Study questions common surgical procedure

A common surgical procedure used to repair damaged knees may not be as complication-free as was thought, a recent study suggests.

The study, co-authored by Roger Haut of the Department of Biomechanics with Robert Burks of the University of Utah and COM graduate student Ronald Lancaster, examined the procedure of repairing the anterior cruciate ligament with the central third of the patellar tendon.

The study was awarded the 1989 H. Ed Cabaud award for contributions in soft tissue/prosthetics research, given by the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine.

"A traumatized anterior cruciate ligament often threatens an athlete's career," Haut said.

If the anterior cruciate is severed, the bones of the leg can slide in the unstable knee during use, scrubbing the cartilage and leading to osteoarthritis.

A common procedure to repair the ligament is to use a section of the patient's patellar tendon as an autograft, replacing the torn tissue. One problem with this was that afterward the leg never fully recovered. Clinical studies show decreased strength, decreased range of motion, decreased thigh circumference, and other problems.

Until now, these complications were thought to be a result of difficulties in rehabilitation. But Haut's study suggests an alternative solution.

"We think it has more to do with host tissue damage," Haut said.

Haut and Burks found that extensive scarring resulted from the procedure. The patellar tendon became about 4 1/2 times normal size due to formation of hypertrophic scar tissue. Haut said that altered the biomechanical properties of the tendon.

"It's not the strength that's reduced, it's the quality of the tissue," he said.

Future studies will focus on other procedures and allografts, Haut said, especially on the effects of sterilization using gamma radiation on the properties of the allograft tissue. Allografts are preferred by some surgeons, especially for athletes.

"Many surgeons like allografts because you don't have

Roger Haut (left), with Ronald Lancaster.

to disrupt normal tissue around the patient's knee," Haut said.

"Using biomechanics we now have the ability to evaluate these surgical procedures," Haut said. "The key element in these studies is the use of basic principles in tissue biomechanics."

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Osteopathic Unity

Committee focuses on communication
Report submitted at MAOP&S conference

Communication is the key to unity in the osteopathic profession, according to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Osteopathic Unity. The report was presented to the House of Delegates at the 90th Annual MAOP&S Postgraduate Conference and Scientific Seminar on April 26. "The committee felt that effective communication minimizes misunderstanding of the issues vital to the osteopathic profession," the report said.

Communication is one of five areas the committee looked at which were seen to affect unity in the profession. The others were leadership, identity, graduate medical education, and the medical school (MSU-COM). Unity is important for osteopathic physicians because of the position of D.O.s as a minority part of the medical profession.

"We could quite easily be overwhelmed by the majority profession," said Doug Wood, associate dean at MSU-COM and committee member. "The profession is basically fighting for its very existence."

The report made recommendations to promote unity and communication within the profession. Many of the goals outlined by the report may seem difficult to implement, but the committee felt all its recommendations were feasible, according to Wood. "These are not pie-in-the-sky things we just grabbed out of thin air and decided 'this looks like a good recommendation,'" Wood said.

Recommendations for MSU-COM include publicizing the goals and vision of the college, educating members of the profession to the need for financial support for MSU-COM, and involving osteopathic physicians in recruitment of new students.

Robert Esdale, MSU-COM administrator and committee assistant, said the committee found a lot of the problems of the profession stemmed from the success of D.O.s in gaining acceptance.

"While there was a struggle for acceptance and recognition, and the actual right to practice medicine, there was a very strong cohesive bond," Esdale said. "Once there was acceptance, then the growth of the profession began to erode away that tight-knit feeling of family."

As osteopathic physicians become more accepted by the public it becomes harder to differentiate between D.O.s and M.D.s, and D.O.s are losing their sense of uniqueness. In an attempt to identify what makes an osteopathic physician unique, the committee drafted a statement of identity.

The statement attempted to define the philosophical basis of osteopathic identity, and still be broad enough to encompass all osteopathic physicians. D.O.s were seen as providing "complete, comprehensive and continuous health care services which encompass a unique, hands-on, interactive and patient oriented approach to medicine," according to the statement.

Wood said that the identity statement was one of the parts of the
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report which received the most work from the committee.

"We spent about four hours on two sentences, trying to elucidate what is the mission of the osteopathic profession," he said.

Wood said it was important for osteopathic physicians to identify their place in the medical profession. He noted that many members of the profession feel there is a definite mission for D.O.s.

"We think the niche for osteopathic physicians is in the area of primary care," he said.

