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Filling out the first of many forms in their medical career, members of the Class of 1986 complete paperwork on their first day at PCOM.

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The logo of PCOM bears the Latin inscription ‘Mens Et Manus,’ literally translated ‘mind and hand.’ It was the belief of the founders of our college . . . that the successful outcome of osteopathic medical education is a physician who uses both mind and hand; this remains our belief today.

Medical science has evolved tremendous tools which the mind may utilize in diagnosis and treatment. However, osteopathic medicine emphasizes that the use of intelligence should be carried a step further through viewing the totality of each patient as an individual human being, an entire organism and person, rather than a set of specific disease entities.

This philosophy, almost a century old, is newly espoused today in a concept termed ‘holistic medicine.’ The popularity of the concept of so-called holistic medical care should remind practitioners of the healing arts that a patient is a person and wants to be treated as such. Our increasing pre-occupation with sophisticated levels of tertiary care does not conflict with the osteopathic philosophy of care of the entire person.

The use of hands in the practice of osteopathic medicine has been literally and mistakenly translated to result in significant confusion. Osteopathic manipulative therapy, a distinctive component of osteopathic medical practice, is an additional modality which has many applications in numerous disease entities; not the totality of osteopathic practice.

Further, such a view of the use of the hands in the practice of medicine confines itself to an unfairly narrow perspective. What of the value of touch to a distressed patient? What of the hand of reassurance when the appropriate words cannot be found? . . .

It is the hope of our board of trustees, faculty and administration that your four years of education at PCOM will enable you to be a wise, sensitive and compassionate physician—one who is aware that healing, curing and caring involves integrated application of both ‘Mens Et Manus,’ mind and hand.”

Thomas M. Rowland, Jr.
1982 Convocation Address
A Record-breaking Year

While they were busy registering, filling out forms and buying books on the first day of school, members of PCOM's first-year class may not have been aware that they were also making history. The Class of 1986 included the largest enrollment and the highest number of women in the college's history.

A total of 214 students entered PCOM in the first-year class this fall, with 64, or 30 percent, of them women. Robert Cuzzolino, assistant director of admissions and student affairs, said the college has seen a steady increase in the number of female students over the past few years.

Other statistics show that a significant number of first-year students are over 21, the age at which students traditionally begin graduate education. Thirty-five students, or 16 percent, are between the ages of 25 and 30. Sixteen, or eight percent, are over the age of 30. "Although more medical schools are showing an acceptance of older students now," Mr. Cuzzolino said, "PCOM has always been interested in the older applicant."

As has been the case in past years, more than 80 percent of the first-year class is from Pennsylvania, with 38 counties represented this year. As Pennsylvania's osteopathic college, PCOM strives to educate physicians from and for all areas of the Commonwealth, Mr. Cuzzolino said.
The Class of 1986 set several new marks in PCOM’s history
For one day—Saturday, September 11—the campus of The OMCP was transformed into a carnival grounds as the third annual Philadelphia Fair got underway. Where only the day before cars had been parked, now sprung up red and white striped tents, a stage and an outdoor cafe. A whirling merry-go-round was a new and popular addition as was a stagecoach ride for delighted youngsters. There was plenty to eat—juicy roast beef sandwiches, fruit salads and frosty ices—and to buy—hand-crafted items, plants, books and even “white elephants.” Games of skill and chance, like the dime toss and the gumball guess, kept everyone in action. And, for those who wanted to try their skill at a chance to knock their boss or co-worker into a tub of cold water, there was a new dunk tank game.

The 1982 Philadelphia Fair
When Carole Familetti throws a party, she invites hundreds of people, sometimes thousands.

As special events coordinator at The OMCP, she is responsible for planning a variety of special events throughout the year, the largest of which is the Philadelphia Fair.

Now in its third year, the Fair is a fund-raiser that features games, rides, and booths with food, hand-crafted items, white elephants and baked goods. As coordinator, Carole books talent, orders the stage and booths, has tickets and posters printed, organizes Fair volunteers and keeps track of the thousands of details necessary to make the event a success.

Until last December, Carole was a secretary in the corporate communications department. With The OMCP’s promote-from-within policy and her excellent organizational skills, business sense and rapport with people, she was an obvious choice for the position.

When she began at The OMCP as a secretary in 1979, Carole thought she would always be in that position. "With my children growing up (she and her husband have two boys) I was not really career-minded. I was happy being a secretary," she says, "but now I’m happier doing this."

With the new job came the responsibility for a number of events including a wine and cheese party promoting the Fair; an employee recognition dinner; a speaker’s bureau (which she created); and health fairs and screenings. She is also available for consultation for any event that will benefit the medical center.

