Lasers Light Up a New Frontier at PCOM
Table of Contents

1 From the Chairman of the Board
2 Lasers at PCOM
4 The 93rd Commencement
6 Commencement Photos
8 The Honorary Degree Recipient
9 The Commencement Dinner Dance
10 Award Winners
12 Families
14 The Class of 1984 and Internship Hospitals
16 News From The OMCP
19 Interns/Residents Luncheon
19 Faculty Notes
20 Alumni News Briefs
23 In Memoriam
24 Synapsis Ad

THE DIGEST
of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

THE DIGEST of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (Vol. 47, No. 2, USPS, 413-060) is published quarterly by the Department of Corporate Communications, 4150 City Ave., Phila., Pa 19131 (215) 581-6132. Second-class postage paid at Philadelphia, PA and at additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE DIGEST, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, 4150 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131.

Editor
Margaret F. Ferguson
Art Consultant
Jean Ford
Photography
Constantine Woznyj
Bruce Bowens
Summer, 1984

Cover:
Domenic DeBias, PhD, coordinator of PCOM's laser laboratory, demonstrates the aiming light used to show the path of the invisible laser beam. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) and Nd:YAG lasers are used at the college and its hospital to remove tumors, treat benign lesions and scar tissue and control hemorrhages. (Photo by C. Woznyj)
From the Chairman of the Board

Once again I welcome the opportunity to share with you current developments at PCOM as well as some of our goals.

First, our presidential search process continues actively, with members of the committee engaged in reading the hundreds of resumes and suggestions received. As you know, the deadline for such suggestions ended September 1. After that the committee will involve itself with selections and interviews.

Acting upon a recommendation from the alumni board of directors and the professional staff, the board of trustees passed a resolution to rename the Medical Office Building in memory of our late president. Accordingly, at Founders Day ceremonies on January 25, 1985, the building will be formally dedicated as "Rowland Hall."

College classes began on August 27 with an educational program reflecting the critical needs of the health care system—emphasis on outpatient health care, geriatrics and nutrition, and preventive medicine—all classic concerns of the osteopathic profession.

The 1984-85 college year will see a continuation of our goals of excellence in osteopathic education and patient care and will inaugurate our commitment to a multidisciplinary approach to pain relief, involving all modalities.

Again I, and members of the board appreciate the commitment and cooperation of all the people of The OMCP.

J. Sydney Hoffman, JD
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
The Use of Lasers at PCOM Signals a “New Frontier in Medicine”

In 1982, PCOM acquired a remarkable device that is revolutionizing some surgical procedures in the hospital. The new equipment was a carbon dioxide (CO₂) laser. Since then the Nd:YAG laser (which can be used with a flexible scope) has been added, and, in the past two years, nine workshops here on various applications of lasers have attracted physicians from all over the U.S., Canada and Europe.

“A new frontier in medicine,” is what Theodore P. Mauer, DO, MSc (oto), FOCOO, professor and chairman of otorhinolaryngology, bronchoesophagology and orofacial plastic surgery, calls the laser. An acronym for light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation, the laser is a high intensity light that vaporizes cells by heating them beyond the boiling point. It was first introduced in 1960.

The CO₂ laser is an excellent cutting tool (“scalpels of light,” Life Magazine named these lasers), providing an extremely fine beam of light that allows a surgeon to pinpoint diseased cells and destroy them while sparing healthy ones. This feature makes it especially useful in the treatment of cancers. Dr. Mauer, who is also chairman of PCOM’s laser committee, said that with the laser there is “less bleeding, less swelling and sometimes more rapid healing.”

The laser equipment is currently in use by the departments of ent, obstetrics/gynecology, general surgery and the divisions of urology, gastroenterology and pulmonary medicine. Also, it can be used for neurosurgery, dermatology, plastic surgery and orthopedics.

In 1983 and 84, PCOM and the Institute for Applied Laser Surgery (IALS)—a Philadelphia-based group of physicians and scientists—sponsored a series of laser workshops. Ronald Kirschner, DO, MSc (oto), clinical associate professor of otorhinolaryngology, bronchoesophagology and orofacial plastic surgery, was co-director. These workshops, in fact all the workshops held at PCOM, are unique in providing hands-on experience with different types of lasers on-site.

The hands-on laboratory, coor-

Continued on page 24
Theodore P. Mauer, DO, MSc (oto), FOCOO, professor and chairman of otorhinolaryngology, bronchoesophagology, and oro-facial plastic surgery at PCOM, is a fellow of the Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology and Otorhinolaryngology (OCOO) and a fellow of the Institute for Applied Laser Surgery (IALS). He is chairman of PCOM's laser committee. Dr. Mauer has co-directed several of the laser programs at PCOM and in May, 1984, served as member of the faculty for a laser surgery program for otorhinolaryngologists sponsored by the OCOO, in Denver, Colorado. In conjunction with the IALS, he is currently working to develop a laser treatment center and research facility at PCOM.

Leonard H. Finkelstein, DO, MSc (uro. surg.), clinical professor of surgery, and chairman of the division of urology, was program chairman of an April workshop in laser surgery in urology using the CO2 and Nd:YAG lasers. He is currently involved in research on the use of the laser in resection of the prostate and its possible application for vasovasotomy. In 1983 he listed 10 clinical research programs in progress in various aspects of his specialty. He is chairman of urology at Metropolitan Hospital-Springfield, a diplomate of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons and in 1983-84 served as president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association. In August, 1983, he delivered a research paper in Montreux, Switzerland on the effects of a drug used in preventing infection after prostate surgery.

