NEW CLASS CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

The 1990 COM class is an eclectic group. Many bring with them professional experiences as nurses, physical therapists, counselors, paramedics and teachers. Others volunteered at hospitals and the American Red Cross.

Some come to MSU from outside the health field, as dancers, coaches, consultants, managers and computer analysts.

"In our orientation program, we try to help students make the transition from career professional to medical student and then, ultimately complete the metamorphosis into physician," said Katherine E. White, Ph.D., assistant dean of student affairs who organized the orientation program.

The various careers that students bring to MSU-COM are only one indication of the diversity among the 79 men and 53 women comprising the class.

"Celebrating this diversity was a theme of orientation, encouraging students to recognize their many differences and learn from each other," said White.

Looking at their backgrounds, the students have much to share.

The majority of students come from Michigan (116), and for at least one student, that's important. "MSU gives many Michigan students the opportunity to pursue their studies without having to leave the state," said Steven N. Glavas, from Muskegon. "That's important for many reasons, particularly financial ones."

A reception welcoming the 1990 class will be held Nov. 9, at the Kellogg Center in the Big Ten A room, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

More than 10 percent of the class come from other parts of the country including Indiana, Washington, Florida, Maryland and New York. One Canadian student is enrolled. What attracted them to MSU-COM?

For one out-of-state student, a reason was a change in locale. "I lived in California for 15 years," said Kimya Nguyen from Eureka, Calif. "I wanted to learn more about my country, to see other states in America."

Nguyen said although the move to Michigan was a big change, orientation helped her to prepare for the challenge of medical school. "It made me realize that this (medical school) is really happening. It helped me focus," said Nguyen, who is one of the 24 minority students enrolled in the 1990 class. The nationalities represented included African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians and Asians.

All new students have earned a bachelor's or an associate's degree. Many also come with secondary degrees including two doctorates, four master's, and two chiropractic degrees. (continued on page 6)

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SPECIAL SEMINAR PLANNED

The quality and availability of future osteopathic graduate medical education will be presented and discussed in an upcoming seminar, Nov. 10, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Conrad Auditorium. Featured speakers include Mitchell Kasovac, D.O., president of the American Osteopathic Association; MSU-COM Dean Myron Magen, D.O., and Christopher Meyer, D.O., director of medical education at Flint Osteopathic Hospital. An open forum with audience participation will follow the presentations. All students, faculty and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend.
PONTIAC Osteopathic Hospital's new director of medical education is a familiar face to many at the hospital.

Gary Willyerd, COM '78, served his internship and residency in emergency medicine there. In fact, he was the first emergency medicine resident in an AOA-approved program, at Pontiac or anywhere else.

"It's been very much a homecoming," Willyerd said of his new job, which he began in May. "It's like I never left."

Willyerd left a position as physician director of the case management department of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan.

"I missed the clinical setting and teaching responsibilities," he said. However, he admitted it took some work to get into the DME's role.

"I wasn't as aware of problems facing graduate medical education before I took the job," Willyerd said. "It's been exciting. It hasn't been easy."

Willyerd said the members of Michigan Academy of Osteopathic Directors of Medical Education (MAODME) have helped him learn the ropes.

Getting the position seemed like part of a natural progression to Willyerd. As the Pontiac Osteopathic's first emergency medicine resident, he was deeply involved in the design of the program, and later helped develop Botsford General Hospital's emergency medicine program, where he served as its director for a year. Willyerd also was an examiner and board member for the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians.

"I've always enjoyed dealing with students," Willyerd said. "But with the changes in medical education, the DME's role is becoming larger and more difficult," he said.

Willyerd sees many changes that are occurring in graduate medical education as necessary. Yet at the same time, he said, it's important not to tear down the old system completely. Willyerd sees primary care as a valuable part of the new system.

"We have to continue to promote (primary care), but also to come up with more and new training programs," Willyerd said.

He notes new programs, including ambulatory clinic experience, are necessary. And the problem is more than simply how to move medical education out of the hospital wards.