Hard work and attention to detail paid off in 1982—the Fair was the biggest and most successful to date. Now Carole has turned her attention to making it even better—she’s planning to expand the Fair to two days in 1983.
A portrait of Superior Court Judge J. Sydney Hoffman, chairman of the board of PCOM, was unveiled in September at ceremonies honoring the judge and dedicating a law library in the old Federal Courthouse in Philadelphia in his name.
For weeks, Mary Robinson, a dignified woman in her early 60s, had been looking forward to singing in her church choir’s concert. The long white gown she would wear was pressed and ready in the closet. But on the evening of the concert, she found an excuse to stay home. Mary, who recently underwent surgery for cancer of the colon and now has an ostomy, feared an accident would soil her white gown.

While Mary (not her real name) had to miss an activity that had been an important part of her life before surgery, she may soon be able to face events like the church concert without embarrassment. As part of a new program at The OMCP, Mary meets regularly with stoma therapist Phyllis Taylor, R.N., E.T., a nurse specially trained to provide hands-on care, education, support and counseling for ostomy patients.

For Mary, who is a very private person, the therapy has been invaluable. While she was unable to tell close friends and co-workers that she has a colostomy, Mary has been able to share her feelings of fear and embarrassment about her condition with Mrs. Taylor. The therapist is now helping her cope with these feelings and to find a pouch that will fit securely and prevent the accidents she so dreads.

“Stoma therapy is rehabilitation-oriented,” Mrs. Taylor emphasized. “There is no reason ostomy patients can’t do everything they did before surgery if they get good support.” This includes having sexual intercourse, enjoying sports and even wearing the same kind of clothes.

A slight woman with short dark hair, a warm smile and kindly brown eyes, Mrs. Taylor is well known for her work in the field of death and dying which she prefers to call “life and living.” She became involved in the hospice movement about 10 years ago after discovering that the terminally ill are among the patients most overlooked in the health care system. A member of Amnesty International and recipient of the Philadelphia Ethical Society’s 1981 Humanist of the Year Award, Mrs. Taylor said hospice nursing appealed to her because it “merged mercy and justice. I am passionately concerned with justice—what is the best thing possible for the person.”

She said she sees part of her role in nursing as that of a patient advocate. “I don’t believe in making decisions for people, but I do believe they should know the options. I want to help empower the person to take charge of his own life. When people get sick they become disempowered.”

Her goal in working with ostomy patients is the same as it is with terminally ill patients—“helping them live normally for the rest of their lives whether it be for 20 years or two months.” She feels her training as a stoma therapist is a natural extension of her work with the terminally ill. “It’s a very concrete way to help patients deal with the death of one part of their body.”

For “ostomates,” as they are called, death has come to a section of the intestinal or urinary tract through injury or disease—usually cancer in older people and ulcerative colitis in younger people. A hole or “stoma” is created in the abdominal wall through which a short length of intestine is pulled. Wastes are usually discharged through the stoma into an external pouch, although some ostomates are able to remove their wastes through a regular irrigation process similar to an enema and don’t wear a pouch.

The most common forms of ostomy surgery are: colostomy, in which a portion of the colon is removed; ileostomy, in which the entire colon, rectum and possibly part of the small intestine are removed; and urostomy, in which the bladder is removed.

Mrs. Taylor said she believes an ostomy is one of the most difficult conditions for patients to deal with. Like those who have had mastectomies or amputations, ostomates “grieve for the

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Stoma Therapy

Helping patients return to a normal life after surgery
part of the body that has been lost." But unlike those conditions, she said, "an ostomy requires care a number of times a day in most cases. The patient must empty urine or feces from the pouch and be aware of diet."

Mrs. Taylor said some of the most difficult problems for ostomates arise in the areas of sex—the ability to have sexual intercourse—and sexuality—what makes a person feel male or female. "Having an ostomy is an assault for all people on their sexuality and for many on their ability to have sex," she said.

For men, about 90 percent who have a urostomy, 25 percent who have a colostomy and 10 percent who have an ileostomy will be made impotent by the surgery. Mrs. Taylor wants the patient to be aware of this possibility before surgery and to also know about devices, such as penile implants and rigid condoms, that can be used to aid sexual intercourse.

In the area of sexuality, she counsels patients to help them overcome the feeling they are no longer attractive as men or women. She tells them about deodorized pouches, foods they can eat to minimize odor and special clothing they can wear if they feel self-conscious about their pouch—opaque pouch covers or cummerbunds for men and attractive pouch covers or special panties for women.

Mrs. Taylor likes to see the ostomy patients as early as possible, preferably before surgery. One area in which she is trained and would like to become more involved at The OMCP is stoma sitting—working with the surgeon before the operation to decide where to place the stoma. While the disease dictates the general location, other conditions must also be considered—where a patient wears his trousers, where rolls of fat fall, where the hip bones protrude.

An improperly placed stoma, one, for example, which puts the pouch in a spot where it cannot be easily hidden by clothing or seen by the patient because it is too low on the abdomen, will make the patient’s emotional recovery a difficult one, Mrs. Taylor said.

