

Historical Happenings

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Society Presents Workshops at APAP

By: Pam Scott

One might expect that most PA programs have a tremendous amount of materials that are relevant to the history of our profession. However, most programs do not possess the knowledge or resources to undertake the task of archiving these materials for future reference.

Therefore, the Society launched a series of workshops to assist faculty with these tasks as well as stimulate interest in the preservation of historical documents.

The first was held at the APAP Educational Forum in Nashville, TN, in November 2004.

The Society's Director, Dr. Carter, introduced the session by discussing the importance of capturing and retaining our institutional histories.

A few of the reasons he emphasized included assisting others to understand our origins and his-



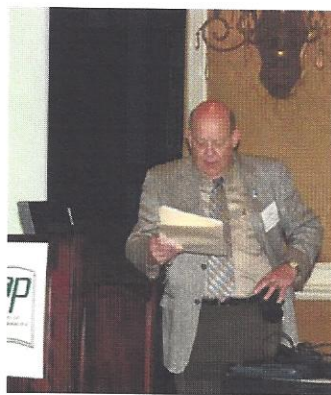
SPPAHx archivist, Mira Waller, conducts workshop at APAP

torical roots, providing a timeline of key events that shape our history, and impacting future decision making.

Ms. Waller's hands-on workshop provided participants with a basic understanding of the practices and procedures involved in the selecting, acquiring, arranging, describing, and preserving archives.

Ms. Waller will be presenting a second work-

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Dr. Carter introduces the workshop

SPPAHx and APAP team up for an on-line history program

By: Pam Scott

One of the earliest dreams of the Society has been to develop a course for PA students on the history of the profession. Thanks to a grant from APAP, this dream will soon become a reality.

The first phase of the project is to conduct a survey of the current PA programs to determine

how they are currently meeting the ARC-PA standard of providing the history of the profession as part of their curriculum and what their needs are regarding this requisite.

The second phase will be the actual development of an on-line history program. Dr. Carter in conjunction with staff and SPPAHx President Dennis

Blessings and Director Carl Fasser will be responsible for the actual course development.

Faculty will then be able to utilize all or part of this curriculum to teach the profession's history to their students.

Please let Mr. Fasser or Dr. Carter know if you have any suggestions.

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Upcoming events:

AAPA Annual Conference
Orlando, FL
May 28-June 2, 2005

APAP Semi-Annual Meeting
Orlando, FL
May 26-29, 2005

SPPAHx AAPA Workshop
Orlando, FL
May 29, 2005 @ 11:30 AM
Room W22A, The OCCO

SPPAHx Committee Meetings
Orlando, FL
May 30, 2005 @ 1:00 PM
Florida 2, The Peabody Hotel

SPPAHx Board of Meeting
Orlando, FL
May 30, 2005 @ 2:45 PM
Florida 2, The Peabody Hotel

SPPAHx General Membership Meeting
Orlando, FL
May 30, 2005 @ 4:00 PM
Florida 2, The Peabody Hotel

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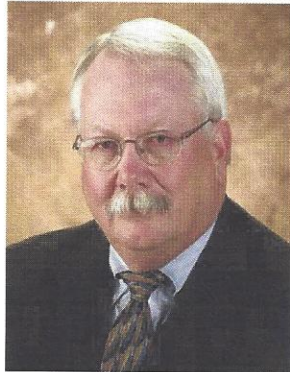
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President's Perspective.....Don't Throw It Away!



J. Dennis Blessing, PHD, PA-C
 President

I was recently working on a research project with a faculty member and we needed some data and a class picture from the mid 1970s. We did an extensive search for the data and only found a limited amount on our topic. Disappointing, but not surprising. What really surprised us was the difficulty in locating a picture. We wanted a specific type of class picture and contacted

several of our state programs and found that, either they did not take pictures of the type or that they could not find one. People could remember the picture, but did not know where it was.

This points to one of the problems of maintaining an accurate historical record. Things that seemed trivial or unimportant 20 or 30 years ago now become desirable. We all have "stuff." Most of it is probably of interest or importance only to us, but, as George Carlin said, it is our "stuff." I know that every time I move, I throw stuff away. When we have our annual house cleaning, my wife and I throw stuff away.

One of the things that have happened to me since becoming active with the Society is that I now look at my stuff in a different light.