One of the major points of the report is the links that exist between all the components of the profession.

"What this report did was say that there are three key pieces to this profession: the physicians, the osteopathic hospitals, and the medical school," Esdale said. "The profession can't thrive and grow without the contribution, recognition, and involvement of all three of those pieces."

The specific recommendations regarding MSU-COM are not the only part of the report which concerns the college.

"Everything that affects an osteopathic physician will in some way affect this college," Esdale said.

One early result of the report is the committee was made into a permanent standing committee of MAOP&S. Before, it had only been active on an ad hoc basis. The committee will address the process of becoming a standing committee over the next few meetings, Wood said. They will also consider how to implement the committee recommendations.

Communication will play a major role in translating the committee's recommendations into action. It will be necessary for the committee to see that its recommendations are disseminated throughout the state.

"I'm afraid there are a significant number of D.O.s out there who are not even aware that there is a problem," Wood said. "The first thing you have to do is to wake up the constituents to the fact that the house is burning."

Another issue the committee will be addressing is the report of the communication survey conducted by Katherine Miller, an assistant professor in MSU's Department of Communication.

"The communication audit in many ways parallels and reflects the task force report," Esdale said. "[Miller] scientifically researched and surveyed osteopathic physicians all over the state, and the conclusions she draws from that research are not too distant from the conclusions the task force has reached."

The communication survey, like the committee report itself, may have implications beyond the community of the Michigan osteopathic profession.

"I hope there are national implications," Wood said. "The kinds of things that are seen here, and the kinds of problems that are seen here, are problems that are seen throughout the country."

In the meantime, MSU-COM will continue to try to do its part to communicate. "We've been trying to take the college out to the community," Wood said. But he adds that it isn't easy for COM administrators to get out and meet the community.

"We just don't have the person power," he said.
MSU-COM active at MAOP&S Conference

The 90th Annual Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons Postgraduate Conference and Scientific Seminar took place April 27-29 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Dean Myron S. Magen gave a presentation to the House of Delegates as part of the program.

Dean Magen's presentation was on new educational technologies and the Interactive Learning Resource Center (ILRC). On April 27, Dean Magen also made a presentation on the ILRC to the Auxiliary to the Michigan Osteopathic Association. He demonstrated two programs using interactive video and computer-aided instruction used at the college, and outlined plans for MSU-COM's proposed facility.

The Dean's presentations were among several events featuring MSU-COM at the conference. Also featured:

- The annual MSU-COM Preceptor/Senior Partner Workshop was presented by Bertram Stoffelmayer, Psychiatry, on "The Role of the Family Practitioner in Weight Management."
- Peter Gulick, Internal Medicine, was a panelist in a seminar on AIDS.
- The conference was also the site of the ten-year reunion of the MSU-COM class of 1979.
- The college sponsored a hospitality suite for three nights and the college's exhibit was prominently displayed at the entrance of the hotel's exhibit hall.

Alumni seminar cancelled

The MSU-COM Office of Continuing Medical Education regrets to inform alumni and friends that there will be no Alumni Scientific Seminar and Football Weekend this fall. The program, originally planned for the University of Michigan game, was cancelled due to the unavailability of single game football tickets for the 1989 season.

Persons interested in football tickets are urged to explore season-ticket options. Alumni and others who have previously held season tickets will receive applications automatically. Others may call the MSU Ticket Office at (517) 355-1610 for an application.

AOA accrediting team visits MSU-COM

April brought some important visitors to MSU-COM in the persons of an eight-member team from the American Osteopathic Association charged with evaluating the college for accreditation purposes.

The team visited with students, faculty, and administrators in an attempt to get a wide view of MSU-COM. The team also visited the Clinical Center and several area hospitals to assess the college's clinical services.

To prepare for the visit, MSU-COM conducted an extensive self study (see related story next page). The team used this report to help them in their on-site evaluation.

MSU-COM's last such evaluation was in 1983. The evaluations are scheduled regularly every five years.

Epidemiologist to speak at hooding

Victor M. Hawthorne, an epidemiologist from the University of Michigan, will be the speaker at the hooding of MSU-COM class of 1989.

Hawthorne was born and educated in Scotland, receiving his M.D. from the University of Glasgow in 1962. He earned an F.R.C.P.S. in the field of epidemiology from the Royal College of Physicians, Glasgow in 1973. In 1987, he was named Honorary Director of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh Research Unit.