After surgery, she does hands-on care, checking the drainage of the stoma and its color to ensure it is healthy. She feels it’s important to touch her patients to let them know she doesn’t view them as dirty or freaky. "I think people are so starved for touch," she said.

Three or four days after the operation, Mrs. Taylor helps ostomates with the difficult first step in recovery—looking at the stoma. She said patients typically respond with "horror" at the sight of the stoma, which is dark red and swollen after surgery. Eventually it will shrink to about half an inch to two inches in diameter. Watching the horror diminish as well is one of the rewards of Mrs. Taylor’s work.

In helping patients make the mental adjustment to the ostomy, Mrs. Taylor said she finds it helpful to talk to them about famous ostomates who have made public their condition. "If they’re older I tell them about Loretta Young who has a colostomy. If they’re younger or athletic I tell them about Rolf Benirschke, the place kicker for the San Diego Chargers, who has an ileostomy."

Her work with patients also includes education about nutrition and diet—what types of foods cause gas and odor and what types minimize them. She helps patients select the kind of pouch they will feel comfortable with and teaches them to fit and change it. Counseling and education also are provided for family members.

If patients need additional help after going home, they can see Mrs. Taylor on an out-patient basis. One man recently came to her for help in finding a waterproof tape to secure his pouch. A 66-year-old retiree who is healthy and vigorous after a bout with bladder cancer, he enjoys swimming three or four times a week at his local Y.

For further support, Mrs. Taylor can refer patients to local chapters of the United Ostomy Association, where they can meet other ostomates their age and discuss common problems. In some chapters, members are available to visit new ostomy patients at their home or in the hospital to provide moral support. The association estimates there are between 1.5 and 2 million ostomates in the United States.

The availability of therapists for ostomates is a relatively recent development, although most medical centers are now adding them to the hospital staff. The specialty was founded about 15 years ago by a Cleveland Clinic gastroenterologist and at the time was open only to ostomates. In 1976 it became a nursing sub-specialty and the work is now divided between ostomates and nurses. Mrs. Taylor trained at the Harrisburg Hospital School of Enterostomal Therapy before joining The OMCP in August.

While her work at The OMCP is really only beginning, Mrs. Taylor pointed to the positive results proper therapy can have. A young woman she knew was devastated after having a colostomy and then made a remarkable turnaround after working with a stoma therapist. This woman came to see her ostomy as a sort of badge of courage and even gave it a name. She recently told Mrs. Taylor, "I just keep patting ‘Charlie’ and I know I can get through anything."

—Kathy J. Corbalis
Open House at PCOM

PCOM welcomed the families of its students for an Open House on October 10. Parents got an inside look at their children’s education through hearing a welcome and introduction from Dr. Rowland in the lecture hall, meeting with faculty and administration, and touring the campus, which included such facilities as the Angus Gordon Cathie Museum of Anatomy.
News from The OMCP

Robert Fraider, director of purchasing, received the American Cancer Society's Volunteer Achievement Award in appreciation of his contributions to the South Philadelphia Unit's Bike-a-thon to Atlantic City.

Robert Hostoffer Jr., class of 1985, was selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America for 1982 and will be listed in the annual volume.

Dr. Rowland represented PCOM at the October inauguration of Peter J. Liacouras, seventh president of Temple University. "This was a double pleasure for me," Dr. Rowland said, "since I am a Temple graduate." Delegates from more than 300 colleges and universities marched in the academic procession.

Visitors to the Medical Office Building or hospital during Osteopathic Medicine Week, September 12 to 18, were greeted by a lobby display that explained osteopathic medicine, talked about growth in the profession and featured some of the specialties offered at The OMCP. Also that week, members of the public were invited onto the campus to hear a lecture on arthritis by David Bevan, DO, chairman of the division of rheumatology.

The annual PCOM corporation meeting was held Oct. 13, followed by the board of trustees' meeting. The corporation re-elected six members to the board of trustees: Hon. J. Sydney Hoffman, B.T. Bailey Flack, DO, Glenn J. Hoffman, Melvin C. Howell, William J. McCarter and F. Reeve Williams.

In their session, the trustees voted to confer the status of emeritus trustee on William C. Flanders and Hon. George D. Mansfield. Re-elected to corporation and board offices were: Judge Hoffman, chairman; Robert A. Bressler, treasurer; and Nancy M. McCullen, secretary. Glenn J. Hoffman was elected vice chairman to succeed Mr. Mansfield.

Mrs. Harold White, center, president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Assn. Auxiliary, congratulates Joan Shaffer, right, president of the Student Associate Auxiliary. The SAA won two awards at the AOA convention in October, one for its monthly newsletter and one for its display for National Osteopathic Medicine Week. At left is Mrs. Samuel Caruso, advisor to the SAA. The congratulations were delivered at the SAA's fall reception for new members.