Before I throw anything away that is related to my PA education and career, I

ask myself "Is there any possibility that this could have some historical importance?" Usually the answer is "No." But you never know, unless you ask.

So, as you go through your "stuff," particularly that related to being a physician assistant, consider its historical importance. You may well have documents, objects, or pictures that are unique. All of us can contribute to the building of our PA history. Before that "stuff" goes in the trash, contact the PA History Society office and check to see if it is something that we could use in our collection. Your contribution is important and useful to our historical record. You may well have something that may be important in a future research project on our profession.

Workshops...

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 at the APAP Meeting held in conjunction with the AAPA meeting in Orlando, FL, on Sunday, May 29, 2005. It is entitled "The ABC's of Preserving Your Archival Materials".

It will provide a hands-on basic understanding of the fundamental issues, concepts, and methods surrounding the preservation of archival materials.

We hope to see you there!

**Please visit SPPAHx at Booth #1533
 May 31-June 1, 2005
 while at the AAPA Annual Conference
 in Orlando, FL**



We'll have a special surprise just for you!

Physics and Physician Assistants?

By: *Reginald Carter*

Other than sharing the first six letters (Physic) of our name, what does one have to do with the other? The American Institute of Physics (AIP) supports a Center for History of Physics that includes the Niels Bohr Library, the Emilio Segrè Visual Archives and a special archival collection that includes manuscripts, oral histories, and transcripts, films (video) and other materials documenting the 19th and 20th centuries' history of physics and allied sciences. The AIP administrative offices, Center and Library are located on a 17 acre campus in

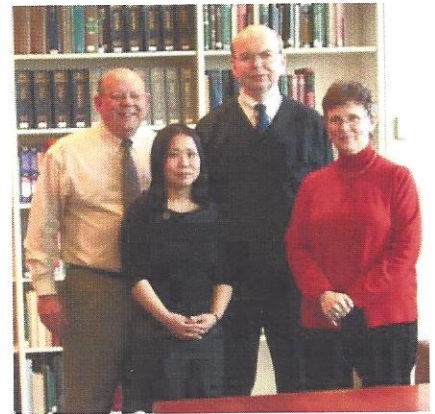
College Park, MD.

The connection between them and us is that the Center's mission and Website validated Dr. Carter's vision of a Physician Assistant History Center to study, preserve and present the history of our unique profession.

While in the Washington area, Mira Waller and Dr. Carter visited the staff of the Center for History of Physics, Neils Bohr Library and Archives. They met in the morning with Joe Anderson, Associate Director and Head of the Library, to learn more about the

Center's development, support structure, copyright and use of information policies, scope of materials being maintained, metadata, finding aids and an International Catalog of Sources (ICS) for the history of physics and allied sciences. Katherine Hayes, Associate Archivist, provided a tour of the facilities and archives and an opportunity to meet with Jennifer Sullivan, photographic archivist, Emilio Segrè Visual Archives.

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(left to right) Reg Carter, Mira Waller, Joe Anderson and Katherine Hayes at the Neils Bohr Library

ADVANCE to feature PA History

By: *Pam Scott*

In January of this year, the SPPAHx board approved a proposal with *Advance for Physician Assistants* to commence publishing a regular feature on PA history. Each installment will contain a photograph from the Center's archives, text to describe the image, and information on the SPPAHx. This year the feature will appear quarterly. If the response is positive, the installments could be increased to monthly for next year.

The first installment appeared in the March 2005 issue. It featured a

photograph of the original AAPA display at the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina in 1970.

The same motion expressed the board's appreciation to the

publishers of *Advance* for PAs for their willingness to publish the feature as well as their support of our mission.

Thanks guys!



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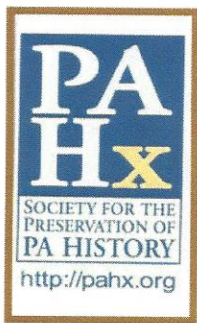
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Executive Directions...

Executive Directions: On the Road Again...

By: Reginald Carter

I love talking about physician assistants and their history. Since June 2004, I've had the opportunity to speak on four college campuses to PA students and faculty about their heritage and roots. One more college campus visit is coming up in April. Then there are the APAP and AAPA meetings where we exhibit and have the opportunity to discuss and reminisce about the "good ole days" with both "seasoned" and "unseasoned" PA colleagues. As part of our on-going attempts to locate archival material, Mira Waller, our archivist, and I have had the privilege over the past few months to conduct follow up phone interviews with individuals all over the country. Some times we get side-tracked and begin "swapping stories" about events and people that



The SPPAHx "History Machine"

helped shape our profession. When the phone rings, I never know who might be on the other end... someone that I haven't spoken to in years, a voice from the past, wanting to drop by for a visit or learn more about what we are doing and to find out how they can help.