Hawthorne was chairman of the No. 1 Epidemiology and Disease Control Study Section for NIH from 1980 to 1984. He served as chairman of the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Michigan from 1978 to 1986. He is also on the Low Back Pain Multicenter RCT Planning and Design Panel. He is the author or co-author of numerous works in the field of epidemiology.

Hooding and commencement ceremonies will be held at 2 p.m. in the Wharton Center for Performing Arts on Friday, June 9. There will be a reception immediately following.
Report shows five years of change and progress

Long ago, Socrates told his followers the first step on the search for truth was to "know thyself." What is true for individuals can be said for large institutions as well.

A self study report recently completed by MSU-COM in preparation for a visit by an AOA accrediting team shows the college certainly "knows itself."

Study committee chair Kay White, assistant dean for student affairs, called the report a "candid snapshot of the college," providing an honest look at what has been happening at MSU-COM since the last study was completed in 1983.

The Self-Study Committee members were Chairperson Kay White; Executive Secretary Robert Esdale; Robert R. Fedore, community health science; Merilee Okey, pediatrics; Maria Patterson, microbiology and public health; and Joseph R. Vorro, anatomy.

The 1988 report followed the format of the 1983 study. The committee asked key informants--people who had direct knowledge of the area being reviewed--to answer questions. The questions were the same as had been answered in the 1983 study.

The report examined MSU-COM in the areas of instruction, research, and clinical service. The committee made recommendations based on its findings in each area. Each response was compared to the responses made in the 1983 study.

Robert Esdale, executive secretary to the committee, said the structure of the report allowed the committee to make a direct assessment of changes over the last five years.

"The last report was so comprehensive that we could follow it closely and make a comparative review," he said.

White said many of the deficiencies identified in the last self study have been answered--"at least the ones that were in our control."

White said the study showed the major emphasis within the college over the last five years has been on improving graduate medical education, an emphasis she believes will continue. It is the goal of the college to be as recognized for its position in GME as it is for research, she said.

The report states the College's major role in the future of GME lies in the development of consortium education programs among the College and hospitals. COGMET, or the Consortium for Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education and Training, is one such program.

The report predicts that "by the time of the next self-study...the goals of the College with regard to graduate medical education will be to continue to develop consortium-type arrangements...in order to produce graduate medical training which is innovative and of excellent quality."

Other recommendations include continuing evaluation of the curriculum and committing resources to expand recruitment of prospective students. The report also suggests establishing a central facility, such as a medical library and study lounge, that would encourage formal and informal interaction among students, faculty and administration.

White said that since the last self-study in 1983 there has been a continuing process of review. Now is the time for action.

"What that action will be will be determined by the resources available," she said.

Much of the report shows concern for maintaining and improving education, research, and clinical service in the face of diminishing resources.

Esdale said a theme which runs throughout the study is that, while the benefits of being part of a large university are well known, there are constraints as well. The report brings those constraints into sharper focus.

"Money is probably the short answer, but there are a lot bureaucratic layers that demand resources as well," he said.

White also noted the report was addressed to an audience that may not realize the difficulties facing an institution like MSU-COM, which she described as "an integral part of a complex puzzle."

"The self-study] has to be written in a way that is understandable to people who are unfamiliar with institutions within bigger institutions," White said.

Looking ahead to the next self-study, White said it is difficult to predict where the College will be because of the many uncertainties involved. But she encourages people to get involved in the process of evaluation.

"Every college has a character, and participating makes you better informed," White said. "Even though it's a lot of work, it's worth it in the end."
Next time you’re driving down the road, try to imagine what it feels like to have a bull elephant chasing you, trumpeting angrily.

John Chimoskey doesn’t have to imagine it; he knows.

"The guide was laughing, but I didn’t think it was funny," Chimoskey recalls.

Chimoskey, a professor of physiology at MSU, recently exhibited photographs he took in Africa at Lansing’s Center for the Arts. He went to Africa to work with Vice Provost for Human Health Programs, Harvey Sparks on a research project. Sparks was chairperson of the physiology department at the time.

While there, Chimoskey spent some time in the Mana Pools National Park of Zimbabwe.

"I decided it was such a wonderful experience that if I could arrange it, I would take my two sons, Stefan and David, with me and go back," Chimoskey said, "so that’s what I did." Most of the photographs in the show came from that trip.

Chimoskey has been an amateur photographer for many years. His work has been displayed locally at Lansing Community College and at art fairs. He has also had his work exhibited in galleries in San Francisco and Seattle, as well as other places.