"We talk about inpatient care being cut back to lower costs. The next step is outpatient care," Willyerd said. He noted that while he was at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, the company was already examining how to trim outpatient costs. He said future student will have to be trained in handling problems that arise from third-party payers and government regulations.

"We're going to have to train future doctors in not just patient care, but also about the business side of the practice," Willyerd said.

One positive force Willyerd sees in dealing with these problems is the Consortium for Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education and Training (COGMET). COGMET allows hospitals to use their resources more effectively, and develop stronger programs together than they could have separately.

"I've been very impressed with the quality of discussions and work (at COGMET meetings)," Willyerd said.

As he settles into his new career, Willyerd said he hopes to remain there for a long time, working to solve the problems graduate medical education faces.

"Where will all this be in two-and-a-half years? I'm optimistic," he said.

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More than 100 health care professionals serving Michigan’s Hispanic community learned better ways to meet the population’s needs at a conference held in October at the MSU Kellogg Center. The Michigan Coalition of Concerned Hispanics (MCCH), in collaboration with MSU, focused their third annual conference goal on improving awareness and understanding between health care providers and their Hispanic patients.

The 12 conference workshops covered a variety of issues, ranging from the health status of Hispanics to chemical dependence to nutrition to breast cancer. George Russian, D.O., associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at MSU, led a presentation and group discussion on Hispanic women and pregnancy.

The professionals who participated in the conference came from a variety of disciplines including public health, social work, family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, substance abuse, research and nursing.

Organizations co-sponsoring this conference with MCCH include the Michigan State University Human Health Programs, the Hispanic and American Indian Faculty Staff Association, Julian Samora Research Institute and the Cristo Rey Community Center.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS TEE OFF FOR STUDENT LOANS

The College of Human Medicine may have won the title for the Fourth Annual Health Professions Open Golf Tournament held last month, but the real winners are the MSU health science students. The tournament raises thousands of dollars for the student loan programs in the Colleges of Osteopathic, Veterinary and Human Medicine. Last year, the tournament raised over $21,000 and is expected to be equally successful in 1990.

Nine four-member teams played for each college in this highly competitive contest, held at the Forest Akers golf course. COM, the 1989 winners, narrowly lost this year, coming in a close second, with the College of Veterinary Medicine right behind in third place.

"Thanks to all who participated and donated their time, money and spirit to support the student loan programs," said Sandy Kibbourn, director of continuing medical education and alumni programs.

Golfers warm-up before the tournament begins.

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Communique Readers:

It is my pleasure to introduce you to the new Communique team.

Gjergi S. Poli and Robin G. Todd will create the design, layout and graphics for the newsletter. Gjergi, a graduate of the Professional School of Arts in Albania, is working on his master's in fine arts and majoring in graphic design. Robin, also majoring in graphic design, will receive her bachelor's degree in fine arts in June 1991.

I will serve as Communique's new editor while I earn my master's in journalism. Previously, I promoted the child health initiatives and policy of the American Academy of Pediatrics in Washington, D.C.

Communique is designed to serve, inform and promote its readers in the osteopathic profession. Please help us to do our job in the best way possible by sharing your needs, concerns and suggestions with us.

Patricia Shea
Editor

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COM STUDENT LEADER SPEAKS OUT

"I am proud to be a member of an organization that has improved the lives of not only Black students but all MSU-COM students," said Robert Walker, COM '93, president of the Association of Black Osteopathic Medical Students (ABOMS).

ABOMS was founded in the early 1980s to be a locus of mutual support and camaraderie for COM students and others within the university community.

"The purpose of any organization is to meet the needs of its constituents. However, the MSU-COM organizations in existence prior to ABOMS did not meet the needs of minority students, particularly Blacks," commented Walker. "Thus, ABOMS was formed out of concern and necessity."

Since its Inception, ABOMS has developed several important missions including: (1) participating in community health programs, such as Healthfest and school health screenings; (2) providing student lectures on health issues and applying to medical schools; (3) participating in local, regional and national medical organizations; (4) working on projects and issues with other student groups; and (5) educating peers and colleagues on minority health care issues.

These commitments will enhance students' interaction across racial lines, improve communication among students and advance the attitudes of students and physicians toward minorities, notes Walker.