Like CBS Correspondent, Charles Kuralt, who crisscrossed America looking for interesting stories to air as part of his "On the Road Again" segment for the evening news, I sometime wish we had funds to purchase a TV News Van and hit the road, looking for archival materials, conducting historic interviews and videotaping PAs in action. We could scan important documents and photo-

graphs on-site and beam them to our home base to add to our digital collection. We could visit PA college campuses to tell students how their profession came into being and how it has changed with time. They could be shown 3-dimensional exhibits highlighting major events in their history.

Alas, there is still much to do at home; perhaps some other day when the cost of gasoline is not too high. With the Internet, it is possible to be "on the road" and do many of the things mentioned above. Our challenge will be to develop the type of networks (relationships) necessary to accomplish our mission without ever having to leave home.

We want to hear from you.....

- What do you think of the newsletter format?
- What other topics should be covered?
- What exhibits do you feel we are missing?
- Were you involved in making PA History?
- Do you have materials to donate?
- What is your big PA historical question?

Contact Us at:
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"PA Scramble" Answers (from back cover)

Names Row I: Estes, Stead, Myers, Smith
Names Row II: Silver, Sadler, Johnson, Hudson
Riddle Answer: "It's all in your head!"

New biography added to web site

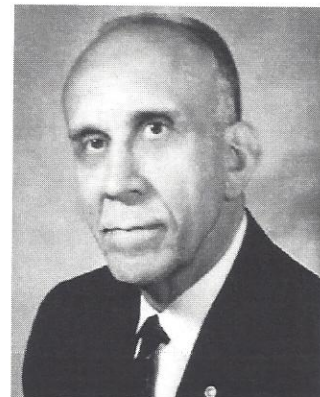
By: Pam Scott

Hu Crim Myers, MD, is the latest individual to have his biographical data posted on the PA History Center's web-site.

Dr. Hu (as he was affectionately known by staff, students, and patients alike) established the first baccalaureate degree program for PAs at Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, WV in 1968. He served as the PA program's medical director from its inception until he retired in 1977.

Additionally, Dr. Hu was considered to be a surgeon of the highest caliber. He established the Myers Clinic-Hospital in Philippi, WV, along with his father, Dr. J.W. Myers and his brother, Dr. Karl Myers. Dr. Hu also held state related offices, and developed the first degree granting nursing program in West Virginia and other allied health programs at Alderson-Broaddus.

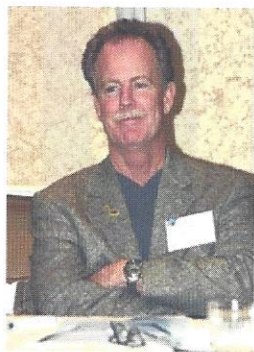
Learn more about Dr. Hu Myers by reading his complete biography on the web site at <http://pahx.org/society>.



Dr. Hu Crim Myers



Dr. Hu in surgery



Don Pederson

Membership Update

By: Pam Scott

According to the latest statics from the office of the SPPAHx, membership numbers now total 650.

This number includes 474 active members, 109 inactive members, and 67 sponsors.

The 67 sponsors are made up of 56 educational programs, 5 student societies, 5 state organizations, and 1 corporate sponsor.

Membership committee chairperson, Don Pederson, reported that he and his committee are exploring various avenues to significantly increase all membership categories. Additionally, they are also exploring the establishment of an honorary category of membership.

If you are not yet a member, please sign up today at:

<http://pahx.org/society>

Board member puts forward membership challenge

By: Pam Scott

Currently the SPPAHx has 474 active members. Each and every one of those members is very important to us. Their dues dollars, donations of both time and materials enable us to continue to work on the important task of preserving the history of our wonderful profession. However, twice as many members would mean that we could do twice as much.

I challenge each and every member of the SPPAHx to bring in another member this year.

Please accept my challenge and help our society grow. As PAs we all should be concerned about preserving our history because as author, Robert Anson Heinlein said, "**A generation which ignores history has no past and no future.**"

The SPPAHx loves and appreciates all our members! Thank-you!



