lois, recalled that when their five children were young they would often accompany their father on house calls and home deliveries. One son, J. Michael, has followed in his father's footsteps and become a DO. A 1978 graduate of PCOM, he practices in rural West Virginia.

Dr. Herr's professional affiliations include serving on the staff of Lancaster Osteopathic where he is chairman of the general practice residency program, a member of the executive committee and secretary-treasurer of the professional staff. He is certified in general practice and is a fellow of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.

In addition, Dr. Herr is a member of PCOM's preceptor program, secretary of the Lancaster County Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and past chairman of the District V Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Assoc. He also serves as deputy county coroner.

Would he ever give up his present work for a lucrative practice with well-heeled patients?

"I've thought about it," said Dr. Herr, "but I'd probably be bored to death."

—K. Corbalis

Horses and buggies are a common sight in the driveway outside Dr. Paul Herr's office in Lancaster County.

Using the family's kitchen table for an examining area, Dr. Paul Herr draws blood from an Amish baby he delivered at home two days earlier.
Program provides chance of a lifetime

Every weekday morning, John leaves his apartment, boards a city bus, and arrives at The OMCP to begin a seven-hour workday.

While this schedule may seem routine to many, it's actually the opportunity of a lifetime for John and the five co-workers in his program at the medical center. Not only is the assignment their first paying job, but, in most cases, it is their first experience in assuming basic adult responsibilities. As mentally retarded individuals, they either grew up in area institutions, or were sheltered in the homes of their parents.

Today, these people, ranging in age from 22 to 65, are being integrated into society through the Industrial Employment Program of Interac (Inter-community Action, Inc.), a state-funded, non-profit mental health/mental retardation center based in the nearby community of Roxborough.

"The Industrial Employment Program (IEP) is a step between competitive employment and sheltered workshops," says Pat Dooley, an Interac industrial employment manager. The six workers at The OMCP were screened thoroughly before they were assigned the job, which entails preparing old emergency room documents and medical records for microfilming. This includes arranging a patient's lab reports and records in sequence on 8½ x 11 sheets of paper. The fruits of this labor are photographed in the medical center's microfilming department.

When six or more workers are sent out to do a job, Interac provides a full-time, on-site supervisor. Cornell Smith supervises the workers at The OMCP and it is his job to help them become self-sufficient in their tasks and work habits.

Without the restrictions of a "handicapped only" facility, the moderately supervised atmosphere gives the workers a chance to associate with medical center employees.

"Our people are proud to work at the medical center," Smith says, "and they feel they are part of the organization." Like all employees at the center, the Interac group must wear identification badges. "They wear these plastic tags as proudly as if they were sheriff's badges," Smith says. "The badges give them a tremendous sense of belonging."

The vocational experience at The OMCP has helped some Interac "alumni" land regular employment. One man is a custodian for the Salvation Army in Philadelphia; another, who is still working at the medical center, is awaiting word about employment from the U.S. Postal Service.

Smith highly recommends his people for employment in area industries and organizations. "If I'm ever lucky enough to have my own business, I will definitely hire these reliable, dedicated people."

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New facilities

Cardiac Lab

A sophisticated method for detecting cardiac diseases in their early stages is now available in the hospital of PCOM's cardiac function laboratory.

The Baird Atomic System 77 follows the path of mildly radioactive dye through a patient's bloodstream to monitor cardiac function during periods of rest and exercise. Unlike cardiac catheterization, System 77 is a non-invasive and cost-efficient procedure.

"With this new equipment, the lab can evaluate approximately 15 to 20 patients a day," said Michael Kirschbaum, DO, chairman of the division of cardiology. According to Dr. Kirschbaum, System 77 makes cardiac diagnoses cost-efficient in several ways.

It permits screening to be done on an outpatient basis, eliminating hospital costs. It also brings patients with potential heart problems into the health care system earlier. Through

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Michael Kirschbaum, DO, chairman of the division of cardiology, (right) supervises as Robert A. Bressler, director of financial affairs at The OMCP, prepares to take a nuclear cardiac stress test in the newly expanded cardiac function laboratory.
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proper medical care and health education, they can remain healthy, productive citizens.

