

Historical Happenings

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This issue of Historical Happenings is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Eugene Stead, founder of the PA profession

PA Community Mourns Death of Dr. Eugene Stead

By: Pam Scott

Despite his advanced age, most everyone was shaken by the sudden death of Dr. Eugene Stead.

Dr. Stead died in his sleep at his lake home in Bullock, NC, on June 12, 2005, at the age of 96.

He was internationally respected as a physician, educator, clinical scientist, and administrator. However, his most significant contribution to medicine was the founding of the PA profession.

Many felt that it was his childhood experiences that contributed to his success as a physician enabling him to be very compassionate and to focus not on the disease, but on the patient with the disease. He truly believed in patient-centered health care.

SPPAHx President, Ruth Ballweg, had the following to say regarding Dr. Stead's death. "We are all saddened by the loss

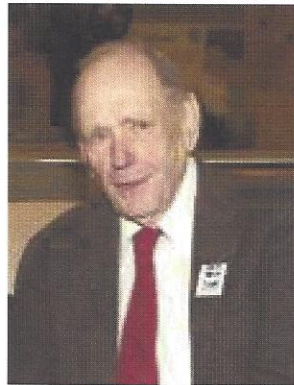
of Dr. Eugene Stead and extend our sympathy to his family and to all of our colleagues in North Carolina and at Duke who knew him so well.

I was fortunate to meet him several times and talk with him personally. It was always thrilling to see the tremendous commitment he had to all of us as physician assistants.

Here at the Society, we owe Dr. Stead a special thanks for his significant financial contribution to formally begin our work.

At our last board meeting we voted to grant the first Honorary Memberships to Dr. Stead, Dr. Richard Smith and Dr. Harvey Estes as the living founders of the physician assistant profession.

For me, the passing of Dr. Stead emphasizes the urgent need we have to be sure the early leaders of the PA profession are



Dr. Eugene Stead

recognized and remembered through active history projects at PA programs and constituent chapters. Throughout the US there are many other physician and physician assistants who also were instrumental in bringing us to where we are now. I urge each of you to make your own list of potential honorees and then to work to support their recognition!"

SPPAHx presents second workshop for APAP

By: Pam Scott

During the APAP semi-annual meeting held in conjunction with the AAPA Annual Conference in Orlando, FL, SPPAHx archivist, Mira, Waller, again provided a workshop to program faculty.

This workshop gave participants a basic understanding of the fundamental concepts,

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Assessing Condition of Materials Considered for Archives; L-R, Bill Tozier, Ruth Ballweg and Rod Hooker

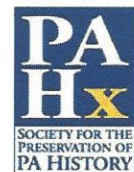
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Upcoming events:

Board of Directors Meeting & APAP Educational Forum
Las Croabas, Puerto Rico
November 2-6, 2005

AAPA Annual Conference
San Francisco, CA
May 27-June 1, 2006



President's Perspective...

Where do we need to go from here?

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SPPAHx President, 2005-06

I feel honored to be chosen to serve as President of the Society for the Preservation of PA History for the coming year and look forward to your expanded involvement!

Now that we have the infrastructure of the Society well established, we want to develop ongoing history activities in constituent chapters as well as in PA programs.

SPPAHx workshop...

(Continued from page 1)
issues, and methods surrounding preservation of archival materials.

Following a brief introduction to these key areas, participants were provided with "archival collections" to examine, discuss, and evaluate that illustrated primary decisions made during the preservation process.

Most programs, organizations, and individuals

In order to accomplish this we'd like to see: (1) society membership for all AAPA chapters, special interest groups and caucuses; (2) membership for all PA programs and student academies not currently enrolled; (3) the designation of an "historian" in all member organizations; (4) the availability of increased guidance from our archivist on categorization and archiving of historical materials; (5) the sharing of planning and implementation activities for history project "works in progress"; and (6) the development of new linkages with other historical organizations and museums sharing our mission of preserving the history of medicine. As you can see, there's a lot to do!

If you haven't done so recently, check out the Society's web site and share it with your colleagues. It seems as though there's often something new!

All of us on the board want to remind you that the Society for the Preservation of PA History belongs to all of us. The plan is not to ship all of our valuable historical materials to North Carolina; instead we want each member organization to catalog and preserve their own historical materials which will be listed on the Society data base for access by everyone! This is a very exciting time!



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

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New Board Elected During General Membership Meeting

By: Pam Scott

One of the main activities that occurred at the SPPAHx General Membership Meeting, held in conjunction with the 33rd. Annual AAPA Conference in Orlando, was the election of new members to the Board of Directors.