Pam Scott

Web Site Stats for Fourth Quarter 2004

Total successful hits 264,147
 Total pages viewed 26, 833
 Total documents viewed 22,585
 Number of visits15,104
 Number of unique visitors 5,751
 Repeat visitors 4,477
 Cost to the society Priceless



Mira Waller, MLS
PA Hx Center Archivist

Editor's note: Starting with this issue, The Archivist's Corner, is going to be a regular feature in Historical Happenings. It is written by the PA Hx Center's Archivist, Mira Waller, and will contain useful information on the archiving process.

Learn more about the
SPPAHX and PA History at:

<http://pahx.org>

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For more information on the AIP Center for the History of Physics, check out their website at:
<http://www.aip.org/history/ctrbro.htm>

The Archivist's Corner....You are what you save

By: Mira Waller

Any physician assistant (PA) who has ever been active in an organization's committee, participated in a meeting, or worked on a group project knows that newsletters and published annual reports do little to explain the reasons and thought processes behind key decisions and major priority shifts. Although the "published item" provides a conclusion, it does not supply us with the steps leading to that conclusion. The crucial processes, motivations, setbacks, and steps linking original ideas and concepts to their final products are found in the unpublished, informal documents generated by PAs, PA organizations and associations, and PA programs.

Historians and other researchers are often frustrated by the lack and loss of useful materials that could have immensely aided them in

understanding and illuminating a particular historical event. In fact, what we think of as history is only a story, told from the viewpoint of the storyteller with the information available. In order to ensure that an accurate history of the PA profession is told we need to begin actively saving those materials which tell the PA story, not only the positive conclusions, but the struggles, arguments, and wrong turns.

The range and types of materials, which archivists and historians seek, often amaze people. Major categories include personal and professional papers, administrative records of organizations, associations, and programs, and 3-D artifacts such as uniforms or badges. In terms of individuals, key materials to save include: letters and correspondence (including email, printed out if possible), diaries

and scrapbooks, non-published writings, photographs and photo albums, video and audiotapes, and biographical materials. In regards to organizations and programs, key materials to save include grant applications, minutes, memos, administrative files, reports, legal and policy records, membership lists, brochures and pamphlets, and correspondence (including email).

Try to keep the materials in the order that they were originally kept while being used. While all of the items that you accumulate may not ultimately be saved, remember that the history of the PA profession consists of more than just the "old", the "famous", or the "leaders." The stories that are told about PAs will be a direct reflection of the materials and items, which you and others in this profession save.

Physics....

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Although the Center archives materials for the AIP and nine aligned societies and organizations, the staff's primary role is to identify external collections and help others preserve and house these materials for research and scholarly purposes. Unlike special collection staff elsewhere,

who measure success by the linear feet of material added to their collections, the AIP staff rejoices in processing and sending materials to other repositories, keeping the growth of their own collection at a minimum.

The SPPAHx would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the following PA organizations for their generous and continued support:

AAPA
APAP
NCCPA
NCAPA

Searching for Hidden Treasure

By: *Reginald Carter and
Mira Waller*

Snow was in the forecast as we drove into Alexandria, VA on Sunday February 27th for a Monday and Tuesday visit to the AAPA and APAP national offices. We were there to look for materials that might shed light on the early development of the two organizations and the physician assistant concept in general. The snow came but did not deter Kevin Bayes, AAPA Assistant Director, Information Services, from meeting us and showing us 36 boxes to go through. Some of the materials originated in Okalahoma and other items were sent by prior presidents of the AAPA. There were also nine boxes containing various types of media. On the shelves were agenda books for Board of Directors and the House of Delegates meetings. A major treasure find was files compiled in the early 1970's that contained correspondence with and materials from the

American Association of Physicians Assistants (AAPA), the National Association of Physicians Assistants (NAPA) and the American College of Physician Assistants (ACPA), other organizations that represented PAs in the early days.

The next day we were warmly greeted by Eileen Evans, APAP Administrator, who helped us go through file cabinets and materials located on shelves including meeting books, minutes, annual reports and so forth. She obtained for us a list of boxes maintained in storage that might also contain historic materials. Timi Agar-Barwick, APAP Executive Director, met with us later in the day and discussed an opportunity for us to go through "stored boxes" of materials this summer prior to APAP's move from the AAPA building to new offices in town.