With the acquisition of this new equipment, the division of cardiology now has the capability of performing a complete range of cardiac diagnostic procedures.

Laser Equipment

A Sharplan carbon dioxide laser acquired recently by HPCOM has opened a new frontier in surgery at the medical center.

The equipment is allowing surgeons to perform procedures that were not possible with conventional surgery and is making others that had been risky, more effective.

The laser will be used initially by ENT and OB/GYN and eventually for multidisciplinary surgery.

ENT procedures in which the laser will be used include: treatment of lesions of the vocal chords, mouth and throat and removal of skin tumors. OB/GYN will use the laser for removal of pre-cancerous lesions of the cervix and vagina, localized early cancers and for reconstruction of the fallopian tubes.

The laser is a high intensity light source that vaporizes cells by heating them beyond the boiling point. It allows a surgeon to pinpoint diseased cells while sparing healthy ones, a feature that makes it useful in the treatment of cancers.

Surgeons who have used the new equipment say it causes less bleeding and less swelling and provides for more rapid healing.

Arthritis Center

Providing arthritis sufferers with complete diagnostic services and treatment in one central location is the goal of the new Arthritis Center at The OMCP.

The new facility is headed by David A. Bevan, DO, chairman of the division of rheumatology, department of internal medicine. He noted that a special feature of the center is "a team approach" to care.

"Often a person with arthritis needs more than one treatment modality. It's not as simple as prescribing one kind of pill to make the patient better."

The team at the center includes physicians who practice a variety of specialties, including rheumatology, internal medicine, orthopedic surgery, osteopathic principles and practice, rehabilitation medicine, neurology, radiology and psychiatry.

An arthritis sufferer can become a patient at the center by referral from his family physician or by making an appointment himself. The center's team will evaluate the patient's condition and send the family doctor a complete report with recommendations for therapy. The center will also provide follow-up care if the patient desires.
News from The OMCP

William J. Davis, DO, FACOS, who had served as a member of The OMCP’s board of trustees for 23 years, was appointed professional director of the hospital of PCOM in May. A surgeon, Dr. Davis served as medical director and director of medical education at Southeastern Medical Center in North Miami Beach for the past eight years. Before that he was chairman of the department of surgery at Memorial Osteopathic Hospital in York, PA, for 21 years.

Dr. Davis is a 1939 graduate of PCOM and completed an internship and three-year surgical residency at its teaching hospital. In 1944 he joined the college faculty as instructor in general surgery, and the hospital staff as a member of the surgical department.

He is certified in general surgery and is a fellow and former member of the board of governors of the American College of Osteopathic Surgery. He has been active in the AOA, serving for many years on its committee on hospitals. In addition, he helped develop the basic requirements for residency training in general surgery for osteopathic hospitals.

PCOM welcomed two distinguished alumni in April, George W. Northup, DO, ’39 and Ronald R. Blanck, DO, ’67.

Dr. Northup, editor of AOA publications, author and general practitioner, lectured at the college as part of the Academy of Applied Osteopathy’s visiting clinician program. He answered questions, discussed osteopathic principles and demonstrated manipulative techniques.

Col. Blanck, the highest ranking DO in the Army, lectured on “Osteopathic Physicians in the Armed Forces” in Dr. Thomas M. Rowland’s Community Health Course. Chief of the department of medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Col. Blanck was recently named chief of medical corps career activities in the surgeon general’s office in Washington, D.C.
The annual professional staff dinner dance, held in April, featured dancing and international dining at the recently renovated Bourse building. Originally constructed in 1893-95, the building served as Philadelphia's merchant exchange. Today its 10 stories contain fashion boutiques, shops, restaurants and offices.

Every shop and restaurant participated in the evening's program, serving an "International SmorgasBourse" of hors d'oeuvres, salads, pasta, entrees and desserts. Cocktails were served on the fourth level walkway.

Staff members and guests enjoyed dinner and dancing in the Great Hall of the Bourse, formerly the trading floor of the elegant exchange. The historic building is located on Independence Mall across from the Liberty Bell.

**John Wisdo**, administrative assistant in the department of radiology, moderated an open discussion of current radiology management problems at the May meeting of American Hospital Radiology Administrators held in Philadelphia.