Ronald A. Kirschner, DO, MSc (oto), clinical associate professor of otorhinolaryngology, bronchoesophagology, and oro-facial plastic surgery at PCOM, is president of the Institute for Applied Laser Surgery. Recently he was elected a fellow of the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery and has been named to the senior advisory board of the Laser Industrial Council, part of the Laser Institute of America. In addition to co-directing eight of the laser workshops at The OMCIP, he served on the faculty of the Laser Surgery Congress, held in Chicago in June, sponsored by the Department of Otorhinolaryngology of Northwestern University Medical School, and the midwest Bio-laser Institute. Dr. Kirschner was one of two DOs on the faculty, which included 38 MDs, one PhD and one BSN.

Dr. Mauer with the CO2 laser.

Dr. Finkelstein and the Nd:YAG laser.

Dr. Kirschner (with glasses) and Jeff Bishop '85, whose research with the Nd:YAG laser involves coagulating small blood vessels.
Class of 1984

Class of June, 1905 (earliest class photo)
The 93rd Commencement

"You are our tomorrow." — J. Sydney Hoffman, JD

"Bear the name osteopathic physician proudly." — Robert W. England, DO

When 162 men and 43 women received DO degrees from PCOM on June 3, they brought the total of 84 years of graduates to 6,425 — a long way from the first graduation in 1900. That year the degree was conferred upon two people, W.B. Keene, an MD, and an instructor in the college, and Gene G. Banker, the first woman graduate.

PCOM's 93rd Commencement in 1984 (more than one class was graduated each year during the early years and during World War II) was held at Philadelphia's historic Academy of Music for the 11th time. Witherspoon Hall, the college's second site, the 48th Street auditorium, and the University of Pennsylvania's Irvine Auditorium were the sites of previous graduations.

In addition to conferring the DO degree upon the largest graduating class of the 15 osteopathic colleges, the Hon. J. Sydney Hoffman, Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge and chairman of PCOM's board of trustees, presented the honorary doctor of laws degree to Paul T. Lloyd, DO, professor emeritus of radiology. Dr. Lloyd, class of 1923, has been a leader in radiology and osteopathic education for 57 years.

And Richard H. Rathgeber, DO, class of 1981, received a master of science degree in emergency medicine.

In his farewell to the graduates, Dean Robert W. England counseled them to "bear the name osteopathic physician proudly"; and cited the parents, spouses and children of the graduates for their help during the student years, "since no one can do it alone." Of the 205 graduates, 78 were married and had produced 44 children.

Carol Fox, director of admissions and student affairs, continued the tradition of PCOM's late president, Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., as she closed the ceremonies with these words, "A benediction by definition is a blessing upon a group. I can think of no more appropriate blessing upon our graduates than for each of us to rise and join the singing of 'America the Beautiful.'"

This was the first Commencement in 34 years without the physical presence of Dr. Rowland, who died last January.

Ricky Lockett receives his diploma from J. Peter Tilley, DO, vice president, operational affairs.
The Honorary Degree Recipient: 

Paul T. Lloyd, DO
Distinguished Radiologist

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine proudly conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon Paul Turner Lloyd, DO, FAOCR, FACOS, DSc (hon), distinguished physician, eminent radiologist, and respected educator.

This was not the first time PCOM had honored the 1923 alumnus. In 1943 Dr. Lloyd received the honorary degree of doctor of science and in 1964 he was awarded the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal for outstanding contributions to his college and to his profession.

He organized the radiology department at PCOM in 1926, and guided it as chairman through 36 successful years, serving also as director of cancer education and director of oncology. He was a founding member and first president of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology and started the first osteopathic residency program in radiology in 1928. He was also a founding member of the first specialty board within the osteopathic profession, organized in 1929.

Although he officially retired in 1976 (after the longest service record on the faculty—52 years), Dr. Lloyd still participates in clinical rotations in radiology for third-year students, and attends conferences with radiology residents and meetings of the tumor board.

In addition to his teaching contributions, he has been historian to the alumni association and at one time director of alumni and professional affairs. In 1950 Pennsylvania Governor James Duff appointed him to the Civil Defense Cadre. Dr. Lloyd was the first osteopathic physician elected to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Division of the American Cancer Society, and was a charter member of the American Association of Cancer Education.

The osteopathic profession also has honored Dr. Lloyd with distinguished service awards, selection as memorial lecturer on four occasions, honorary memberships and testimonial dinners. The American College of Osteopathic Surgeons presented him with the Orel F. Martin Medal in 1981, the first time the medal was given to a radiologist. He is a fellow and life member of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology, fellow and life member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgery, life member of the AOA and many osteopathic associations.

PCOM cited Dr. Lloyd as most worthy of the title “Educator of the Year,” formally conferred upon him in 1983 by the American Osteopathic Association, and informally by several thousands of his students, fellows and residents.
The Commencement Dinner Dance

The Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association's award to an outstanding Pennsylvania student went to Carl Gutekunst (left), of Bensalem, Pa. Stanford Shor, DO '64, president of POMA, made the presentation.

Wishbone pins, exemplifying the good wishes of the college, were presented to student spouses, who have already demonstrated a funny bone and a back bone to survive the past four years. Mrs. J. Peter Tilley, (left) wife of the vice president, does the honors.