J. L. Everett, chairman of the board of Philadelphia Electric Co., addresses the students, parents and officials who gathered Nov. 1 for the formal opening of the Philadelphia Health Academy, a "school within a school," that will provide selected students at Martin Luther King High School with an education geared towards a career in health care. Dr. Rowland, left, is chairman of the health academy. The school is a joint effort by business, industry, labor and the school district.
Appointments

Following the June 3 meeting of the board of trustees, Dr. Thomas M. Rowland Jr., president, announced the following appointments, promotions and the creation of new divisions at The OMCP:

CHAIRMAN

John Angeloni, DO, was named chairman and professor of general practice, from assistant professor and vice chairman of that department. Dr. Angeloni, who joined the department as an instructor in 1977, holds an undergraduate degree from Temple University and was graduated from PCOM in 1975.

NEW DIVISIONS AND THEIR CHAIRMEN

Harry P. Flanagan III, DO, was named assistant professor of pediatrics and chairman of the new division of pediatric cardiology. He joins The OMCP after completing a two-year fellowship in pediatric cardiology at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children. A 1974 graduate of PCOM, he served a rotating internship at Parkview Hospital and practiced family medicine from 1975 to 1978. He served a residency in pediatrics at HPCOM from 1978 to 1980. Dr. Flanagan holds a B.S. degree in biology from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and served a fellowship in pharmacology there.

A. Faye Rogers-Lomax, DO, assistant professor of pediatrics, was appointed chairman of the division of ambulatory pediatrics. Dr. Rogers-Lomax joined The OMCP in 1979 as an instructor in pediatrics. A 1976 graduate of PCOM, she served her internship and a two-year pediatric residency at HPCOM. During her residency, she served several pediatric subspecialty rotations at St. Christopher’s, Children’s and Jefferson Hospitals. She holds a B.A. from Holy Family College.

Michael Mansi, DO, acting chairman and assistant professor of ob/gyn, was named chairman of the division of reproductive endocrinology. Dr. Mansi, who graduated from PCOM in 1975, returned to The OMCP following a one-year fellowship in reproductive endocrinology at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. He completed an internship and a two-year residency in ob/gyn at JFK Memorial Hospital in Stratford, NJ, and served a one-year ob/gyn residency at HPCOM. He holds a B.A. degree in biology from Villanova University. Dr. Mansi is a member of the American Fertility Society.

APPOINTMENTS

Louis J. Butera, DO, was appointed assistant professor of neurology. A 1978 graduate of PCOM, he completed an internship at LeRoy Hospital in New York and served a three-year residency in neurology at Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center in The Bronx. He holds a B.S. degree in pharmacy from Temple University School of Pharmacy.

Joanne C. Chinnici, DO, was appointed assistant professor of surgery, division of trauma surgery. Dr. Chinnici is the first woman to complete the surgical residency program at HPCOM. In addition to her internship she served a four-year residency in general surgery and a one-year fellowship in shock and trauma. A graduate of Temple University, she holds a master’s degree from the University of Florida and is a 1976 graduate of PCOM. She was selected resident of the year in 1981 and served as chief resident in general surgery the same year. Dr. Chinnici is the author of two published articles, one in The Journal of Sports Medicine and Physical Fitness, and the other on chest trauma with R.H. Jama, DO, for The Osteopathic Physician.

Michael H. Davis, PhD, joined PCOM as assistant professor of biochemistry. Dr. Davis received his Ph.D. in biochemistry from Iowa State University and his B.S. degree in biological chemistry from Washington State University. He had done postdoctoral work in Duchenne’s Muscular Dystrophy at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center and was awarded a one-year Muscular Dystrophy fellowship. He has written and co-authored nine publications and five abstracts in his specialty of enzymes and muscle biochemistry. He is a member of the American Chemical Society and Phi Kappa Phi.

James Kirk, DO, was named assistant professor, department of pediatrics, division of neonatal services. He joined The OMCP after completing a two-year fellowship in neonatal medicine at Temple University Hospital and St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children. A 1977 graduate of PCOM, he served an internship at Washington Memorial Hospital in Turnersville, NJ, and a two-year residency in pediatrics at Wilmington Medical Center. He holds an undergraduate degree in biology from La Salle College. Dr. Kirk is currently engaged in researching the effects of hemolytic disease in the newborn and the dynamics of bilirubin binding.

Murray Klein, DO, was named assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation. Prior to joining The OMCP, Dr. Klein was chief of the section of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Brandywine Hospital. A 1977 graduate of PCOM, Dr. Klein completed an internship at Westchester General Hospital in Miami and served a three-year residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. He holds a B.S. degree in biology from Delaware Valley College.