A new seven-bed **short procedure unit** opened on the first floor of the hospital of PCOM in March. It replaces a small unit that had been in use on the hospital's second floor since 1976.

The short procedure unit allows a patient to have minor surgery in the morning and be home in time for dinner. Patients requiring routine chemotherapy or blood transfusions may spend as little as 30 minutes to an hour in the hospital.

By eliminating the need for a patient to stay overnight in the hospital, the unit helps cut health care costs.

**Personnel** from the college and the School of Allied Health participated in a May health fair sponsored by the Philadelphia Bright Hope Baptist Church. **Robert Cuzzolino**, assistant director of admissions and student affairs, answered questions on the

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With a donation of $10,000 or more, you may dedicate a specific area of the College. A bronze plaque, with your name as donor, will be permanently placed in the area you designate. Your name will also appear on the bronze plaque in the lobby. For information, call Hale T. Peffall, Jr., 581 - 6522
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osteopathic profession and requirements for college admission. Lynn Carson and Carol Howley, School of Allied Health instructors, provided information on the School’s training programs and students in the medical assistant program offered free blood pressure screenings. Dr. Rowland brought greetings from The OMCP and spoke briefly during the program which included Samuel Evans, president of the American Federation of Negro Affairs. Leonard W. Johnson, DO, ’64 was a member of the health fair’s planning committee.

T.S. Campo, Class of 1982, of Pen Argyl, PA, was co-author of a case report published in the September, 1981, issue of Peritoneal Dialysis Bulletin. It was titled, “Cimetidine-induced Psychosis in a Patient on CAPD.”

Anthony J. Silvagni, Class of 1982, of Philadelphia, PA, was awarded a $2,000 Burroughs Wellcome Osteopathic Research Fellowship. Under the project, which he will complete during an internship at Tucson General Hospital, he will work on developing a study to determine “The Effect of Osteopathic Manipulative Procedures in the Treatment of Acute Asthma.” Since the awards are usually given to residents, this was a signal honor for a fourth-year student.

About 60 college students attended PCOM’s annual conference on “Minority Opportunities in Osteopathic Medicine” which was held in April. The event featured a question and answer session, a tour of the college, a film and a panel discussion. Panelists were, from left, Thomas F. Powell, DO, ’56, A. Faye Rogers-Lomax, DO, ’76, Charles Bell, ’85, student council president, and John A. Bowden, DO, ’79.

PCOM students took to the basketball court this spring in the annual “Bounce For MS” fund-raiser. Sponsored by Student Council, the event featured a 36-hour basketball marathon which raised money for multiple sclerosis.
New officers of the Student Associate Auxiliary gather after their installation this spring. They are, from left, Dolly Marencic, recording secretary; Patti Hemsley, first vice president; Joan Shaffer, president; Becky Brooks, corresponding secretary, and Debby Miller, treasurer.

More than 500 persons took advantage of the free blood pressure, hearing and glaucoma tests given by The OMCP during National Hospital Week, May 10 to 14. Administering a blood pressure test is Steven Valentino '82.

Galen S. Young, DO, chairman of the division of general surgery, was honored in May by the Women's Guild for his support and loyalty to its fund-raising programs. Presenting him with a plaque are Mrs. Rita Chadwick, left, chairman of the testimonial dinner for Dr. Young, and Mrs. Kate Kenworthy, president of the guild.
Faculty notes

Leonard H. Finkelstein, DO, clinical professor and chairman of the division of urology, was named president-elect of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA) during the 74th Annual Clinical Assembly in Atlantic City this spring. (Interestingly enough, his brother Gilbert was named president-elect of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association). Dr. Finkelstein sponsored a combined Grand Rounds and Journal Club with Jefferson Hospital’s urology department in The OMCP’s Medical Office Building in March. Approximately 50 DOs, MDs and PCOM students attended.

Stephen D. Smith, DMD, director of the temporomandibular orthopedics center, spoke on “Blood Flow Studies and Postural Considerations in the TMJ Practice” at the 27th annual meeting of the American Equilibration Society on Feb. 18.