Carol Fox, director of admissions and student affairs, congratulates Charles A. Brown for his two awards for high scholastic average. Dean England announced the 15 award winners (see page 10), and the first Dr. Thomas M. Rowland Jr. scholar-athlete award, which had been presented at the sports banquet in May.

Gift of the class of 1984 is this showcase of memorabilia and photos of our late president. It is currently located on the second floor of Evans Hall. Paul Suhey, class chairman, presented the key to Dean England at the dinner.
Commencement Award Winners

THE JOHN H. EIMERBRINK, D.O. MEMORIAL AWARD
for exceptional ability in the use of the osteopathic philosophy and osteopathic manipulative therapy, to
DAVID COFFEY     JOHN JOSEPH DANEK

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD
for excellence in professional duties in the hospital and outpatient services, to
KATHLEEN CORINNE BESSER     RICKY POOLE LOCKETT

SIGMA ALPHA OMICRON GOLD KEY
for the maintenance of high scholarship in didactic work, to
CHARLES ANTHONY BROWN

THE HAROLD C. WADDEL, D.O. MEMORIAL AWARD
for exceptional competence in obstetrics and gynecology, to
DEBORAH BIETER-SCHULTZ

THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEMORIAL AWARD
for attaining the highest scholastic average in didactic study, given in memory of students who died before graduating, to
CHARLES ANTHONY BROWN
THE H. WILLARD STERRETT, D.O.
AND H. WILLARD STERRETT, JR., D.O.
MEMORIAL AWARD
for proficiency in urology, to
JOSEPH PAUL QUINTILIANI

THE KENNETH L. WHEELER, D.O.
MEMORIAL AWARD
for achievement and interest in the field of
osteopathic radiology, to
CARLIN J. McLAUGHLIN

THE DR. THOMAS M. ROWLAND, JR.
AWARD
for academic excellence in basic and
clinical sciences and for participation
in and contribution to one of the college's
organized sports programs, to
ROBERT FALCONIERO

THE WILBUR P. LUTZ, D.O.
MEMORIAL AWARD
for proficiency in physical diagnosis, to
DANIEL MICHAEL O'ROARK

THE FREDERIC H. BARTH
MEMORIAL AWARD
for excellence in the field of bronchopul­
monary and upper respiratory diseases, to
ANTHONY JOHN DeSALVO, JR.

THE BELLE B. AND ARTHUR M. FLACK
MEMORIAL AWARD
for proficiency in the practice of
internal medicine, to
ALVIN JOSEPH BERLOT, JR.

THE DEAN'S AWARD
for contributions to student affairs and to the general college program, to
LEE M. BLATSTEIN
JAMES BATCHELLER
PAUL VINCENT SUHEY

THE WILLIAM F. DAIBER, D.O.
MEMORIAL AWARD
for exceptional ability in the field
of cardiology, to
PAUL VINCENT SUHEY
Families

Among the 205 families who celebrated the proud occasion of graduation were many PCOM alumni who welcomed relatives into the osteopathic profession. Here are a few of those families.

Harold Kirsh ’46, North Palm Beach, Fl. and son, James ’84.

Joseph Steelman ’54, Hellam, Pa., and son, Michael ’84.

Catherine Barone ’84, and father, Frank C. ’56, Miami, Fl.

Daniel Belsky ’57, Stratford, N.J. and son, Martin ’84.

Gilbert R. Tabby, ’58 Philadelphia, and son, David ’84.

Steven W. Melhorn ’84, (center) with his uncle, Noel ’68 (left), Wallingford, Pa., and his father, Frederick ’56, (right), Richmond, Va.

Roberta Lee-Powell ’84, (center) with her father-in-law Thomas F. Powell, Sr. ’56 (left), Philadelphia, clinical professor of surgery at PCOM, and husband, Thomas F. Powell, Jr. ’80 (right) also of Philadelphia.

Charlene DeMarco ’84 and father, Anthony ’45, Egg Harbor, N.J.
Edmund C. Barnes '28, Silver Creek, N.Y.; grandson, Steven E. '84; his uncle, Robert F. (KCOM '63).

Dr. and Mrs. Louis '54 Amalfitano, Detroit, Mi.; Diane '84; David '87; Michael '85.

Ronald P. Willoughby '84 and father, Walter '57, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Robert Bear '84 and father, T. Fred '68, member of HPCOM's professional staff, Philadelphia.

Samuel E. Epstein '84 and father, Irving, (COMS '57), Philadelphia.

Pamela Tronetti '83, Erie, Pa., and husband, Michael '84.

Marvin L. Rosner '57, Bala Cynwyd, Pa., clinical associate professor of internal medicine, and son, Howard '84.

Morris J. Kliger '84 and father, Erwin '57, Downey, Ca.

Stephen Fedec '71, Gladwyne, Pa., associate professor of general practice; son Stephen G. '84; Mrs. Fedec, member of the AOA Auxiliary to POMA, District I; Tamara '86.