Michael A. Resnick, DO, was named assistant professor of internal medicine, division of gastroenterology. A 1977 graduate of PCOM, he completed an internship and two-year residency in internal medicine at Parkview Hospital. Dr. Resnick completed a two-year fellowship in gastroenterology at the Medical
College of PA in association with the Philadelphia Veterans Administration Medical Center and served at MCP as instructor in internal medicine. He is co-author of an article in his specialty published in the Gastroenterology Journal.

A graduate of Temple University, Dr. Resnick was elected to Psi Chi National Honorary Society. He is board eligible in internal medicine by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine and a diplomate of the National Board of Examiners for the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

Michael Shank, DO, has been named an instructor in the anatomy and general practice departments. A 1980 graduate of PCOM, he served a rotating internship at JFK Memorial Hospital's Stratford Division and a one-year residency in general practice at Suburban General Hospital. He holds a B.S. degree in biology from St. Joseph's University. Dr. Shank is board eligible in general practice and is a diplomate of the National Board of Osteopathic Examiners. He is a member of the American College of General Practitioners.

Aaron M. Sroka, DO, was named assistant professor of ob/gyn. He joined The OMCP from JFK Memorial Hospital's Stratford Division where he completed a one-year residency in ob/gyn and was named chief resident. He also served a three-year residency in ob/gyn at Baptist Medical Center in Brooklyn and before that completed a rotating internship at Phoenix General Hospital. He is a 1977 graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa. He holds a B.A. degree in psychology from the University of Arizona in Tucson and did post-graduate work there in counseling. He has been active in the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists and submitted a paper this year to the group's Philip-Mitros Contest, titled "Evaluation of Birthweights and Obstetrical Complications in Adolescent Pregnancy: A Retrospective Study."

Michael A. Venditto, DO, was named assistant professor, department of internal medicine, division of pulmonary medicine. Dr. Venditto completed a two-year fellowship in pulmonary medicine, a two-year residency in internal medicine and an internship at The OMCP. He attended the University of Pennsylvania on a Mayor's Scholarship and graduated with honors. He is a 1977 graduate of PCOM and won an award for excellence in pulmonary medicine. In 1980, he was named outstanding resident of the year. Dr. Venditto has co-authored two published articles in his specialty and has engaged in research for the pulmonary division of The OMCP.

Fairman Denlinger, DO, FACOOG, was named director of corporate health services and professor emeritus of ob/gyn. He will be responsible for all services relating to employee and student health, including providing consultations for students. For the past eight years, Dr. Denlinger has served as professor and chairman of ob/gyn.

Susan P. Miska, PhD, was named assistant professor of phys/pharm. Before joining PCOM, Dr. Miska was a staff fellow with the Food and Drug Administration's National Center for Toxicological Research. She received her doctoral degree in pharmacology from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1979 and holds a B.S. degree in chemistry from St. Lawrence University.

J. Vincent Huffnagle, DO, was appointed director of the department of special and continuing medical education, succeeding the late Spencer G. Bradford, DO. Dr. Huffnagle, former chairman and professor of general practice, will be responsible for organizing and coordinating 20 to 25 continuing medical education programs yearly, servicing 2,000 area doctors. He will also coordinate some special education programs for the college and the community. Dr. Huffnagle will continue to serve as an active member of the general practice department.

Floyce D. McCauley, DO, was named associate professor of psychiatry and director of the Outpatient Psychiatric Center at The OMCP. Before her appointment, Dr. McCauley was medical director of the psychiatric outpatient clinic and partial hospitalization program at Carson Valley School in Flourtown, PA, a position she has held since 1980. She also served as a psychiatric consultant to the Cerebral Palsy Association. A 1966 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor's degree in nursing, she later attended Beaver College to complete pre-medical requirements. She received her DO degree from PCOM in 1972 and served a rotating internship at Suburban General Hospital. Dr. McCauley completed a residency in adult psychiatry at Philadelphia State Hospital and one in child psychiatry in a combined program with Medical College of Pennsylvania and Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, where she was named chief resident.
Faculty Notes

Edward Jon Sarama, DO, associate professor and vice chairman of emergency medicine, presented a paper titled, "Updates in Drug Toxicity, Overdose and Abuse" at the annual meeting of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians in October.

Saul Jeck, DO, clinical assistant professor of ob/gyn, was elected president of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Martin J. Schechter, DO, clinical instructor in emergency medicine, was elected president of the Bucks County Emergency Health Council.

David A. Bevan, DO, associate professor of internal medicine and chairman of the division of rheumatology, presented a public education program at the Paul’s Run Retirement Community in Northeast Philadelphia in November.

Thomas Powell, DO, FACSOS, clinical professor of surgery, was named in October to the newly created Hall of Fame at Benjamin Franklin High School in Philadelphia, of which he is a graduate. Dr. Powell had previously been named to the Hall of Fame at Furness Junior High School in Philadelphia.