Ron Nelson, chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, put forth a slate of candidates that were previously approved by the Society's board of directors. Receiving no nominations from the floor, the slate was elected by acclamation.

Glen Combs was re-elected to a second term as the Society's treasurer. The new president-elect is Pam Moyers Scott. And both James Cawley and Libby Coyte were elected as board members-at-large.

They will be joining the remaining board of director members, President Ruth Ballweg, Immediate Past President J. Dennis Blessings, Secretary Gloria Stewart, and Members-at-large, Randy Danielson and Carl Fasser.



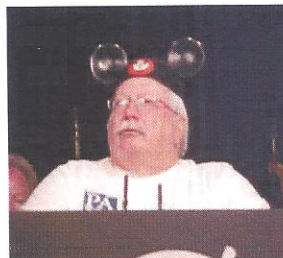
2005-06 Board Members present at the meeting included: (left to right) Cawley, Blessings, Ballweg, Carter (executive director), Scott, Coyte, Fasser, and Jordan.

"PA Historiteers" Present at Orlando HOD

By: Pam Scott

What would a trip to Orlando be like without some Disney presence? Although the original Mouseketeers weren't able to attend the AAPA meeting, the 2005 House of Delegates witnessed the "PA Historiteers" debut at the 2005 House of Delegates.

Head "PA Historiteer", Dennis Blessing, then president of the SPPAHx, addressed the group. He stated, "We are very grateful to the AAPA for their continued support. Our history is so important and we have to act to ensure that important pieces of history are not lost. To achieve this



Head "PA Historiteer" addressing the HOD



"PAHisoriteers" Scott (L) and Carter listen to Blessing's address



Poster asking Orlando Attendees to Join the PA History "Club"

goal, we will continue to need AAPA's generous support."

Furthermore, Blessings encouraged the HOD to each become active members of the Society as individuals and to encourage their constituent organization to become sponsors.



"PA Historiteers" Pam Scott, Reg Carter, Ruth Ballweg, Don Pederson, and Dennis Blessing at the AAPA HOD

Highlights from the Board of Directors and General Membership Meetings in Orlando

By: Pam Scott

The SPPAHx held their Board of Directors and General Membership meetings in conjunction with the AAPA Annual Conference in Orlando, FL, on Monday, May 30, 2005.

After hearing committee reports, the Board of Directors approved (1) the projected FY05-06 budget, (2) extending the memorandum of understandings with Carter Professional Services, Inc. to continue providing administrative and academic services for another year, (3) obtaining a credit card or debit card to be used by the executive director and (4) recommending the slate of candidates presented by the Nominating and Elections Committee.

The slate of candidates was approved by acclamation during the general membership meeting. Results are reported on page 3.

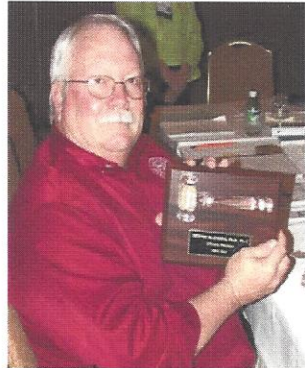
Also taking place at the general membership meeting was an award

ceremony honoring those members who had completed their board terms. They were Dennis Blessings, Ron Nelson, Don Pedersen, Elaine Grant and Lauren Feldsott.

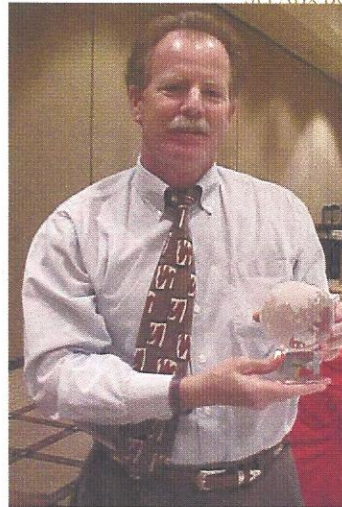
The Society would like to thank these individuals for their contributions and hard work on behalf of the organization.



SPPAHx BOD Meeting



Outgoing president, Dennis Blessings, displays his crystal gavel award.