Domenico DiMarco, PhD, Philadelphia, professor of classical and modern languages at LaSalle University, and Mrs. Argia DiMarco, member of the Auxiliary to The OMCP, center, with their four sons: (l-r) Carlo '78, clinical instructor in ophthalmology at PCOM; Claude '84; Eugene '84 and Anthony '87.
The Class of 1984 and the Hospitals where they will intern

Hospital of PCOM, Philadelphia, Pa.
Diane M. Amalfitano, Lathrup Village, Mi.
Catherine A. Barone, Miami, Fl.
Anthony Brown, Bethlehem, Pa.
Michael J. Caruso, Hermitage, Pa.
John F. Curley, Holland, Pa.
Maria F. Daly, Malvern, Pa.
Anthony J. DeSalvo, Jr., Ridley Park, Pa.
James Ditaranto, McKeesport, Pa.
Steven N. Dorf, Wyndmoor, Pa.
Carl Gutekunst, Bensalem, Pa.
Timothy L. Jameson, Drexel Hill, Pa.
Steven Karp, Lansdale, Pa.
Robert F. Lee-Powell, McKeesport, Pa.
Lawrence Paolini, Ambridge, Pa.
Fred Schwaibold, Randolph, N.J.
William J. Strowhouer, Jr., Drexel Hill, Pa.
Paul V. Suhey, State College, Pa.

Allentown Osteopathic Hospital, Inc., Allentown, Pa.
Deborah A. Bren, Shavertown, Pa.
Jerome C. Deutsch, Coplay, Pa.
Patricia Enzman, Laureldale, Pa.
Ruth E. Frye, Pottstown, Pa.
David Kasper, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Atlantic City Medical Center, Atlantic City, N.J.
Charlene C. DeMarco, Egg Harbor, N.J.

The 1984-85 intern class Hospital of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (Joseph Dieterle, DO, director of medical education, is at far left, front row.)
Bay Osteopathic Hospital, Bay City, Mi.

Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, Mi.

Chicago Osteopathic Hospital, Chicago, Il.
Hal S. Bendit, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Clarion Osteopathic Community Hospital, Clarion, Pa.

Community General Osteopathic Hospital, Harrisburg, Pa.

Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital, Cuyahoga Falls, Oh.
John J. Danek, Donora, Pa.

Dallas Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Tx.

Delaware Valley Medical Center, Bristol, Pa.
Dominick A Commodaro, Yardley, Pa. Benjamin C. Epstein, Moorestown, N.J.

Detroit Osteopathic Hospital, Oak Park, Mi.

Doctors Hospital, Columbus, Oh.
Lawrence E. Schilder, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

Doctors Hospital, Tucker, Ga.
Howard Cook, Dothan, Al.

Doctors Hospital of Stark County, Massillon, Oh.
Octavio de los Reyes, Philadelphia, Pa. Mark G. Odorizzi, Bridgewater, N.J.

Doctors Hospital of Erie, Pa.

Flint Osteopathic Hospital, Flint, Mi.

Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, Garden City, Mi.
Walter W. Setlock, Saint Clair, Pa.

Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pa.
Raymond D. Roth, Shamokin, Pa.

Grandview Hospital, Dayton, Oh.
Kathleen E. Sweeney, Canfield, Oh.

Humana Hospital of the Palm Beaches, West Palm Beach, Fl.
Carl Spirazza, Trenton, N.J.

Humana Hospital of South Broward, Hollywood, Fl.
George M. Parsons, Merchantville, N.J.

Jacksonville General Hospital, Jacksonville, Fl.
Mary E. DePolio, Lansdowne, Pa.

Kennedy Memorial Hospitals—University Medical Center—Stratford Division, Stratford, N.J.
Martin K. Belsky, Cherry Hill, N.J. David A. Evans, Carlisle, Pa.

Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital, Lancaster, Pa.

Lansing General Hospital—Osteopathic, Lansing, Mi.
Mark D. Schellhammer, Johnstown, Pa.

Massapequa General Hospital, Seaford, Long Island, N.Y.
Jim Kelly, Montauk, N.Y.

Memorial Hospital, York, Pa.
John C. Green, Rogers, Oh. Mark W. Jones, Stroudsburg, Pa.

Memorial General Hospital, York, N.Y.
Michele J. Falino, Manhasset, N.Y. Russ Gelormini, Clark, N.J.
Michael E. Kasabian, Monroe, N.J. Richard B. Tancer, North Woodmere, N.Y.

Mesa General Hospital Medical Center, Mesa, Az.
Daniel F. Walton, Stockton, N.J.

Metropolitan Hospital—Central Division, Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas A. Brooks, Chester Heights, Pa. Victor Gennaro, Cherry Hill, N.J.
Hugo Rosero, class of '86, received an AOA NOF certificate of recognition for “outstanding presentation by a student of osteopathic medicine” at the 28th annual AOA Research Conference last March. He holds a BA degree and an MA in biochemistry from the Queens College, NY and lives in Brooklyn, NY.

Dante J. DiMarzio, Jr., DO, assistant professor of pathology, was among 250 PCOM participants in the 10-K run for MS. This annual fundraiser was co-sponsored by student council, Lite Beer and WIOQ Radio.

Stephen Petteruti, class of '87, has been elected 1984-85 student council president. He is a graduate of Tufts University and lives in East Greenwich, RI.

National Migraine Foundation and PCOM Sponsor Free Headache Lecture

Using the ample facilities of the lecture hall in the Medical Office Building, the National Migraine Foundation and PCOM offered a free lecture to the public, titled, “Headaches, Their Nature, Prevention and Treatment.”

A panel of distinguished physicians who specialize in headaches lectured and answered questions from approximately 300 guests for two hours on April 26. R. Michael Gallagher, DO, director of the medical center for headache in Moorestown, NJ, and clinical assistant professor of general practice at PCOM, moderated the program and also spoke on pediatric headache.