John P. Simelaro, DO, FCCP, associate professor of internal medicine and chairman of the division of pulmonary medicine, was elected a fellow in the American College of Chest Physicians in October.

Stephen D. Smith, DMD, clinical assistant professor of temporomandibular dysfunction, has written an "Atlas of Temporomandibular Orthopedics: Interrelationships of Jaw/Joint Function and Dysfunction to Whole Body Medicine." It was printed by the PCOM Press.

Thomas M. Rowland Jr., professor and chairman of community health, was awarded the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine’s Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contributions to the development of the school.

Emanuel Fliegelman, DO, FACOOG, professor of ob/gyn and director of human sexuality programs, lectured on "Current Contraceptive Concepts" at Hahnemann Medical College in September. His talk was videotaped and will be made available nationwide by Hahnemann. In October, he spoke on "Myths and Misconceptions of Human Sexuality" at Delaware County Community College. In addition, Dr. Fliegelman attended the 20th annual convention of Planned Parenthood Professionals, and was appointed chairman of the membership committee for the national group.

R. Michael Gallagher, clinical assistant professor of general practice, wrote an article titled, "Ear Pain Associated With Altitude Changes and Flying" in the Journal of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. He was also featured in an article in the Wilmington (Del) Journal and spoke at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Society of Osteopathic General Practitioners.

Alumni News Briefs

The editors are very grateful to the many alumni, parents and friends who wrote requesting continued mailing of THE DIGEST. Many shared news items with us and these are reflected in the increased briefs that follow.

1926
Charlotte G. Theiblacker, Roaring Branch, PA—announces her retirement from practice, "except for utilization."

1934
John E. Cooker, Lansdale, PA—announces his retirement from practice.

1936
Donald Skilling, Old Orchard Beach, ME—honored by Old Orchard Beach as "Citizen of the Year."

1944
David I. Collier, Tamarac, FL—opened a new office in Delray Beach for general practice.

Jacob B. Freedman, New York City—is one of several community leaders who helped achieve the designation of a tiny neighborhood in the South Bronx as a city landmark. The seven-block historic district known as Longwood will soon be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It contains some excellent turn-of-the-century architecture as well as Prospect Hospital where Dr. Freedman serves as executive director. He was born in the neighborhood and returned to Longwood to rebuild the private hospital (originally opened in 1919) as a modern facility in 1963. In an article in the New York Times, Dr. Freedman commented on his old neighborhood as a historic district, "It’s bringing to our community recognition and growth, and it’s attracting good people to move into our brownstones. The community is only undervalued because it’s undiscovered."

1945
John A. Cifala, Arlington, VA—presented a paper titled, "Therapeutic Application of Myofascial Trigger Point Injection," at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Osteopathy in October.

1946
Harold Kirsh, North Palm Beach, FL—elected to the board of trustees at Community Hospital of the Palm Beaches. He was also appointed associate clinical professor of proctology at Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine and chairman of proctology at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

M. Paul Simon, Lake Hiawatha, NJ—elected to his third consecutive term as president of the medical staff at West Essex General Hospital in Livingston.

1948
Alphonse Salerno, East Orange, NJ—elected secretary of the medical staff at West Essex General Hospital in Livingston.

1950
Charles F. Breuninger, Lansdale, PA—writes that his daughter, Holly, is a member of the Class of ’83.
1951
Arthur L. Feldman, Danielsville, PA—named Physician of the Year by members of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic General Practitioners Society. He is currently president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA).

Sidney Weiss, Pennsauken, NJ—appointed director of family practice education at John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital — Cherry Hill Division.

1952
Philip E. Greenman, Okemos, MI—elected president of North American Academy of Manipulative Medicine for 1982-83 at the group’s annual meeting in October.

1953
Mort Schaffer, Miami Beach, FL—serving as director of student health and professor in the department of family practice at Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine. He writes that he has two daughters studying for DO degrees.

1954
Richard J. Stark, Herndon, PA—appointed commanding officer of the 316th Station Hospital USAR, Harrisburg. Dr. Stark holds the rank of colonel and practices in Herndon where he directs the Dalhern Medical Center.

1956

1957
Robert C. Greer, III, Lake Park, FL—elected a fellow in the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.

1958
Frederick Kavanaugh, Tucson, AZ—serving a fellowship-residency in occupational medicine at the Arizona Center for Occupational Safety and Health. Continuing in active naval service, Captain Kavanaugh is now at the University of Arizona.

1959
Michael Avallone, Philadelphia, PA—re-elected president of Pennsylvania General Practitioners Society at the group’s annual convention in August.

1961
Julian W. Potok, Harrisburg, PA—named chairman of the department of laboratories at Polyclinic Medical Center in Harrisburg and reappointed clinical assistant professor of pathology at The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in Hershey.