Chimoskey occasionally uses his photography to document his research in physiology, but said for the most part, his work and his hobby remain separate.

"I think if I’d been encouraged [to study photography] when I was younger by the people whose advice I listened to, I might have become a photographer," he said. But he added he has no regrets; his career in medicine has afforded him ample opportunity to indulge his love of photography.

Chimoskey’s photographs show the variety of wildlife he encountered in Zimbabwe. Elephants, warthogs, lions and rhinoceroses were captured on film while they roamed free in the park. Being so close to the animals without the protective bars a zoo affords was quite an experience, Chimoskey said.

One time he and his guide were tracking a leopard and encountered a lone male elephant. The guide didn’t like the looks of the animal
and instructed Chimoskey to climb a tree in case the elephant was hostile. Chimoskey climbed up about thirty feet and settled on a flattened section of the limb. Then he noticed the limb was covered with dried blood.

"I realized I was on a leopard's perch," Chimoskey said. Fortunately, the leopard did not return while Chimoskey was in his perch.

"These adventures don't last very long, but all of a sudden your heart's in your throat when you're from several thousands of miles away and you're unfamiliar with the behavior of these animals," Chimoskey said.

"There were thrilling things most days," Chimoskey said. "We saw lions on foot occasionally--fortunately at a very long distance."

Chimoskey said he has been given good publicity for his photographs. He credits the manager of the Center for the Arts, Buck Schirner, for his help.

This summer, Chimoskey will be in Africa again. He will be attending an international conference on hypertension there. He has also arranged to take a weekend to travel to Zaire and track gorillas in the jungle.

"Seeing a gorilla face to face, without any bars, on his turf," Chimoskey said, "that's pretty exciting."
News Briefs

Faculty & Student News

Philip Greenman, professor of biomechanics recently published a textbook entitled *Principles of Manual Medicine*. The book is intended for both undergraduate and CME use and covers the entire spectrum of manipulative medicine. The book has already been used in several CME courses.

Harold E. Bowman, professor of pathology, was a speaker, participant, and principal planner of a conference held in Tucson, Arizona. The invitational conference, "Quality in Pathology—Opportunities and Challenges," was for 58 leaders of pathology and organized medicine. The proceedings will be published in a national peer review journal.

Joseph Papsidero, acting chairperson of community health science, appeared in a recent issue of the *International Journal of Hypertension*. His paper, "Hypertension, Quality of Care and Functional Status: The Concept of Active Life Expectancy," was based on a presentation made at the 1988 International Conference on Hypertension and the Elderly held in Rome.

Perrin E. Parkhurst, academic affairs, and Patricia Grauer, health information, are co-authors of "An Interactive Learning Resource Center for Medical Education," published in *Instruction Delivery Systems*.

Elissa L. Gatlin, former director of admissions at MSU-COM, died of cancer on March 4 in Kalamazoo. A leader in a number of civic, church and community organizations, she was the director of the Center for Human Services in the College of Health and Human Services at Western Michigan University.

Lori B. Birndorf, COM '90, has been awarded a Fitch for Sight student fellowship with professor David Kaufman of Internal Medicine. The award of $1,200 was one of fifteen given nationwide to be administered by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. Her research project, entitled "The Use of Smaller Check Size in Pattern Visual-Evoked Potential to Improve the Detection of Optic Nerve Lesions," is supported by the James Thurber Memorial Fund.

Glenn I. Hatton, psychology, was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship award for a project on cellular mechanisms underlying neural plasticity. Guggenheim fellowships are awarded to persons with distinguished past achievements and future promise. Hatton will use the fellowship to study cellular mechanisms involved in reversible (plastic) anatomical and physiological changes in the adult brain in response to changes in physiological condition, such as maturation. The changes, which take place in the hypothalamus, are reversible when the animal's young are weaned.

Abraham Perera, Atis K. Freimanis, and James B. Moore co-authored an article in the April issue of the *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association* entitled "Current Indications for Magnetic Resonance Imaging." The article focused on body systems where MRI was a useful imaging tool, and discussed potential future uses.

Jan Carson, CME, and William Falls, anatomy and neuroscience, are pleased to announce their engagement. The wedding is planned for July 22.

Don Coleman, community health science, was recently appointed to serve on the Ingham Medical Center's Board of Trustees.