Michael Kirschbaum, DO, chairman, division of cardiology, and director of HPCOM’s cardiac function laboratory, met requirements of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to perform nuclear cardiac studies at the medical center. A letter written by Dr. Kirschbaum and Bruce Margolis, DO, an internal medicine resident, was published in the New England Journal of Medicine’s April 8 issue. The letter challenged a previously published article titled “Valve Replacement Without Preoperative Cardiac Catheterization.”

Charles M. Bendas, PhD, assistant professor of microbiology and public health, presented a lecture on “Viral Diagnostics in the Clinical Laboratory” to an advanced diagnostic microbiology class at Thomas Jefferson University in April.

Nicholas S. Nicholas, DO, FAAO, chairman and professor of OPP, discussed “Osteopathic Techniques Used in Visceral Diseases” and “Osteopathic Extremity Techniques” at the seminar for Doctors Osteopathic Hospital in Plantation, FL, in April. He also lectured at the Texas Osteopathic Association’s state convention in Austin, and addressed the Northeast Pennsylvania Osteopathic Group (POMA District IV) in Hazleton later in the month.

Robert H. Jama, DO, chairman, department of critical care medicine, lectured on the value of life support systems at an April CME program at Memorial Hospital in York, PA.

Edward J. Sarama, DO, assistant professor and vice-chairman of emergency medicine, was certified in emergency medicine by the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine in March.

J. Vincent Huffnagle, DO, chairman of the general practice department, has been certified in quality assurance and utilization review by the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians. Dr. Huffnagle, a member of the Board, chairs the utilization review commit-

tee at HPCOM. Composed of physicians, nurses, social workers and health care coordinators, the committee assures the appropriate use of hospital facilities and helps to maintain high quality patient care.

Kenneth J. Veit, DO, health care physician coordinator, was appointed to Philadelphia Mayor William Green’s Commission on Health. The commission will be instrumental in charting the course of health care in the city for the 1980s by evaluating medical and health-related services.

Emanuel Fliegelman, DO, FACOOG, professor of ob/gyn and director of human sexuality programs, represented the AOA at a conference on sexually transmitted diseases in May. The program was sponsored by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Dominic A. DeBrias, PhD, assistant dean for basic sciences and chairman of physiology/pharmacology, was honored by Lambda Omicron Gamma, the national medical fraternity, in April. He received a plaque for outstanding achievement in the fields of education and research medicine.

David A. Bevan, DO, assistant professor of internal medicine and chairman of the division of rheumatology, was named to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.
Nurses’ Reunion

Celebrating reunions at the annual April banquet of PCOM’s Nurses’ Alumnae Association are:

Class of 1932

50th Anniversary: (l-r) Alma Meyers Sweade, Folsom, PA, and Esther Yeatter Frey, York, PA.

Class of 1937

45th Anniversary: (l-r) Ruth Peterson Courbis, Broomall, PA; Beatrice Stratman Wright, Lansdale, PA; Anna Mason Berry, Media, PA.

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Nurses' Reunion

Class of 1942

40th Anniversary ([l-r] Katherine Johnson Elbert, Silver Springs, MD; Jane O'Daniel Court, Plantation, FL; Carrie Ann Looseley Cleaver, Sicklerville, NJ; Dorothy Schuman Shellhammer, Lehighton, PA; Hilda Gonder Holbrook, Reading, MA.

Class of 1947

35th Anniversary: ([l-r] Helen Quigley McGroarty, Broomall, PA; Elizabeth Ivanoff Plavcan, Norristown, PA; Helen LeMattice Leedecce, Jersey City, NJ; Margaret Hatcher Zimmerman, Camp Hill, PA; Alice Kovacs Moyer, Royersford, PA; Virginia Loeffler Geppert, Springhouse, PA; Josephine Savchyn Mahoney, Sterling, VA; Margaret Eyler, Dover, PA; Anita Anderson Marsico, Broomall, PA.
In Memoriam

Harman Y. Kiser, '23, Rahns, Montgomery County, PA, died May 18. He was 94. Dr. Kiser taught general surgery at PCOM from 1928-51 and was known as an authority on bone setting and remedial surgery. He helped to establish the Riverview Osteopathic Hospital in Norristown in the early 1940s and served as chief of surgery. He was a life member of the ACOS and the AOA.