The following week, we were off to Georgia to visit the NCCPA and ARC-PA national offices. Sheila



Dr. Carter and Mira Waller searching file drawer at the APAP National Office for Hidden Treasures

Mauldin, NCCPA Governance Administrator, introduced us to staff and then showed us "unclassified" materials that she has saved over the years and is in the process of organizing into files. She welcomed suggestions on the best way to store materials and to organize the collection.

We were joined by Janet Lathrop, NCCPA President and John McCarty, ARC-PA ARC-PA Executive Director for lunch to continue our discussion about preserving

and organizing archival materials.

A brief report of our findings and suggestions will be sent to each organization and continued contact will be maintained in the coming months to help each organization determine what should be saved, how best to preserve and cataloged it for future reference. We appreciate the hospitality and support extended to us during our visits.

Society features displays at APAP Conference

By: *Pam Scott*

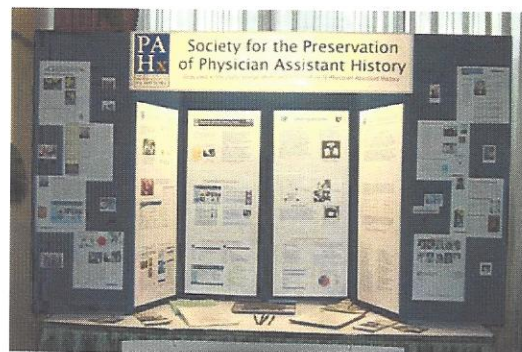
The SPPAHx displayed again this year at the APAP Educational Forum held in Nashville, TN, in November 2004.

Working in shifts during the event, the majority of the Society's board members assisted in the endeavor and contributed

to its success.

Information was distributed regarding the organization, membership, and how to donate materials. Additionally, specific historical questions were answered.

The ability to display at these events provides the SPPAHx with increased visibility.



SPPAHx Display at APAP Educational Forum

Think you know everything there is to know about PAs? Test you "PA IQ" here.

Directions: Each of the following contains four words or phrases; select the one that does not belong and why.

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|---|--|---|
| 1. Duke University
Univ. of Washington
Bowman Gray
Univ. of TX, Galveston | Rockefeller Foundation
Robert Wood Johnson
Foundation | 11. The PA Journal
Health Practitioner
Physician Associate
Advance for Physician
Assistants |
| 2. PA Today
Newline for PAs
Physician Assistant
JAAPA | 7. Loretta Ford
Henry Silver
Thelma Engles
Board of Directors of the
National League
of Nursing | 12. Thomas Piemme
Robert Jewett
Frances Horvath
Jesse Edwards |
| 3. Mississippi
Missouri
Louisiana
Ohio | 8. Externes
Syniatrist
Flexner
Junior Doctor | 13. Ann Elderkin
Paul Lombardo
John Byrnes
James Konopa |
| 4. James Cawley
Richard Rohrs
Tony Miller
Reggie Carter | 9. Eugene Stead
Richard Smith
Hu C. Myers
Charles Hudson | 14. Don Pederson
Dennis Blesssing
Gloria Stewart
David Asprey |
| 5. Univ. of North Dakota
Dartmouth Med. School
Howard University
Univ. of California,
Los Angeles | 10. American Association of
Physician Assistants
National Association of
Physician Assistants
American College of
Physician Assistants
National College of
Physician Associates | 15. William Stanhope
Roger Whittaker
Don Fischer
Alfred Sadler |
| 6. Josiah Macy, Jr.
Foundation
Carnegie Foundation | | 16. William Stanhope
Glen Combs
Ron Nelson
R. Scott Chavez |

To determine your "PA IQ" see the next page for scoring

- 17. Bruce Fichalander
Tom Lemley
Randy Bundschu
Sue Reich
- 18. Steve Crane
Marilyn Fitzgerald
F. Lynn May
Peter Rosenstein
- 19. San Antonio
St. Louis
New Orleans
Boston
- 20. Dallas
San Antonio
Houston
Sheppard Air Force