Pediatrics department featured in journal

The April issue of *Michigan Osteopathic Journal*, devoted to the area of pediatrics, was written almost entirely by MSU-COM faculty members. Bernard M. Kay, chairperson of the pediatrics department, was guest editor and co-author with Terry Hagan (also of the pediatrics department) of the article "Nicotine and Adolescents: What You Can Do About It." Other articles by MSU-COM pediatrics faculty were "Health Care for the Adolescent Athlete" by Kenneth Stringer, "Treatment of Pertussis with Prophylactic Mechanical Ventilation and Muscle Paralysis" by Frank Schneiderman, "Perspectives on Chronic Disease for General Pediatricians" by John M. Peters, "Strategies to Improve Compliance in Pediatric Patients" co-written by Gerard M. Bretzer and psychology graduate student Cheryl Olmsted, and "Correlation of High Risk Behaviors in a
Brooks receives Alumni Service Award

MSU-COM alumna Sister Anne Brooks was awarded the MSU Alumni Service Award for 1989 during MSU's campus-wide Alumni Day.

Brooks, COM class of 1982, is a general practitioner serving Tutwiler, Mississippi, an impoverished community in the Mississippi delta. Her work has been recognized in the past by People magazine and television's "Good Morning America."

MSU President John DiBiaggio said of Brooks: "Her dedication is a good example of MSU's purpose. We're not just here looking for a huge income, but to apply the research we have gained toward resolutions of problems."

Juvenile Detention Population," co-written by Ruth A. Worthington and Sharon Karber.

Graduation activities

The class of '89 graduation committee has announced plans for graduation activities including a golf outing, picnic and awards dinner. The festivities begin June 8 at 8 a.m. with the golf outing tee-off at Pine Lake Golf Course. It will be a best-ball scramble with a shotgun start. Cost is $10 per person for 18 holes, with a $25 charge for electric carts.

A picnic and softball game is planned for 1 p.m. that same day at East Lansing's Patriarche Park. The evening will be topped off with a class party at the Sheraton Inn, Lansing, beginning at 8 p.m. Cost is $5 per person, payable at the door.

The awards dinner will be held Friday, June 9 in the Royale Ballroom of the Sheraton Inn. Cost is $23 per person.

For more information, contact Jeff Hatcher at (517) 349-3221, or Deb Bellush at (517) 694-5124.

Students travel to The Netherlands

Two MSU-COM students attended a March meeting for the International Federation of Medical Student Associations that was held in Gronae, The Netherlands. Julie Johnson and Carrie Bolander, both COM class of '90, represented MSU-COM at the IFMSA Exchange Officers Meeting. They were two of only three Americans attending.

The meeting was to organize a bilateral exchange program for medical students. The program consists of a one- to two-month rotation for the students in general clinical fields such as internal medicine, surgery, family medicine, or others.

The United States, represented by MSU-COM, is an associate member of IFMSA. The exchange program is just starting out this year with plans for five to seven students to be exchanged with MSU-COM, beginning with two Austrian students arriving for a two-month rotation this summer at MSU.

Bolander said five American students were interested in going to Brazil, Spain, West Germany, Austria and Egypt on the program.

"We wanted to start out small to iron out the wrinkles," Bolander said. She added that they have hopes that medical programs will become involved with IFMSA on a national level and make it possible to exchange many more students in future years.

Bolander said Dr. Walter Mill and Mary Beth Gray, COM class of '90, were helpful in putting together the exchange proposals for MSU's half of the project.

Bolander said the program was important continued on back page.
Gifts & Grants

From the National Institutes of Health:

Adalbert Koestner, pathology, has been awarded $13,538 as a renewal for his study of neurooncogenesis by resorptive carcinogens.

Irena Grofova, anatomy, has been awarded $71,680 to continue her study of the organization of the output nuclei of the basal ganglia.

James Bennett, pharmacology and toxicology, has been awarded a supplemental grant of $1,476 for his study of the role of HMA COA dehydrogenase in schistosome egg production. Bennet had received a grant of $93,725 from NIH for this project earlier.

Felipe Kierszenbaum, microbiology and public health, has been awarded a grant of $225,688 for a new study on lymphocyte modulation by Trypanosoma cruzi.

Jeffrey Williams, microbiology and public health, was awarded $4,455 for his research on parasitic diseases in the Sudan. This award supplements an earlier NIH grant of $338,244 for this project.