Benjamin Gross, '29, Merchantville, NJ, died May 6. He was 75. Dr. Gross was a proctologist who maintained offices in Camden and more recently in Collingswood, NJ. When he celebrated his 50th year as a physician in 1979 New Jersey’s General Assembly awarded him a congratulatory resolution. Dr. Gross had been a member of the staff of Cherry Hill Medical Center since 1960 and served as chairman of the department of proctology. He was a fellow and past president of the American Osteopathic College of Proctology and received, in 1974, its first proctologist-of-the-year award. He is survived by his wife, a son, and three grandchildren.

Errett S. Mitchell, '29, Merchantville, NJ, died in January. He was 78.

Fortunato C. Sinagra, '34, Margate, NJ, died December 6, 1981. He was 74. A native and life-long resident of Atlantic City, Dr. Sinagra was a member of the Atlantic City Medical Society. He is survived by his wife, a son, and Philadelphia County Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and was named a life member of the ACOS in 1972. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a sister.

Meyer Kirshbaum, '50, Philadelphia, PA, died January 9. He was 69. Dr. Kirshbaum was a psychiatrist on the staff of the Philadelphia State Hospital at Byberry, until his retirement. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a sister.

Edward Swiatkowski, '56, Philadelphia, died April 29. He was 56. Dr. Swiatkowski, a cousin of Captain Harry R. Anderson, '50, Philadelphia, PA, died January 9. He was 69. Dr. Kirshbaum was a psychiatrist on the staff of the Philadelphia State Hospital at Byberry, until his retirement. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a sister.

Edward Swiatkowski, '56, Philadelphia, died April 29. He was 56. Dr. Swiatkowski, a cousin of Gerald Sczygiel, DO, '72, had maintained a general practice in the Northeast section of Philadelphia. He was a member of the AOA, POMA and Philadelphia County Osteopathic Medical Society.

William DiSanto, '59, Norristown, PA, died March 30. He was 51. Dr. DiSanto was a specialist in proctology and had developed surgical treatment techniques that he presented before national and international conferences. He also played an active role in government, as a member of the Democratic state committee and a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1976. He was a Plymouth Township supervisor and a member of its Civil Service Commission for 12 years. He was a member of the AOA, POMA and the American and International Academies of Proctology and the Pennsylvania Board of Osteopathic Examiners. He is survived by his wife, seven children, three grandchildren, seven brothers and two sisters.


Fred W. Ramey, DO, Harrisburg, PA, died in April. His daughter, Jane Litzman, RN, a graduate of PCOM's School of Nursing, is a pediatric nurse at The OMCP. Dr. Ramey was a graduate of Kirksville College and had studied at PCOM for two years.


John Philip Falter, Philadelphia artist and illustrator, died in May. He was 72. He had illustrated more than 40 books and hundreds of covers for such magazines as The Saturday Evening Post, Liberty, McCall’s, Redbook and Collier's. His painting of the College building at 48th and Spruce was commissioned by Squibb Pharmaceutical Company for its collection of medical schools. The original painting hangs in Moss House. Thousands of copies were distributed to alumni and friends.

Dr. Rowland and Dr. Thomas Powell Sr., clinical associate professor of surgery, participated in a memorial tribute to Ethel D. Allen, DO, class of 1963, who died on December 16. The tribute, held in May at the Miller Memorial Baptist Church, drew friends and colleagues from all areas of Dr. Allen’s life — as city councilwoman, secretary of the Commonwealth and a prominent figure in the Republican party. Dr. Rowland commemorated Ethel Allen, the osteopathic physician.
News from the Alumni Office

This March, Dr. Rowland and I attended the 11th annual Eastern Regional Osteopathic Convention held at Bally's Park Place Hotel in Atlantic City. At the PCOM alumni luncheon, Dr. Rowland brought alumni up to date on college developments. April found us once more in Atlantic City, this time at Caesar's Boardwalk Regency for the 74th annual clinical assembly of POMA, where speakers included, A. Archie Feinstein, DO; James Conroy, DO; Sherman Leis, DO. Dr. Rowland discussed the latest additions to the exhibit area. Joining us were Robert W. England, DO, dean of the college, and Richard Papa, DO, DME.