Members of the panel included Perry S. MacNeal, MD, consultant in internal medicine at Pennsylvania Hospital, and past president of the American Association for the Study of Headache, whose topic was cluster headaches; William G. Speed, III, MD, associate professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital, who spoke on muscle contraction headaches; Arthur H. Elkind, MD, attending physician, Mt. Vernon, (NY), Hospital and an internist specializing in headache evaluation and therapy, who lectured on migraine headaches; Dennis Graham, DO, professor and chairman of neurology at PCOM, whose subject was organic causes of headache.

The National Migraine Foundation is a non-profit organization formed 10 years ago to conduct programs of public awareness and education on the latest developments in the prevention and treatment of headache.
The panel of headache experts included: (l-r) Perry MacNeal, MD, Pennsylvania Hospital; William Speed, III, MD, associate professor of medicine, Johns Hopkins Hospital; Arthur Elkind, MD, internist, Mt. Vernon (NY) Hospital; Dennis Graham, DO, professor and chairman of neurology, PCOM; R. Michael Gallagher, DO, clinical assistant professor of general practice, PCOM.

The Survivors Club of HPCOM presented awards to interns and residents who "survived" the final year of their education, and to a member who has promoted osteopathic medicine. From left: Carol Henwood-Dahdah was named intern-of-the-year; Patrick Becher, resident-of-the-year; Henry D'Alonzo, DO, clinical associate professor of surgery, who presented the awards in memory of his late father, H. E. D'Alonzo, DO; Ronald Kirschner, DO, clinical associate professor of otorhinolaryngology, member of the club, for his work in laser surgery; Galen S. Young, DO, professor emeritus of surgery, who founded the Survivors Club 20 years ago.

Theodore Mauer, DO, (center) professor and chairman of ENT, honored two physicians who assisted with the education of residents in that specialty at the Hospital of PCOM. At left is Captain Francis A. Mlynarczyk, USN, Medical Corps, Naval Regional Medical Center in Philadelphia; and at right is Julius Newman, MD, who maintains a practice in plastic surgery in Havertown, Pa. The awards were presented at a luncheon honoring the physicians and the residents.
News from the OMCP

PCOM is Host College for AACOM Conference

PCOM served as host college to the Fourth Annual Educational Conference of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine in June. Held at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel in Philadelphia, the conference featured “Evaluation Strategies in Osteopathic Medical Education.” A series of workshops on evaluation techniques for osteopathic medical education were geared to college and hospital administrators, medical educators and faculty and students.

Joseph Namey, DO (KCOM' 63) North Miami Beach, Florida, was honored for his past service to the AOA, as chairman of the Committee on Colleges. And Kenneth Moritsugu, MD, director of the division of medicine, bureau of health manpower, Department of Health and Human Services, received the Miller award for his service to the osteopathic colleges. Dr. Moritsugu has been a guest lecturer at PCOM's Community Health course.

Also, during the conference, Robert A. Bressler, CPA, PCOM's vice president, finance, and treasurer, was elected chairman of the AACOM's Council on Financial Affairs.

The 1984 officers of the Student Associates Auxiliary of PCOM include the first male officer in the Auxiliary's history: James Marshall (center) treasurer. His wife is a first-year student. From left: Karen Johnson, recording secretary; Lisa Meade, second vice president; Marshall; Cindy Dudzinski, president; Joan Zawisza, corresponding secretary and Cheryl Rothkopf, first vice president. The Auxiliary, made up of student spouses, plans a year of fundraising and social events.
Interns, Residents and Fellow complete programs at HPCOM

The Hospital of PCOM honored 24 interns who completed a one-year rotating internship. 28 residents who completed programs from one to five years in 10 specialties and one physician who completed a fellowship program.  

Joseph A. Dieterle, DO, director of medical education, presented certificates to the physicians in ceremonies held at Williamson's, Top of the GSB building. Bruce Kornberg, DO, cardiologist, was selected by the interns and residents as outstanding clinical teacher. Carol Henwood-Dahdah, DO, and John Prior, DO, shared the outstanding intern award, and Art Sesso, DO, was honored as outstanding resident.  

Bruce Margolis, DO, completed a fellowship in diseases of the chest and joined PCOM's faculty as assistant professor of pulmonary medicine, department of internal medicine.

Faculty Notes

The 1984 Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching was presented to Henry Hitner, PhD (left), associate professor of physiology and pharmacology, and John Angeloni, DO, '75, professor and chairman of general practice.  

Daniel L. Wisely, DO, FACOS, chairman of general surgery, was elected a fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.  

Theodore P. Mauer, DO, FOCOO, professor and chairman of ent, was elected a fellow of the Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology and Otorhinolaryngology (OCOO), and a member of the board of governors of OCOO during the clinical assembly in Denver, Colorado.  

Eugene L. Della Badia, DO, clinical assistant professor of psychiatry, was elected a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Neuropsychiatry at the national AOA convention in New Orleans. He is president-elect of the college.
1939

George Northup, Paradise Valley, Az. — received the highest honor of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, when he was presented with the Founders' Medal at the college’s 11th commencement in May. Dr. Northup gave the commencement address to 82 DO's. He is a former president of the AOA and has served since 1961 as editor-in-chief of the AOA’s publications. Dr. Northup received PCOM’s O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal in 1972, and was awarded the honorary doctor of laws degree at PCOM’s 1980 Commencement.

1940
Edward D. White, Allentown, Pa. — elected a fellow of the American College of Neuropsychiatrists at its April meeting in New Orleans. He is a diplomate in neurology of the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry and chairman of the neurology section, department of medicine, Allentown Osteopathic Hospital.