"These interactions will equip osteopathic medical students with knowledge and sensitivity in dealing with people of various ethnic backgrounds," said Walker. "In doing so, we will apply a basic tenet of osteopathic medicine, the concept of integrating all parts of the whole: the bio psychosocial model."

Walker invites all students to join with ABOMS in supporting the principle that health care and health education are fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, creed, disability or socioeconomic status.

MSU-COM GROUP WORKS TO BUILD CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

By the year 2000, respecting different cultural and social backgrounds at work and school won't be a goal. It will be a necessity.

By the turn of the century, most workers will no longer be Americans of European descent. African Americans, Asian Americans and Hispanics will comprise more than 50 percent of the work force. Interdependence between nations and cultural groups will mandate a society with an increased sensitivity on the part of all to the needs of different people and groups.

To prepare MSU-COM for the next decade, MSU-COM's Diversity Core group was developed to change the institutional environment to appreciate diversity and create a spirit of community within the college.

"We've reached a point in the world today where no person's individual problem can be solved without working on all groups' problems," said Richard Thomas, president of New World Associates and consultant to the group.

Thomas pointed out that the osteopathic profession has a legacy of serving a widely diversified population. The osteopathic philosophy has always emphasized that care should be provided to all who need it, regardless of income or race. However, many minority groups that seek care are still underserved or lack medical access.

MSU-COM has emphasized providing opportunities to minorities not only for treatment but also to attain medical training. One of the primary objectives of the college since its inception, has been to ensure a (continued page 5)
Dear MSU-COM Alumni,

Since the first class graduated from MSU-COM in 1974, more than 1,500 men and women have received their D.O. degrees. Every year the list of MSU-COM alumni leaps up another 100+ names. It’s hard to keep track of everyone’s addresses, let alone the vital news of their lives. Recently, a mailing to alumni asking for news resulted in responses from the first to the most recent COM classes.

If you have news for Communique, send us a quick note. Our address is Office of Health Information, College of Osteopathic Medicine, A310 East Fee Hall, East Lansing, Mich. 48824-1316.

To all who sent us news, thanks!

Patricia Shea
Editor

Class of 1975

David Sciamanna, associate professor in the Apnea Clinic at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, which he co-directs with Dr. Frank Schneiderman, has been approved by the state of Michigan as a children’s multi-disciplinary clinic. The clinic evaluates infants and children with apnea symptoms and syndromes. Sciamanna has also been elected co-chairman of the planning committee for the 1991 Michigan Conference on Maternal and Perinatal Health, sponsored by the Michigan State Medical Society.

Class of 1976

Benjamin M. Sucher's article, entitled "Thoracic Outlet Syndrome—A Myofascial Variant," was accepted for publication in the Journal of the American Osteopathic Association. The two-part article was published in the August and September issues and it discussed pathology, diagnosis, and treatment. The article is the culmination of two years of clinical research using thermography as diagnostic aid and a new form of manipulation for treatment. Sucher also presented a paper entitled "Thermographic Documentation of Dysfunction in Repetitive Strain Syndrome" at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Thermology. An abstract of the paper will appear in the fall issue of Thermology.

Class of 1977

Kenneth Wolok was board certified in general practice by the American Osteopathic Board of General Practitioners in July 1989.

Robert A. Henry has been appointed to develop a curriculum for Texas A&M University College of Medicine to fulfill a state requirement that all medical schools teach a clerkship in family medicine in the third year. He will also coordinate postdoctoral education in family medicine. Henry has also been named a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Class of 1973

Roger K. Schwartzberg was elected to the Board of Certification in internal medicine of the American Academy of Osteopathic Internists.

Class of 1974

Owen Pickens has been nominated to the Board of Trustees at New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.
CLASS OF 1978

Michael D. Weiss has been appointed an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Osteopathic Medicine at MSU-COM. He and his wife are new parents to a baby girl, Emma Lauren, born May 29.

Victoria Powell was recently became a fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

CLASS OF 1979

Marlene Harvey (formerly Wagner), chairperson of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine Department of General Practice/Family Medicine, was recently promoted to associate professor. Her daughter, Ann Wagner, graduated from KCOM this year.