Answers

- 1. University of Washington School of Medicine – the other three were the original creators of the American Registry of Physician's Associates which constructed the first certification process
- 2. JAAPA – the other three PA journals are no longer published
- 3. Ohio—the other three states do not cover PAs in their Medicaid programs
- 4. Richard Rohrs—the other three are past APAP Presidents
- 5. UCLA—the other three were MEDEX programs
- 6. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation—the other three supplied funding for the to establish the PA program at Duke University
- 7. Henry Silver – the others were nurses who played important roles in establishing the PA profession
- 8. Junior doctor – the other three were names that were initially considered for the PA profession
- 9. Charles Hudson – the other three physicians actually stared some of the earliest PA programs
- 10. National College of Physician Associates – the other three were early PA professional organizations that united under the AAPA in the early 1970's
- 11. Advance for PAs – the other three journals were actually AAPA's 'official' journals
- 12. Jesse Edwards—the other three APAP presidents were physicians
- 13. John Byrnes – the other three PAF presidents were also AAPA presidents
- 14. David Asprey – the other three APAP presidents are on the SPPAHx BOD
- 15. Roger Whittaker – the other three were the first presidents of PA organizations (AAPA;PAF; and APAP)
- 16. R. Scott Chavez – the other three AAPA presidents served two terms
- 17. Bruce Fichandler—the other three AAPA speakers never served as AAPA president
- 18. Marilyn Fitzgerald—the other the were/are AAPA EVPs
- 19. New Orleans – the other three cities only hosted the AAPA annual conference twice; 2003 was the Academy's fourth time in New Orleans
- 20. Dallas—the other three sites listed in Texas have been locations of AAPA conferences

Thank-you!

The Society would like to thank all of our members, sponsors, and supporters. Without you, we could not do our important work!



What's in those boxes in your basement?

By: Pam Scott

For whatever reason, the desire for nostalgia, the love of family and friends, growing up without having much, hectic schedules, or procrastination, the majority of us 'baby boomers' are 'pack rats'. Therefore, our closets, attics, basements, and anywhere else we could put boxes are crammed full.

Some would argue (and your spouse is probably the most vocal) that these contain nothing but garbage. However, what is one man's trash is another man's treasures.

And I am willing to bet that all of us have old documents, photos, certificates, souvenirs, etc. in those boxes that would indeed be 'treasures' to the SPPAHx.

Therefore, I ask you to sort through those boxes and bring your treasures with you to the SPPAHx booth (#1533) at the AAPA Annual Conference in Orlando. While they last, we will have a special historical gift for any donor.

The SPPAHx (and your spouse) thank-you!



NYSSPA leaders and spouses at the 1981 AAPA Conference in San Diego, CA.



1980-81 AAPA House Officers



Then, SAAAPA Secretary, Bill Kohlhepp at 1977 CCOW



Then, Immediate Past President, Paul Moson, at the 1975 HOD



Then President-elect, Sherri Stuart, (Left) presenting Pam Scott the AAPA Outstanding PA of the Year Award in 1991



AAPA VP, Marilyn Fitzgerald (Front row far right), with members of the 1979-80 AAPA Board of Directors



Then President, Ron Rosenberg, escorting then first lady, Rosslyn Carter, at the 1980 Annual AAPA Conference

Scoring for "PA IQ":

Score one point for each correct selection. Score two points for each correct rationale.

- 51-60 You either need to get a life or you cheated!
- 41-50 You either are a PA educator responsible for the introduction to the PA profession course or you would make one terrific instructor for it!
- 31-40 Your knowledge of the PA profession isn't the greatest; however, this percentage correct on the PANRE would probably still be passing!
- 21-30 Hopefully your medical knowledge is greater than your PA history knowledge!
- <20 You either aren't a PA or you are suffering from Alzheimer's disease!

A very special thanks-you to Ms. Marilyn Fitzgerald, VP AAPA, for providing these photos.

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organizational supporters!**

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Drexel University
Central Michigan University
Duke University
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One Person Can Make a Difference....

By: Reginald Carter

John McElligott, MD, FACP is medical director and owner of Occupation Health Systems in Knoxville, TN. Although a successful physician, John has never forgotten his roots as a physician assistant that began with his graduation from Duke in 1974 and his early involvement as a student leader of the SAAAPA. Given his past generosity, high energy level and love for PAs, it was natural for Dr. Carter to call John when the opportunity came about for the Society to occupy space in the Eugene Stead, Jr. Center being built by the NCAPA in the Research Triangle Park situated between Raleigh-Durham, NC.