1962
Robert S. Maurer, Avenel, NJ—discussed osteopathic medicine and its role in health care on WPHL-TV, Channel 17, in October.

1963
Seymour Schlossberg, Wayne, NJ, and Arnold Sokol, Norristown, PA—elected fellows in the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery at the college’s meeting in October.

1965
Neil M. Kantor, Omaha, NE—serving as director of pediatric critical care and neonatology at St. Joseph’s Hospital of Creighton University. He is also an associate professor at Creighton.

1966
Elliott Blau, Scottsdale, AZ—completed a term as chief of staff at Scottsdale Community Hospital.

1967
Michael Colarusso, Pittston, PA—elected a fellow in the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.

1969
Sally Craig, Elizabethtown, PA—elected president of the medical staff of Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital for 1982-83. She is currently assisting with the family practice intern and residency training program at the hospital.

1970
Vincent D. Glielmi, Lancaster, PA—elected to the board of directors of Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital.

1971
Donald Sesso, Gwynedd Valley, PA—certified in pulmonary medicine and appointed a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists.

1972

1973
Harvey V. Apple, Decatur, GA—recently completed terms as chief of staff of Doctors Hospital in Tucker, GA, and president of the Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association. He recently opened the Snapfinger Medical Clinic.

1974
Joseph W. Bell, Oil City, PA—appointed to the medical staff at Oil City Hospital. He is an obstetrician and gynecologist.

Edward Taxin, Mesa, AZ—serves as an Air Force physician at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona.
Dennis Zaslow, Philadelphia, PA—announces the opening of his new suite of offices in Philadelphia for the practice of orthopedic surgery.

1975

James P. Dwyer, Medford, NJ—recently completed a fellowship in rheumatology at the University of Pennsylvania and plans to continue as clinical associate in medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

John E. Kazilionis, S. Portland, ME—completed his second term as chairman of the department of general practice at the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine in Portland.

Robert T. Onischuk, Mesa, AZ—recently married Susan Steinbicker of Dayton, OH, and is currently maintaining two offices for family and emergency medicine in Mesa.

Capt. David E. Porterfield, Columbia, MD—serving a residency in aerospace medicine and earning a master's degree in public health at Johns Hopkins University.

Allen Zagoren, Des Moines, IO—appointed director of metabolic support services at Des Moines General Hospital. He addressed the Midwestern Nutritional Support Seminar in October and has been selected to present a paper at the National Aspen Conference in Washington in 1983.

1976

Joel Edelstein, Scottsdale, AZ—received board certification from the American College of Osteopathic Internists and was elected chairman of the department of internal medicine at Scottsdale Community Hospital.

August L. Wreiole, Long Branch, NJ—serving as assistant attending physician in the department of medicine at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch where he maintains a private practice in internal medicine.

1977

Joseph Pascuzzo, Westboro, MA—presented a paper titled, "Pre-radiation Chemotherapy in Advanced Head and Neck Carcinoma" at the annual meeting of the New England Cancer Society in November.


1978

Herbert Avart, Philadelphia, PA—selected to serve a one-year fellowship in head trauma rehabilitation at Moss Rehabilitation Hospital. He is the first recipient of this new fellowship at Moss.

J.A. Bonchak, Farrell, PA—opened a practice in internal medicine after completing a medical residency at Shenango Valley Osteopathic Hospital.

Kenneth Ellis, Maple Shade, NJ—appointed associated anesthesiologist at the J.F.K. Memorial Hospital—Cherry Hill Division.

William F. Finan Jr., Taylor, MI—appointed director of the Downriver Family Practice Center in Taylor where he coordinates the administration of a multi-specialty group of physicians and is responsible for the primary care of Teamster patients in Southern Wayne, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties.

David Kaufman, Madison, WI—awarded the University of Wisconsin Alumni Teaching Award for 1982 and is currently conducting evoked potential research there in the neurophysiology lab. He will serve a neuro-ophthalmology fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital starting in July.

Ira R. Stark and Christopher Colopinto, both of Camden, NJ, were guest editors of the November 1981 edition of “Osteopathic Annals” in which they highlighted preventive medicine from the prenatal period through the adult years.

1979

Joel S. Goldberg, Prospect Park, PA—appointed district medical director of the Chichester School District. He maintains an office for family practice in Boothwyn.

Robert C. Kasprzak, Fort Myers, FL—after completing a two-year tour with the U.S. Public Health Service, has started a family practice with L. Dawson Gladding and James H. Taylor, both Class of '77, in Fort Myers.

Rajesh N. Mehra, Hazleton, PA—named a diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice.

Jonathan E. Ostroff, Philadelphia, PA—now completing his second year in private general practice in the Mayfair section of Philadelphia.

Edward F. Ryan Jr., Wayne, PA—serving a dermatology residency at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia.

1980

Larry D. Buchanan, San Diego, CA—serving a residency in radiology at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego.