Ralph T. Walsh is now chief of staff of Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids, as well as residency trainer for the Department of Anesthesiology.

Patricia L. Neshfield published an article in the Journal of American Osteopathic Association in October 1989 entitled "The Impact of AIDS on a Local Health Department." She was also awarded the American Lung Association of Michigan's Clean Indoor Air Award in March for her efforts to make the Ottawa County owned and operated buildings and vehicles smoke free. In June she was elected to the board of the American Lung Association of Michigan.

Mark Sloane writes that he recently accepted a position in a five-person pediatrics practice in Kalamazoo, where he will continue to devote one quarter of his practice time to the evaluation and treatment of children with learning and attention problems.

Susan Rice and Frank Lanzilote are continuing in their eclectic practice in northwest Detroit, where they serve a patient mix of Jordanian immigrants, Central American refugees, inner-city poor, and black and white working Detroiters. They even see the occasional suburbanite. "Frank organizes softball leagues and works to maintain Rosedale/Grandmont integrated neighborhoods and still can't go to his left in basketball," Rice writes. "I have Phillip, 7, finally entering the first grade, and Ramona, 5, entering Spanish immersion school in Detroit." She said she is still living in her lifelong restoration project, a home in inner-city Detroit.

CLASS OF 1980

Mary Goldman (formerly Nissley) and her husband Jerome, announce the birth of their son Anthony Maurice Goldman, June 16. Goldman continues to work at Health Alliance Plan in Southfield.

L. Bing Uem has been senior or co-author of several articles and book chapters recently, including "Association of Bi-directional Ventricular Tachycardia with Familial Sudden Death Syndrome," in the American Journal of Cardiology, and a book chapter, "Arrhythmias and Clinical Electrophysiology of the Transplanted Human Heart" published in Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery.


CLASS OF 1981

Kathryn Henderson and Steven C. Thomas announce the birth of their new daughter Guyneth Henderson Thomas. She joins her brother Owen, 5, and sister Nora, 2.

Arthur H. Schurin writes to say he is chairperson of the department of anesthesia at Phoenix General Hospital for 1990. His son Daniel is now nearly 2 years old and doing well.

Steve Morgan writes to say he is leaving family practice to become a full-time emergency medicine physician at Traverse City Osteopathic Hospital. He writes that the move gives him more time for his family, yacht racing and nordic skiing. He adds he would be glad to hear from former classmates visiting the Traverse City area.

CLASS OF 1982

Brent Allen was recently named associate medical director of Humana Health Care Plans of Arizona and to the board of trustees of Humana Hospital. He and his wife Debbie recently shared the birth of their second daughter, Corey Frances, on April 26.
A profile of Sister Anne Brooks will appear in the September issue of Plus—The Magazine of Positive Thinking. She was one of three persons awarded the Norman Vincent Peale Award for Positive Thinking, the other two recipients being Ryan White and Ronald Reagan. She was also awarded second place in a national physician essay contest.

**CLASS OF 1983**

Steven L. Burandt and his wife Cathy L. Munro will be changing their osteopathic practice to Wheaton Medical Clinic in Wheaton, Ill.

Amis Pone and his wife Diana announce the birth of their first child, Laura Daina, June 1. Pone also recently began working at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, a Level I trauma center. He adds “Hi to all former classmates and instructors. Go green!”

**CLASS OF 1984**

Jerei Glassman, after completing a residency and a year as an attending physician at the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, D.C., will be starting a clinic at St. Mary’s Medical Center, Spine Center in San Francisco. His emphasis will be on rehabilitation medicine, OMT and acupuncture.

Ronald C. Miller has begun a year-long residency in dermatology in East Lansing.

**CLASS OF 1985**

Sandy Cifor and Mike Connor announce the birth of their daughter, Melanie Sarah. Cifor has taken a job in Hagerstown, Md., and Connor in Chambersburg, Penn. Cifor writes “Mike bought our home without my seeing it. Talk about trust!”