1944
John M. Finnerty, Upper Montclair, N.J. — retired from private practice in May and moved to Hudson, Florida, a suburb of Tampa. His father and four uncles started, in 1911, a private osteopathic hospital in New Jersey. Dr. John Finnerty and his male first cousins continued in the medical profession, with Dr. John specializing in rehabilitation and physical medicine. “We Finnertys have, over the years from 1911 to 1984, contributed much to the health and well being of the citizens of Montclair,” he said in an interview for the Montclair Times.

1946
Dominic J. Bontempo Sr., Norristown, Pa. — elected a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. He was also named to the Legion of Honor by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. He is a staff member of Suburban General Hospital.

1951
Marvin Browndorf, Margate, N.J. — was the recipient of a surprise birthday party given by his daughters, and a roast that included a slide show of his years at PCOM and in practice. So many classmates turned up that it was very nearly a 1951 reunion.

1956
Jerome B. Cohen, Willingboro, N.J. — named president-elect of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons at the April convention in Atlantic City.

Richard K. Snyder, Allentown, Pa. — elected a fellow of the Academy of Osteopathic Directors of Medical Education. He is among the first group of physicians to receive this honor and was inducted into the Collegium of Fellows at the Academy’s May meeting in Orlando, Fl. He is vice president of medical education and medical affairs at Allentown Osteopathic Hospital.

1959
Emil E. Schnellbacher, Allen Park, Mi. — named to the board of trustees of Horizon Health Systems, a national, nonprofit health care organization which includes Detroit Osteopathic Hospital Corporation as its major affiliate.
1960
Frank A.E. Bonifacio, Hawthorne, N.J.—elected vice president of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons at its April convention in Atlantic City. He is a member of the board and chairman of the family practice residency committee at Saddle Brook General Hospital.

1961
Marvin Kanefield, Wyncote, Pa.—installed as president of the Philadelphia Psychiatric Society at its annual meeting in June. He is a senior staff psychiatrist at Friends Hospital, Philadelphia.

1962
Lawrence Nessman, Wayne, N.J.—was promoted to Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves in May. He is a member of the 322nd General Army Hospital in Kearny, N.J. Dr. Nessman was the first Commander of the Jewish War Veterans in Wayne.

1972
L. Edward Antosek, Clover, S.C.—appointed by the governor of South Carolina to the State Board of Medical Examiners. He is the only DO on the nine-member board. Dr. Antosek is a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice and a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

1974
Edward J. Sarama, York, Pa.—was elected to the board of directors of the American Trauma Society. He is chairman of the department of emergency medicine at Memorial Hospital, York. Before joining Memorial Hospital, Dr. Sarama was vice chairman of emergency medicine at Phoenix (Az.) General Hospital and for eight years, vice chairman of PCOM’s emergency medicine department. He is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Physicians and is currently on the board of that organization.

1976
William Henwood, Groves, Tx.—served as commencement speaker at Duquesne University’s School of Pharmacy in May. He is a 1962 alumnus of the school. His daughter Carol, class of 1982, is also a Duquesne graduate and this June was named “intern-of-the-year” by PCOM’s Survivors’ Club. Bill was voted the same honor in 1977.

1977
Major William D. Haberstroh, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.—participated in “Global Shield 84,” an exercise coordinated by the U.S. Air Force Strategic Air Command, involving the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps units and elements of the Canadian Forces. Dr. Haberstroh is an obstetrician/gynecologist with the Air Force Hospital at Grand Forks.

1978
Gregory A. Ciminer, Hatboro, Pa.—certified by the American Osteopathic Board of General Practitioners.

1979
Edward M. Lynch, Rockville, Md.—selected as a cardiology fellow at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. He is board certified in internal medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine, and served as chief internal medicine resident at the center.

1977
Earl J. Wenner, Augusta, Ga.—received the Conrad Jobst Foundation Award for his contribution to vascular research at the 60th Annual Session of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the American Congress of Rehabilitation in Los Angeles, Ca. His essay, “Physiatri Management of Deep Vein Thrombosis,” was accepted for publication in the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (Jan. 23, ’84). Dr. Wenner practices rehabilitative medicine at Eisenhower Medical College in Augusta.

1980
Craig R. Godfrey, Upper Darby, Pa.—certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is on the staff of Spencer Hospital, Meadville.

1956
Margaret E. Uhler, Lancaster, Pa.—is listed in the 1984 edition of The Society of Nursing Professionals Who’s Who in American Nursing. She is the director of health services at Lancaster Bible College, in Lancaster, Pa. Uhler holds a bachelor of science degree in Bible from Lancaster Bible College. She has been the college nurse since 1961. Before joining the college staff she served on the nursing staff of Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital.

1984-85 Officers of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association include:

- Stanford A. Shor ’64, Morton, Pa.—president. He is the former chairman of general practice and vice chief of staff at Metropolitan Hospital—Springfield.
- David Bronstein ’56, Harrisburg, Pa.—president elect. He is chairman of internal medicine at Community General Osteopathic Hospital.
- C. Glen Kramer ’66, Quakertown, Pa.—vice president. He is a member of the medical staff of Allentown Osteopathic Hospital.
- Anthony A. Minissale ’61, Gladwyne, Pa.—secretary-treasurer (re-election). He co-chairs the department of surgery at Metropolitan Hospital—Parkview.
Interns—continued from page 15

Metropolitan Hospital—
Parkview Division,
David Coffey, Philadelphia, Pa.
Robert L. Fiorelli, Olyphant, Pa.
Colleen Flaherty, Philadelphia, Pa.
William A. Hofmann, III,
Mark A. Melrose, Philadelphia, Pa.
Aaron Schwartz, Miami, Fl.
Kathy M. Stroke, McMurray, Pa.
David Tabby, Philadelphia, Pa.
William A. Wien, Glenside, Pa.
Ronald P. Willoughby, Upper Saint Clair, Pa.