Bruce W. Cummings, Pasadena, CA—is a senior resident in emergency medicine at the Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center.

1981


John Bailey, Cleveland Heights, OH—serving a residency in internal medicine at the Cleveland Clinic.

Thomas Dipasquale, Dayton, OH—serving in orthopedic surgery at Grandview Hospital.

Pamela Giliberto and Gerald T. Mehlick, Philadelphia, PA—were married in August. Gerald is a psychiatry resident at Temple University Hospital and Pamela is a pediatric resident at the Hospital of PCOM.

Michael G. Moncman, Columbus, OH—serving the first year of a neurosurgery residency at Doctors Hospital in Columbus.

Robert Yanoshak, Plains, PA—serving a residency at Williamsport General Hospital.

1982

Joseph Lawrence, Seminole, FL—announces that he and his wife, Debby, are parents of Joseph, born Oct. 16.

1935

Sally Van Doren Stables, Boca Raton, FL—moved to Florida this year.

1942

Geraldine S. Ramsdell, Orlando, FL—serving as assistant director of nursing at Orlando Lutheran Towers in Orlando.

Janet Grigo May, Glendale, CA—recently completed pheresis classes for new unit in hospital in Glendale. She sends a fond hello to all nurses, doctors and others from the 1949-54 era.

AND WE HEARD FROM FRIENDS

John J. Crozier, O.D., Philadelphia, PA—serving as dean of student affairs at Pennsylvania College of Optometry. Dr. Crozier was administrator of the 48th Street Hospital from 1958 to 1965.
In Memoriam

Charles S. W. Rickolt, '20, Muncy, PA, died October 8. He was 88. Dr. Rickolt had maintained a practice in Muncy for 57 years, retiring in 1977. He had been a member of Muncy Baptist Church since 1906, and was a 1911 graduate of the Muncy High School. Dr. Rickolt served on the osteopathic examining board in Harrisburg for 20 years and was a life member of the POMA. Surviving are his wife, two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Wayne Ramsay, '33, Detroit, MI, died September 22. He was 72. He had maintained a general practice in downtown Detroit since his graduation. An article in the Detroit Free Press called Dr. Ramsay "the poor man's friend," who never refused to treat people who had no money. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and four grandchildren.


Joseph C. Snyder, '36, Bozman, MD, died October 13. He was 75. Dr. Snyder was the son of the co-founder of PCOM, Oscar John Snyder, and his wife Aline. He was a 1930 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and served as a line officer in London during World War II and in the Pacific during the Korean conflict. He retired as a captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve. For many years Dr. Snyder maintained a practice in rehabilitation medicine on Spring Garden St. in Center City Philadelphia, and was renowned for his osteopathic manipulative therapy treatments. In 1947, he served a term as president of PCOM's Alumni Association.

A military gravesite service at Arlington National Cemetery was held on October 19. Dr. Snyder is survived by his wife, Mary Crosley Snyder, a sister, Mrs. James A. Beighle of Doylestown, PA, and a brother, Dr. James A. Snyder of Vence, France.

(Just before his death, Dr. Snyder had written the Digest to mention that his sister, Honora (Mrs. Beighle), is now in a rehabilitation facility at Pennswood Village, Newtown, PA 18940, and would appreciate hearing from her friends.)

George H. Kolander, '44, Levittown, PA, died January 23.

William D. Miller, '45, New York, NY, died June 27. Dr. Miller was associate dean for academic affairs at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and chairman of the council of deans of AACOM. He had maintained a private practice in New York City and served as director of medical education of the Osteopathic Hospital and Clinic of New York. He was president of the New York Academy of Osteopathy and later president of the Foundation for Research of the Academy. He had helped to found the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, and had served as assistant dean for clinical resources and associate dean for clinical education.

Hans Selye, honorary alumnus '75, Vienna-born endocrinologist and the world's foremost authority on stress, died in October. He was 75. Dr. Selye received the honorary doctor of laws degree from PCOM in 1975. He held earned doctorates in medicine, philosophy and science and had received 25 honorary degrees from universities throughout the world.

Jane McIntyre, director of admissions and business office at the Hospital of PCOM, died November 17. She had served in this position for the past seven months. Before coming to The OMCP, Mrs. McIntyre had been at Graduate Hospital for seven years as director of admissions and business office. She was certified as an admitting manager and was a member of the National Association of Hospital Admitting Managers.

Mrs. Helen Binder died October 24. Mrs. Binder was a long-term member of the Hospital Women's Guild, now The Auxiliary to The OMCP, and served for many years as its elected treasurer. She was the widow of Harry E. Binder, D.O., Class of 1936, who served PCOM as member of the faculty and professional staff for 38 years. At the time of his death he was assistant professor of surgery and chairman of the department of emergency room services. She is survived by three daughters.

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