John N. Gietzen is currently medical director and staff physician for the Kodiak Area Native Association. He is also a commissioned officer in the Public Health Service. He is the father of two children, Kendra and Megan.

Jeffrey Sonenschein is a board certified general practitioner practicing family medicine in association with Jay Sandberg, a 1985 graduate board certified in internal medicine, in Clawson.

Peter Rink has completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. A paper he wrote on functional bracing of the anterior cruciate deficient knee was awarded first place at the Detroit Academy of Orthopedic Surgeon’s resident’s conference, won the 1988 AOAO sports medicine award and was presented at a national residents meeting in Newport Beach, Calif. He has two other papers currently accepted for publication. “Hip Instability in Spinal Cord Injury Patients” has been accepted by the Journal of Pediatric Orthopedics and “Posterolateral Fusion as Treatment of Severe Dysplastic Spondylolisthesis” has been accepted by the annual AOAO journal. Rink will move to Davenport, Iowa to practice orthopedic surgery. His wife, Miriam, will continue her work as a financial planner for IDS/American Express there.

Jaci Fitzgerald and John McMaster (COM ’86) announce the birth of their daughter Catherine Clare on Jan. 17. They are enjoying their life and practice in rural northeastern Michigan.

**CLASS OF 1986**

Malt L. Leavitt has moved to the Orlando, Fla. area with his wife, Judie, where he is setting up a practice in dermatology and plastic surgery. Leavitt writes “The big news is that we have a beautiful 16-month-old daughter Lauren,” and, he adds, a collie Alex and cat Kudo.

Debra L. Peven completed her neurology residency at Detroit’s Henry Ford Hospital in June. She will be staying on for one year to complete a fellowship in neuromuscular diseases.

Michael J. Valle has completed his residency in neurology at Garden City Osteopathic and will be entering private practice at Grandview Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. He was also awarded the Educational Resident of the Year Award by the Garden City Hospital Intern class of 1989-90.
Cathy L. Criss recently married Michael Stamper, a graduate of Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. Both have very busy practices in Mt. Clemens.

James Ploucha has joined the anesthesiology department at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. He interned at Sparrow and then completed an anesthesiology residency at Botsford Hospital, including a one-year fellowship at Children's Hospital of Michigan in pediatric anesthesiology.

Kathy Rollinger was recently selected to appear in the fifth anniversary issue of Michigan Woman magazine.


John R. Carney announces the birth of his daughter Erin Elizabeth, who turned one year old recently. Carney has also recently begun a residency in diagnostic radiology at Naval Hospital in San Diego, Calif.

CLASS OF 1987

Chuck Kowaleski writes to say he is leaving the internal medicine program at Pontiac Osteopathic to pursue a fellowship in critical care/pulmonary medicine at Detroit Medical Center. There, he will actively pursue his research in medical computer science. He writes further: "Janet and Beth (now two years old) are both doing fine despite my enforced absence. It's time to discuss a class reunion— anyone interested in helping me?"

Michael D. Dargay completed a residency in emergency medicine at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, and joined the emergency room staff as attending physician.

Brian T. Clayson completed his emergency medicine program at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids and has become emergency physician at Alpena General Hospital. He writes further that he and his wife Jeanne have two children, Allen and Chelsea.

CLASS OF 1988

David Z. Levine, currently a second-year resident in MSU-COM's Department of Family Medicine, recently published an article entitled "Interstitial Cystitis: An Overlooked Cause of Pelvic Pain," in the July issue of Postgraduate Medicine.

Sanford Vieder and his wife Carol announce the birth of their first child, Brandon Joel, on June 21. "Perhaps a future COM student?" Vieder said.

Eric Glass and his wife Sandy announce the birth of son Jeffrey Aaron, born June 30.

CLASS OF 1989

David Alvarez and Pam Rockwell, both COM '89 graduates, were married in Detroit on July 14. Alvarez will be stationed in Pensacola for nine months, during which time he will be enrolled in the Navy Flight Surgery program. The program consists of three months of flight medicine training and three months of flight training.

Alvarez is a lieutenant in the Navy and recently completed his internship at the Naval Hospital in San Diego, Calif.