Many of the program lecturers were members of our faculty and professional staff: Philip Pantle, DO; J. Brendan Wynne, DO; Dennis Graham, DO; Alex Nicholas, DO; Joe Dieterle, DO; Mary Teter, DO, Joan Moore, DO; James Conroy, DO; Sherman Leis, DO. Dr. Rowland discussed the latest additions to the OMCP at the alumni luncheon.

In May, I attended the Arizona, Nevada, Utah convention in Tucson, where speakers included, A. Archie Feinstein, DO, president-elect of the AOA; Stephen Finberg, DO ’76, in private practice in Phoenix, specializing in pulmonary medicine; Robert Fogel, DO ’58, a pathologist in private practice in Tulsa, specializing in forensic medicine; Arnold Melnick, DO ’45, dean of the Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine (SECOM); Mary Ann Picardo, DO ’77, in private practice in Phoenix, in adult and adolescent psychiatry; Martin Reiss, DO ’61, in private practice in Phoenix in psychiatry; and Ralph Tomei, DO ’39, an internist and chairman of SECOM’s department of internal medicine.

If you would like to top off the AOA convention in October with a trip to Hawaii, start planning now. The college has a package that includes eight days and seven nights (October 12-19) in Honolulu and Maui. Watch for our letter.


Hale T. Peffall Jr.
Executive Director
Alumni Relations

Alumni news

News of our alumni (with or without photos) is always welcome. Send to Alumni Office or Digest Editor.

1948
Alfred A. Grilli, Pittsburgh, PA — received POMA’s Distinguished Service Award during the group’s 74th Annual Clinical Assembly in April. He is medical director and director of medical education at West Allegheny Hospital in Oakdale.

1951
Arthur L. Feldman, Danielsville, PA — elected president of POMA. A general practitioner, he is on the staff of Allentown Osteopathic Hospital.

1959
Michael Sutula, Union, NJ — named Physician of the Year by the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. He is chairman of the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Union Memorial General Hospital and assistant director of rehabilitation medicine at Clara Maass Hospital, Belleville.

1960
Raymond J. Saloom, Harrisville, PA — elected president of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. He is a general practitioner in Harrisville.

1961
Charles R. Johnson, Somerville, NJ — elected for the second term as director of the department of family practice at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. He is a staff member at SMC and is certified in general practice by the American Osteopathic Board of General Practice.

Anthony A. Minissale, Philadelphia, PA — re-elected to his sixth term as secretary/treasurer of POMA. He is co-chairman of the department of surgery at Metropolitan Hospital’s Parkview Division.

1964
Theodore P. D’Orazio, Glenolden, PA — elected to POMA’s Board of Trustees. He is program director of the general practice residency at Metropolitan Hospital’s Springfield Division.

Stanford A. Shor, Morton, PA — elected vice president of POMA. He is a general practitioner and a member of the medical staff of Metropolitan Hospital’s Springfield Division.
1965
Martin L. Lasky, York, PA — was a guest speaker and panel member at the spring conference of the American Academy of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Education held in Orlando, FL. He is vice president of medical affairs at Memorial Osteopathic Hospital in York.

1966
Clayton C. Lindemuth, Erie, PA — was certified a diplomat of the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery. He is chairman of the division of thoracic and vascular surgery, medical director of the non-invasive vascular laboratory and respiratory care departments, and secretary/treasurer of the professional staff of Doctors Osteopathic Hospital.

1967
Sherman N. Leis, Merion Station, PA — announced the opening of his new center for plastic and reconstructive surgery in Bala Cynwyd, PA.

1968
James Stengel, York, PA — certified in urologic surgery by the American Board of Osteopathic Surgeons and the American Board of Urology. He is chief of urologic surgery and president-elect of the medical staff at Memorial Osteopathic Hospital in York.

1970
Edwin J. Sullivan, Saddle Brook, NJ — named president-elect of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. He is chairman of the department of urology at Saddle Brook General Hospital and is a member of the medical staff of Passaic General Hospital.