Clifford Welsch, anatomy, was awarded a grant of $1,011 for his study of dietary fat and mammary gland growth processes. This grant supplements his earlier award from NIH of $69,119 for the same project.

John E. Wilson, biochemistry, was awarded a grant of $170,737 for the continuation of his study of hexokinase and energy metabolism in the brain.

Melvin Schindler, biochemistry, was awarded $139,381 to continue his study of the biodynamics of the nuclear membrane and matrix.

David McConnell, biochemistry, was awarded a continuation grant of $1,426 for his work on phosphoinositide metabolism in bovine rod outer segments.

John Wang, biochemistry, has been awarded a grant of $92,428 to continue his study of carbohydrate binding protein 35.

In addition, the NIH has awarded $58,616 to be administered by J. Justin McCormick, Carcinogenesis Laboratory, through the Institute for Research and Advanced Studies. The award is to be used to support faculty initiated research.
Continuing Medical Education

June 14
Fetal Monitoring:
A Symposium for Physicians

This symposium is to provide the physician practicing obstetrics with a review and update of Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring. Faculty includes Trudy Eck, R.N., B.S.N.; Jon M. Hazen, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., F.A.C.S.; Melanie Hazen, R.N.C., R.D.M.S.; Susan L. Hendrix, D.O.; Bonnie McClure, R.N.C., B.S.N.; Roy H. Petrie, M.D.; and George W. Russian, D.O. 7 hours Category I credit. Cost is $70, $30 for physicians in training.

June 19-23
Principles of Manual Medicine


June 23-24
New Horizons in Drug Therapy

A two-day conference presenting a state-of-the-art review of drug therapy for common problems encountered in primary care. Held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Grand Traverse. Faculty includes Howard A. Dean, D.O.; Peter Gulick, D.O.; Michael James, D.O.; Gerald Osborn, D.O., M.P.H.; Richard Pascucci, D.O.; and John E. Thornburg, D.O., Ph.D., program chairperson. Sponsored by the Alumni Association, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University. 8 hours Category I credit. Cost is $100, $50 to physicians in training or COM Alumni Association members. Housing is available at the Grand Traverse Resort. Participants should make their own housing reservations.

July 7-8
Care of the Elderly:
Issues in Cardiovascular and Respiratory Medicine


July 17-24
Surgical Anatomy for General and Orthopedic Residents


For more information or to register for any of the courses contact the Office of Continuing Medical Education, MSU-COM, A306 E. Fee Hall, East Lansing, MI, 48824-1316. Or call (517) 353-9714.

Unless otherwise noted, the courses are held at the MSU Kellogg Center for Continuing Education on Harrison Road in East Lansing.
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because it exposes students to other forms of medical education and practice, as well as other cultures.
"I see it as one more way to bring the world together through our common needs such as health care," Bolander said.

Hospitals form consortium

Six Southeastern Michigan Hospitals will be forming Health Care Group Inc., a non-profit organization designed to share resources and lower costs.

Gerson Cooper, vice-chairman of the proposed corporation, said the group will share services such as printing, warehousing, and other aspects of running a hospital. This will benefit the public by improving health access and lowering costs.

Cooper also said the new organization will work with MSU-COM to design training programs to make southeastern Michigan an attractive place for interns and residents to continue their medical education.

"When that happens, there is an increased likelihood for them to locate medical practices here permanently," Cooper said.

The hospitals forming Health Care Group Inc. are Botsford General Hospital in Farmington; Garden City Osteopathic Hospital of Garden City; MCG Telesis, representing Mount Clemens General Hospital; Northwest General Hospital of Detroit; Oakland General Health Systems, the parent company to Oakland General Hospital in Madison Heights; and Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac.

Certificate of competence approved

The AOA has approved the establishment of a Certificate of Competence in Sports Medicine, administered by the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine (AOASM). AOASM pilot tested a competency exam in December 1988. AOASM President Randall Tharp called the measure "a first step on the road to recognition of sports medicine as a medical specialty."

New editor

"Communique" has a new editor beginning this month. Dan Myers replaces Lois Furry, who graduated in March. Myers is a master's student in MSU's School of Journalism. His interests are in issue and analysis reporting. Furry has taken the position of communications officer for MSU's Health Promotion Program. She will be responsible for news releases, public relations and media contact.

Correction

The photographs on page 8 of April/May Communique were incorrectly identified. The photograph in the upper left corner was of John Goodreau, and the lower left photograph was of P. Ann Ryan, rather than the other way around. Communique regrets the error.

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