Debra A. Smith has completed her internship at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Tex., and will now serve one year as general medical officer in Sinop, Turkey, before completing a general surgery residency at William Beaumont.

Daniel J. Visser writes that he, his wife, and their two children have moved to Cincinnati where Visser is beginning an anesthesiology residency at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

CLASS OF 1990

Three members of COM '90, Kelley Burnett, Carrie Bolander and Julie Johnson, recently returned from spring term elective rotations at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi.
diversified enrollment that includes African American, Native American, Hispanic and Asian American students.

Recently, concern over racist, sexist and homophobic incidents at MSU and other Michigan campuses has risen. Several highly visible incidents at MSU led administrators to look for ways to eliminate these problems. The core group is MSU-COM’s response.

“You can put out fires, but unless you can change the organizational culture, problems will continue,” Thomas said. “How do we keep these things from repeating themselves?”

The core group plan was part of the college’s initial response to the provost’s call for integration of the goals of MSU:IDEA (MSU: Institutional Diversity: Excellence In Action) in the various departments and colleges of the University. When the University began the MSU:IDEA program,” said Robert Esdale, MSU-COM administrator and core group facilitator. “members of the college administration felt the opportunity had been given them to take diversity issues beyond increased minority enrollment and special programs, and look at the deeper issues underlying cultural friction in the college community.”

“What we want to do is change the organizational culture to one that fundamentally respects diversity,” said Esdale.

“Members of the core group were recruited from all the college’s constituencies: students, faculty, staff and administrators. In addition, members represent diverse constituencies within the college including men and women, racial groups, people with disabilities and others. The goal of the group is to train members in cultural and ethnic sensitivity, to make them in turn trainers for members of their groups.

This concept of educating others from the center out is the origin of the group’s name, Esdale explained. The core of the organization is instrumental in the transformation of the organization.

Meetings of the group can be confrontational, yet at the same time supportive. Group members challenge and support each other during discussions about different groups’ concerns.

As group members become more aware of each other’s cultural backgrounds and needs, conflicts cease to be “us vs. them” and become problems shared by all.

“Sometimes people can only look at the problem as conflict, or me and them,” Thomas said. (continued on page 7)

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**MINORITY HEALTH COURSE PREMIERS WINTER TERM**

A new, three-credit course in minority health is offered for the winter 1991 term to all osteopathic, graduate and graduate health professional students.

This course, “Minority Health” (CMS-514), is the first of its kind at MSU-COM. Faculty from all of the university’s human health disciplines will provide their expertise to the examine the problems faced by minorities in Michigan and throughout the United States.

“The course will provide students the opportunity to study the wide discrepancies in mortality and morbidity rates between minorities and the white population,” said Don E. Coleman, the MSU-COM community health professor who designed the course.

Disease prevention and health promotion will be a constant theme in each of the specific course areas, which include heart disease, violence and injury, cancer, infant mortality, diabetes, substance abuse, nutrition and environmental hazards.

Coleman said that health professionals must be educated in the culturally unique health needs of minorities, as minorities are the fastest growing populations in America and the health issues that impact them are so great compared to the majority.

Coleman hopes students participating in the course will become more sensitive to the culturally different needs of the patient population and become better educators of the public, particularly minorities, on how to improve their health.

“I want to motivate students to come up with solutions, to do research,” said Coleman.

The minority health course will also be offered in 1991 spring term.
NEWS BRIEFS

FACULTY NEWS

James L. Bennett (Pharmacology and Toxicology), has been granted funding for a study, "HMC-CoA Reductase: Target for Antischistosomals," by the All-University Research Initiation Grants program.

Dorothy E. Carnegie (Internal Medicine) was elected treasurer at the annual meeting of the Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation in July.

Lynn F. Brumm, Lon A. Hoover and Margaret Aguwa, all of the department of family medicine, were inadvertently omitted from a list of MSU-COM faculty who participated in the 1990 Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons Scientific Seminar, which appeared in the June issue. Brumm and Hoover conducted a presentation for preceptors and senior partners in family medicine entitled "Osteopathic General Practice/Family Medicine Office Manipulation: A Brief Practical Review and Demonstration."