1973
Mark Illfelder, York, PA — appointed chairman of the department of internal medicine at Memorial Osteopathic Hospital in York. He is certified in internal medicine and has been a member of the staff of MOH for five years.

1975
Joseph D. Flynn, Jr., Pottsville, PA — certified in general practice at the annual conference of the ACGP in March which was held in Florida.

1978
Dolores Daczkowski, Philadelphia, PA — featured in an article in the Times Northeast of Philadelphia in April which highlighted her career change from nurse to doctor.

1980
Joseph Kosakoski, Jr., and Richard Stratchko, Oxford, PA — announce the opening of a medical center in Oxford providing family care service to residents of southern Chester and Lancaster Counties.

1981
Lt. Gerard D. Brown, San Diego, CA — featured in an article in the Times Herald of Norristown, PA. He is in the Navy’s medical scholarship program and has been working in neonatal care.
College honors its athletes

Eighty-five athletes attended the fourth annual PCOM Sports Banquet which capped off a winning year for the D.O. teams. The event, held May 14 at the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel, was co-sponsored by the college and the PCOM Alumni Association.

Seniors who had participated in a sport in any one of their four years were invited to attend the banquet and receive personalized desk sets from Dr. Rowland. Other awards presented were:

**Basketball:** Continuing its winning tradition, the PCOM hoop team this year won the title in the Philadelphia Professional Schools Basketball League. Tito Nanni, referees coordinator for the league, presented the championship trophy to Dr. Rowland. The league also presented a plaque of appreciation to Robert Falconiero '84, captain of the PCOM maroon team, for his work in coordinating league activities. John Curley '84, captain of the gray team, was awarded the trophy for the most points scored during the Student Council's 'Bounce for MS' fund-raiser (See News From The OMCP).

**Rugby:** For the third straight year the PCOM ruggers were named champions of the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union (EPRU) Professional Schools Division. The club also captured the First Annual Michelob Invitational Rugby Tournament in the spring by beating professional school rugby clubs from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and New York. Al Little, president of EPRU, presented the Michelob trophy to Dr. Rowland. Robin "Bird" Innella '82 was named the club's most valuable player. The award, presented for the first time this year, is expected to be an annual one.

**Soccer:** The PCOM booters also had an outstanding year. For the second season in a row, the soccer team was named divisional champion and went on to compete in the semi-finals of the Philadelphia Professional Schools Soccer League. Stephen Misfud '83 and Ronald Willoughby '84, captains of the team in 1980-81 and 1981-82 respectively, were awarded plaques of appreciation for their leadership of the team. Charles Kish '84, who was president of the league in 1979-80 and 1980-81, was also recognized for his service.

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Soccer
Robert Cuzzolino, (right) assistant director of admissions and student affairs and coach of the soccer team, presents plaques to Ronald Willoughby '84 (left) and Stephen Misfud '83.

Basketball
Tito Nanni, representing the Philadelphia Professional Schools Basketball League, presents PCOM's championship trophy to Dr. Rowland. At the podium is team captain, Robert Falconiero '84.
Dear Alumnus/Alumna:

Sports have been an important part of life at PCOM since the early 1900s. Students have competed in track and field, golf, tennis, baseball and basketball. Women students and nurses also have starred on swimming teams and in basketball. The college even produced an ice hockey and a fencing team. Today basketball has been joined by rugby and soccer. And the importance of competition and physical fitness to students engaged in a rigorous medical school curriculum has been demonstrated over the years.

Thanks to the efforts of those early sports enthusiasts and to the support and interest of all those actively engaged in athletics since then, students today may participate in organized professional school athletic competitions as well as intramural sports. Also thanks to those early efforts, PCOM is now the hub of organized professional school sports for 20 schools in the tri-state area. Perhaps we've even helped to influence the popularity of sports medicine as a specialty.

To update our records and sports history, we'd like to enlist your help. WILL YOU HELP US IDENTIFY ALUMNI — MEN AND WOMEN — WHO PARTICipated IN ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES DURING THEIR STUDENT YEARS? We're interested in coaches and managers too.

Please complete the following questionnaire. It's postage paid, so just tear it off and send it to us. We'll share the results with you in a future DIGEST. Thanks.