As they say, timing is everything. John was in the process of establishing a charitable trust called the Blue Devil

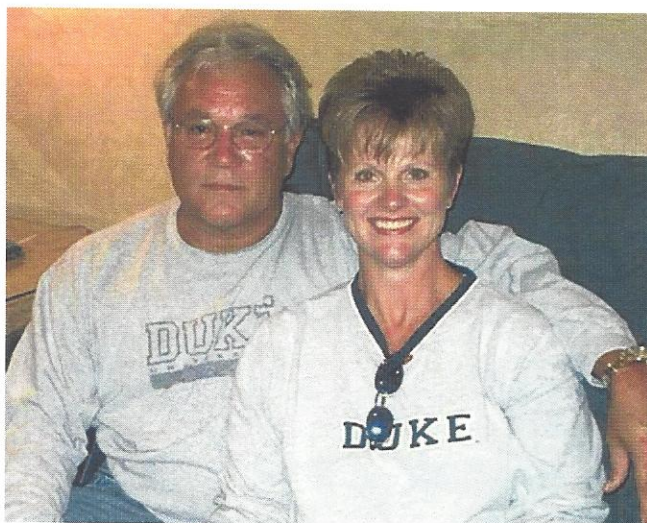
Fund and indicated that he would write into the charter that the funds would support the preservation of PA history, scholarships, and research. He agreed to ear-mark funds to underwrite the lease agreement with the NCAPA for three years. This would allow the Society to grow membership to the point of becoming more self-reliant financially. In addition, John offered his personal contacts and financial backing to establish a major fundraising strategy for the Society in support of its mission through the PA History Center. "We will not be here for ever," John said to Reg, "and it is important that the Society has an endowment to carry on the work after we are

gone." Dennis Blessing, SPPAHx President, asked former Society president, Jeff Heinrich, to head up a task force including Ron Nelson, Ruth Ballweg, himself and Glen Combs, treasurer, to work with John on future fundraising plans.

"John's generosity, support and interest validate that old cliché that 'one man can make a difference'," Carter says. "I wish we had 100 more just like him, so much more could be done. A team can accomplish more than one person, but even a team needs a champion and pace-setter."

Please feel free to contact Dr. Carter at pahx@mc.duke.edu to discuss any ideas for donations you have.

**The SPPAHx
Board of Directors
extends our
sincerest thanks
to Dr. McElligott
for his generosity
and support.**



Dr. John McElligott and his wife, Lisa, during a recent visit to Duke

SPPAHx and history center to move

By: Pam Scott

The SPPAHx and PA History Center have had the generous support of the Department of Community and Family Medicine (PA Division) at Duke University School of Medicine for four years. It is now time to begin the process of moving our administrative base of operation away from Duke to reasonable office space in the vicinity.

As reported in the last news-letter, the NCAPA (North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants) are constructing a building to honor Dr. Eugene Stead, Jr. It is designed to perpetuate his vision and will serve as a resource not only for PAs in NC, but through entire the Country.

At the Board of Directors held during the APAP Educational Forum, in November 2005, the board approved a motion to permit staff to negotiate a contract with the NCAPA for said office space.

After minor adjustments were made to the original proposal, the board asked Dr. Carter to negotiate a three year contract with the NCAPA to lease office space.

The PA History Center's "corner" in the NCAPA Building is shown in the attached blue-print. The outside entrance is labeled 7, and the offices 8 & 9. The society and center will have access and usage of "share space" consisting of an archival room, reading room, rest rooms and workroom.

Dr. Reginald Carter sees the move into the Stead

Center as a major step the development of the Society and its PA History Center. "The facilities provide us an opportunity to exhibit, hold conferences and teach PA and others about the history of the PA profession. I'm amazed at how parallel developments often form symbiotic relationships that bring added value to each entity. This is a good example of that type of occurrence."

President Blessings is also excited about the move and has the following to say, "The agreement with the NCAPA gives us a home base and more of an identity as an organization. This is a start for us and we will grow and develop as an organization and PA resource from this base."

The NCAPA looks at this as more than a business deal. According to their treasurer, Paul Hendrix, "We look forward to providing a home for the Society in our new building.

It seems natural to have the Society and the Stead Center in the same building.

One dedicated to studying our past to help us better understand our future and the other to make the most of future opportunities for PAs."

The building is scheduled for completion this summer and the history office is planning on moving in this fall.

Financial support for the first three years is going to be provided through the generosity of Dr. John McElligott (Please see related article on page 12.)