Metropolitan Hospital—
Springfield Division,
Springfield, Pa.
Suzette T. Avetian,
Newtown Square, Pa.
Stephen G. Basheda, III,
Frackville, Pa.
Peter N. Christie, Broomall, Pa.
Damian J. Cornacchia, Woodlyn, Pa.
Eugene M. DiMarco,
Mark R. Gershenbaum,
Livingston, N.J.
Steven W. Melhorn, Richmond, Va.
Francis J. Montone, Jim Thorpe, Pa.
Deborah Bieter-Schultz,
Drexel Hill, Pa.
Christine McGoldrick-Zabel,
Overbrook, Pa.

Metropolitan General Hospital,
Inc., Pinellas Park, Fl.
Kenneth L. Anderson, III,
Newport, Pa.

Michigan Osteopathic Medical
Center, Detroit, Mi.

Millcreek Community Hospital,
Erie, Pa.
Alfonso J. Barbati, Ellwood City, Pa.
Steven E. Barnes, Lancaster, N.Y.
James H. Bumbaugh, Wexford, Pa.
Thomas L. Obreneder, Erie, Pa.
Carl Roth, Hermitage, Pa.
Steven K. Siegrist, Richmond, Va.

Mt. Clemens General Hospital,
Mt. Clemens, Mi.
Michael B. Band, Norwood, Ma.
K. Corinne Besser, Red Lion, Pa.
Roy J. Watts, Reading, Pa.

Naval Regional Medical Center,
Jacksonville, Fl.
George J. Schmieder, Seaforth, N.Y.
David C. Wentzky, Reading, Pa.

Naval Regional Medical Center,
Portsmouth, Va.
Jerome T. Kochinsky, Reading, Pa.

Oakland General Hospital—
Osteopathic, Madison Heights, Mi.
Cynthia J. Mears, Doylestown, Pa.

Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital,
Tulsa, Ok.
Larry D. Canton, Kersey, Pa.
K.G. Zimmer, Wyckoff, N.J.

Osteopathic Hospital of Maine,
Inc., Portland, Me.
David A. Amato, Philadelphia, Pa.
James M. Kirsh, Cherry Hill, N.J.

Richmond Heights General
Hospital, Richmond Heights, Oh.
Joseph Pion, Loretto, Pa.

Riverside Hospital,
Wilmington, De.
Vincent J. Bobby, Freeland, Pa.
Edward A. Tomkin, North Wales, Pa.

Saginaw Osteopathic Hospital,
Pontiac, Mi.
Vanessa A. Ragland, Birmingham, Al.

St. Michael's Medical Center,
Newark, N.J.

Shenango Valley Osteopathic Hospital,
Farrell, Pa.
Kenneth A. Heiles, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Curt Helgert, Sarver, Pa.
Grant D. Ordway, Clarion, Pa.
Heather J. Smith, Levittown, Pa.
Jean E. Szmyd, Arnold, Pa.

Southeastern Medical Center,
North Miami Beach, Fl.
Ben Auerbach, Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Suburban General Hospital,
Norristown, Pa.
James M. Andriole, Hazelton, Pa.
Charles B. Kish, Bridgeport, Pa.
Ross E. Megargel, West Chester, Pa.
Thomas E. Paparella, Villanova, Pa.
Larry M. Shragar, Lafayette Hill, Pa.
Debra K. Spatz, Pottstown, Pa.

Thomas Jefferson University
Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.
Seth R. Rosenwald, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

Tripler Army Medical Center,
Honolulu, Hi.
James Batcheller, Los Angeles, Ca.
Natalie J. Beyeler, Russell, Pa.
Craig B. Danshaw, Allentown, Pa.

U.S.A.F. Medical Center,
Scott, A.F.B., Il.
Clare M. Woshner-Budd, Bell Vernon, Pa.

Warren General Hospital,
Warren, Oh.

West Allegheny Hospital,
Oakdale, Pa.
Charles J. DeNunzio, Jr., Derry, Pa.

Wilmington Medical Center,
Wilmington, De.
A. Robert Cerrato, Wilmington, De.
In Memoriam

Elizabeth Stow Carlin '35, Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y., died May 24. She is survived by her brother, Edwin, DO '52.

Frank A. Wallington '35, Moundsville, W.Va., died June 1. He was 56. He was the founder of the private college that became the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Salvatore Merlo, '60, Hokendauqua, Pa., died July 8. He was 49. Dr. Merlo had practiced medicine in Hokendauqua for the past 22 years. He was certified in general practice by the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. A member of the medical staff of Allentown Osteopathic Hospital, Dr. Merlo had served as staff secretary for 17 years. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, a son, and two daughters.

Donald L. Helfferich, BA, LL.B., LL.D. (hon.) Rydal Park, Pa., member of PCOM’s board of trustees in 1936, died January 23. He was 86. Dr. Helfferich was chancellor of Ursinus College, Pa., and had been vice president of that college for 22 years before serving as president for 12 years. A member of Ursinus' board said of him, "He has made Ursinus much more stable than it ever has been, much more able to survive as an independent educational force in a high educational atmosphere that looks more and more to institutional provision by the State; at the same time . . . under his aegis, the questioning and questioning spirit has flourished at Ursinus . . .”