Kim Aymor has joined the staff of the Office of Continuing Medical Education as office secretary.

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY HONORED

The Colleges of Osteopathic and Human Medicine held a September reception to honor four professors, recognized as distinguished by the University.

The honored faculty included Michele M. Fluck, Ph.D., professor of microbiology and public health; John M. Hunter, Ph.D., professor of geology and community health science; E. James Patchen, M.D., professor and chairperson of radiology; and Charles C. Sweeney, Ph.D., professor of biochemistry.

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How will this diversified student body fare during their four years of study? Members of new class, concerned about the workload they face, might be heartened by a recent study of the MSU-COM students' ability to handle stress. The study, conducted by MSU faculty, Margot E. Kurtz, Ph.D., Richard D. Paulsen, Ed.D., and Daniel Ferguson, Ph.D., and published in the July issue of the Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, showed that most students handle the stress well and successfully keep themselves physically and psychologically healthy.

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One area I want to enhance is our relationship with MSU-COM. After all, we're on the same team. Our goals are the same."

He added he had a natural bias toward his alma mater. When asked about medical schools by those considering osteopathic medicine as a career, he said MSU-COM is always his first choice.

"My education was strong at MSU-COM and I built on it. I think they prepared me very well."

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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

TUTORIAL ON LEVEL II CRANIOSACRAL TECHNIQUES
October 31-November 4, 1990

To review in detail cranial anatomy and specific corrective techniques for complex articul ar restrictions; to learn soft tissue corrective techniques for membranous strain patterns; to discuss problems including TMJ, pediatric problems, entrapment syndromes, functional anatomy, treatment procedures. Faculty includes Barbara Briner, D.O., chairperson. Principles of Manual Medicine and Level I Craniosacral Technique are prerequisites. Limited enrollment. 40 hours AOA Category I credit. Sponsored by the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. Cost is $1,000; physicians in training, $500. Includes continental breakfast and lunch daily, plus course materials.

TUTORIAL ON JOINT PLAY APPLIED TO THE SPINE AND EXTREMITIES
November 5-9, 1990

A five-day intensive course in the application of joint play diagnostic and therapeutic techniques to the vertebral column, upper and lower extremities. Faculty includes John Mennell, M.D., chairperson; Allen Jacobs, D.O., Ph.D. To be held at Doubletree at Randolph Park, Tucson, Arizona. Prerequisite training in Principles of Manual Medicine is required. Limited enrollment. 32 hours Category I credit. Sponsored by the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine and College of Human Medicine. Cost is $800; physicians in training, $400. Includes continental breakfast and lunch daily.

THE 14TH ANNUAL PEDIATRICS SEMINAR
November 17, 1990

A one-day course focusing on common problems in office pediatrics. Course co-chairpersons are Merrilee Okey, D.O., and Kenneth Mahoney, D.O. To be held at the MSU Kellogg Center. 6.5 hours of AOA Category I credit. Sponsored by the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Department of Pediatrics. Cost is $100 for physicians, $50 residents and inters, free for students. Includes continental breakfast and luncheon (except for students). For more information, contact office of CME, (517) 353-9714.

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"We have to get beyond that."

Thomas sees the formation of the core group as central to the transformation of the college's organizational culture. By establishing rapport among members of the group, the process of establishing such rapport in the college as a whole will begin.

"In order for it to work we have to be united," Thomas said. "All of these people are committed to bringing unity to the college."

Part of the advantage of extending this unity throughout the college is how the new organizational culture will enhance the training of osteopathic physicians. The process will enable COM to produce more humane physicians, "healers in the profound sense of the word," Thomas said.

Do you have news for Communique? Have new faculty members joined your department? Have you published a paper, given a presentation, received an award? Do you have news of interest to your former classmates? Let us know!

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The Class of 1980 held their 10-year reunion on October 6, in conjunction with the Scientific Alumni Seminar and MSU-Iowa football weekend. Following the game, the 1980 class reminisced at a reception at the Kellogg Center.

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