Artistic rendering of new NCAPA building, slated to open August 2005.

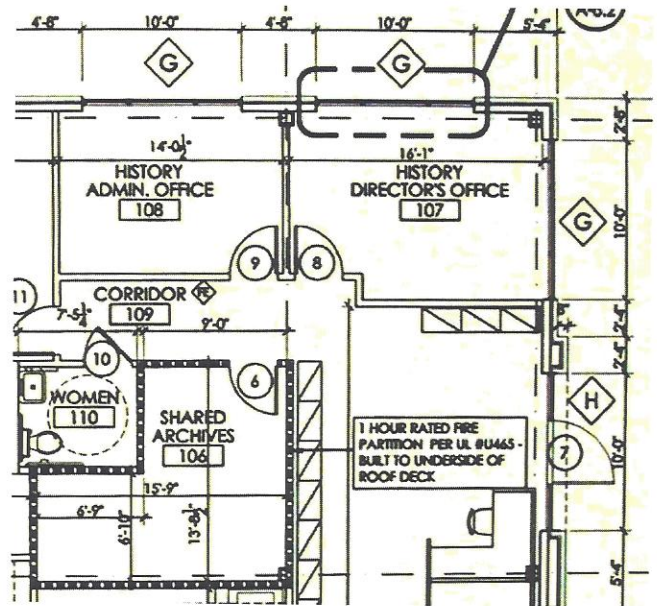


Diagram depicting SPPAHx's location in the Stead Center



Society's BOD member, Pam Scott, visits with Dr. Stead during the ground breaking ceremonies last spring.

PA Scramble

Unscramble the following letters to form the names of individuals who had a significant impact on the development of the PA profession. Then use the letters that appear in the circles to unscramble the answer to the riddle.

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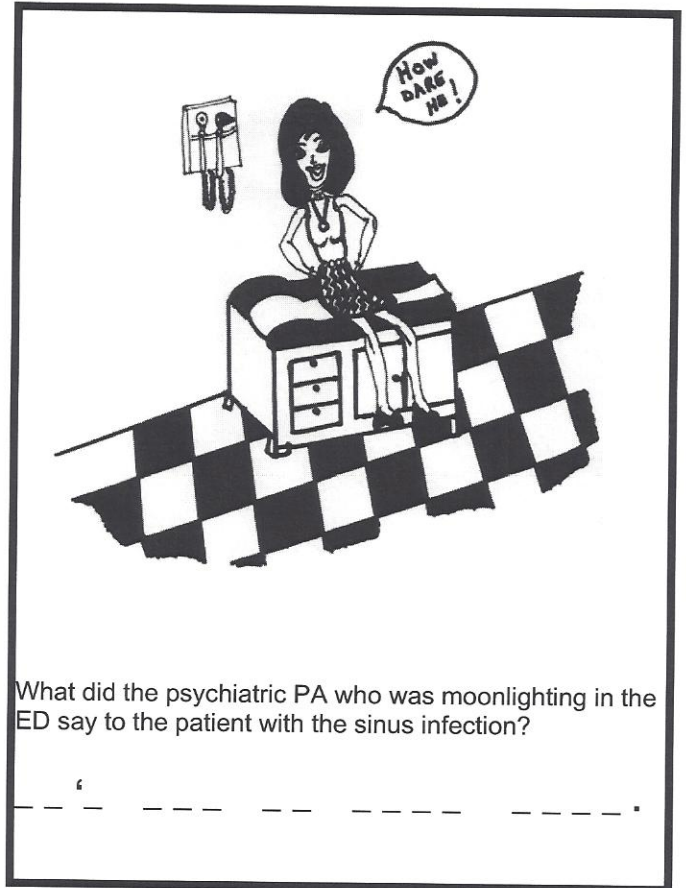
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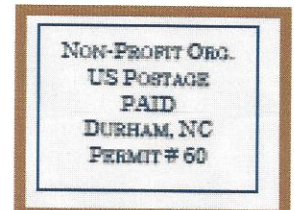
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The quiz answers for photographs show on page 14 are:

- A. Ron Rosenberg
- B. Bill Kohlhepp
- C. Marshal Sinback
- D. Carl Fasser
- E. Joyce Nicholas
- F. Glen Combs
- G. Bill Hughes
- H. Gail Hirschbein
- I. Jeff Heinrich
- J. Reggie Carter