School of Nursing

Louise Grierpenkerl Osness Hamdi, RN, '40, Philadelphia, Pa., a retired MD Army officer and psychiatrist, died June 1. As a registered nurse she was assigned to General George S. Patton's Third Army during World War II and accompanied the armored force in its drive across Normandy and Brittany into Germany. She was awarded three battle stars. After the war she completed courses at Temple University and earned her MD from Woman's Medical College in 1960. She served a residency in child psychiatry at the Old Philadelphia General Hospital. Dr. Hamdi remained active in the Army Reserve Medical Corps, serving as chief of neuropsychiatry for Philadelphia's 361st General Hospital Unit. When she retired from the Army Reserve in 1966 with the rank of major, she maintained a practice in psychiatry until 1980. Dr. Hamdi was the immediate past president of the WW. Keen Chapter of the American Association of Military Surgeons and was active in the AMA and the American Psychiatric Association. She has no immediate survivors.
Lasers—continued from page 2

dinated by Domenic DeBias, PhD, professor and chairman of physiology, and Charlotte Green, PhD, associate professor of physiology, familiarizes the physician with the equipment, and, most important, with safety measures. Dr. Mauer stresses these all-important safety measures in both the laboratory and in clinical uses of the laser.

The second workshop in 1983 had an impressive faculty of innovators in the laser field: Jean-Francois Dumon, MD, Hospital Salvatore in Marseilles, France; John McDougall, MD, Mayo Clinic; Stanley Shapshay, MD, Lahey Clinic; and Terry Fuller, PhD, Sinai Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, in addition to PCOM faculty members.

This workshop featured the use of the Nd:YAG laser, the first laser to be employed with a flexible scope, such as a bronchoscope or gastroscope, a fiberoptic instrument that allows a surgeon to see inside the body.

According to Dr. Kirschner, one of the major applications of the YAG in the bronchial area (subject of the workshop), is treating inoperable lung tumors. It is also useful for treating benign lesions and scar tissue in the tracheo-bronchial tree, for blockages of the windpipe and for removing foreign bodies embedded in the tissue.

"It's an adaptable instrument," said Dr. Kirschner. "Many different kinds of specialists will be able to use it. In the gastro-intestinal tract, it can be used to control esophageal and gastric hemorrhaging, and, equipped with a cystoscope, it can be used to remove bladder tumors."

A workshop on the use of the CO₂ and Nd:YAG lasers in urology was chaired in April by Leonard H. Finkelstein, DO, MSc (urology), clinical professor of surgery, and chairman of the division of urology. It provided experience in using both instruments transurethrally on surface lesions and in open surgery. According to Dr. Finkelstein, the Hospital of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine is one of very few hospitals in the city using the laser for bladder lesions as well as using both kinds of lasers in research.

This June, the ninth laser workshop at PCOM presented plastic and cutaneous laser surgery, using four different types of surgical lasers, the CO₂, the Nd:YAG, Argon and dye lasers.

(The dye laser is largely experimental, although it has the potential to kill cancer cells. It has the capability of vaporizing tumors after dye is injected into the system. Said Dr. Kirschner, "More selective dyes are needed and research is being done on different dyes. Dye lasers hold the greatest promise for medicine in the future.")

The June, 1984, workshop was dedicated to the pioneering work of Leon Goldman, MD, director of the laser laboratory of Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, and former chairman of the Laser Research Laboratory at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Goldman was honored at a dinner during the workshop for his contributions to many of the current medical laser applications.

Dr. Mauer, chairman of PCOM's laser committee, is currently working with Dr. Kirschner and the IALS to develop a laser treatment center and research facility at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. In fact, the laser laboratory is the site of cooperative research projects in the laser field by many Philadelphia hospitals. "Dialogue between institutions and physicians is important," said Dr. Kirschner. "We have a better grip on what we can do."

Lasers in medicine and surgery are not a "Star Wars" fantasy at PCOM. Through research and continuing medical education programs, the laser's ever-expanding applications are lighting a new frontier in medicine.
To: Alumni and Friends of PCOM
From: Synapsis 1985

Once again it's time for the PCOM graduating class to recapture four years of its medical education. Your contributions to the Synapsis-85 Yearbook makes this possible. It only takes a few moments of your time and a tax deductible contribution to put your name (and message) in the Synapsis. Please help by filling out the form below and sending it with your check to the address below.

CHECK ONE:
PATRON - $50.00
(Sponsor - $30.00)
(PARTICIPANT - $20.00)
(we will print your:
(we will print your:
(we will print your:
Name __________________
Address: __________________
(and three-line message:
Name __________________
Address: __________________
(and three-line message)
Name __________________
Address: __________________
(and three-line message)

and send a Synapsis to:

(none)
(none)
(none)

Please check your category: Alumni, class of _______; faculty, department of ________;
parent _______________ student ______________ spouse ______________

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SYNAPSIS - '85
PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OFFICE
4150 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19131

Deadline: Jan. 31, 1985
THE DIGEST

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND HOSPITAL
4150 City Avenue, Phila., PA 19131

HEALTH CARE CENTERS:
City Avenue Health Care Center, 4190 City Ave.
North Center, 22nd and Cambria Sts.
Roxborough, 430 Krams Avenue
Sullivan County Medical Center, Sullivan Co., PA

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH:
4150 City Avenue, Phila., PA

Moment of triumph, June 6, 1984