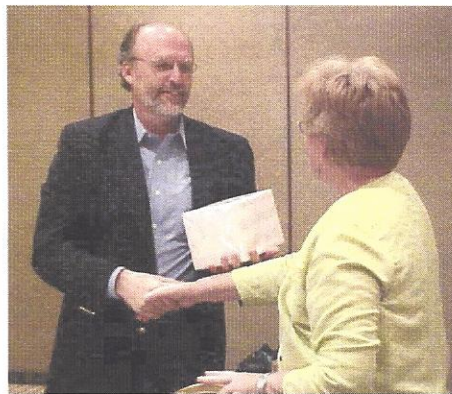
Outgoing board member, Don Pederson, shows off his crystal world award.



Outgoing board member, Elaine Grant, displays her crystal award



Ruth Ballweg presents a token of appreciation to the outgoing SAAAPA representative on the BOD, Lauren Feldsott.



Ruth Ballweg presents a gift of appreciation to the immediate past president, Ron Nelson, as he departs from the board of directors.



Incoming SAAAPA representative, Gary Jordan, with outgoing SPPAPA representative, Feldsott.

Did you meet the membership challenge?

By: Pam Scott

In the last edition of *Historical Happenings*, SPPAHx Board member, Pam Scott, challenged all members to bring in one additional member.

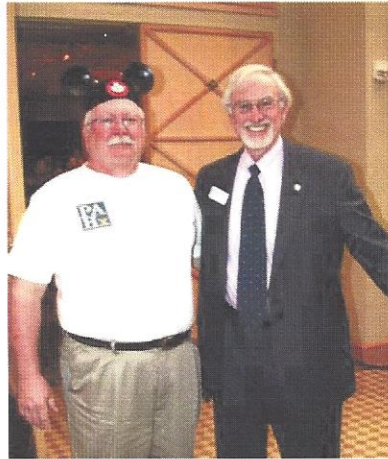
While manning the SPPAHx booth in the exhibit hall during the AAPA annual conference in Orlando, Scott was able to recruit several new members as well as obtain promises from other friends, volunteers, and staff.

SPPAHx leaders and staff were equally as successful during their duties at the booth.

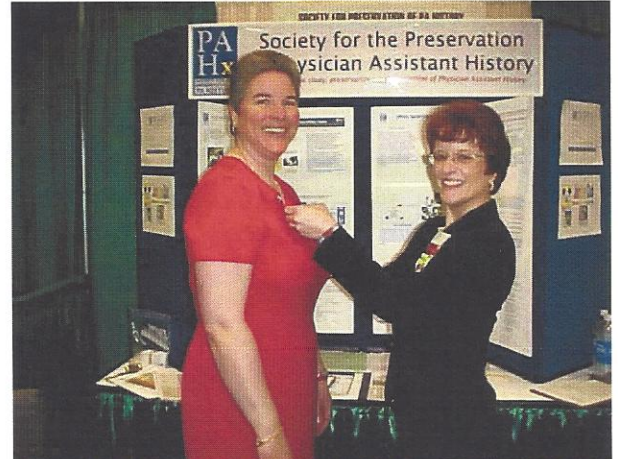
Don't worry if you have not recruited another member yet, there is still plenty of time.

Remember, the more members we have the more history we can preserve for the future generations.

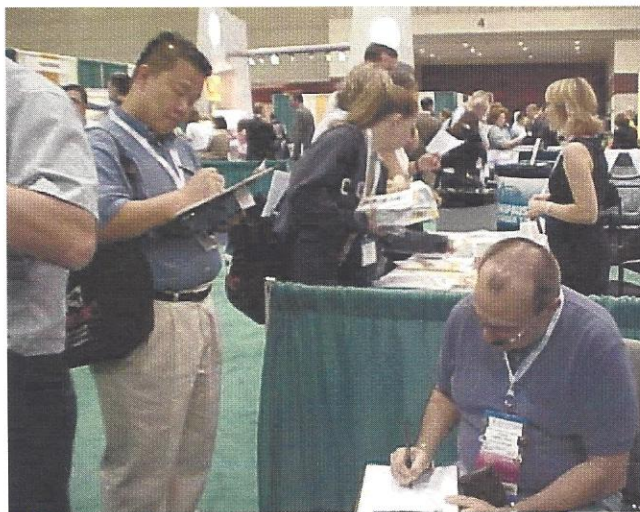
The SPPAHx loves and appreciates all our members! Thank-you!



New SPPAHx member, Steve Crane, (R) poses with Head "PA Historiteer", Dennis Blessing



Then AAPA President, Julie Theriault, (L) being "pinned" after SPPAHx BOD member, Pam Scott (R) recruited her as one of her new members.



AAPA nominating committee members, Joe Varno (sitting) and Phoumy Bounkeua (standing) complete their membership applications.



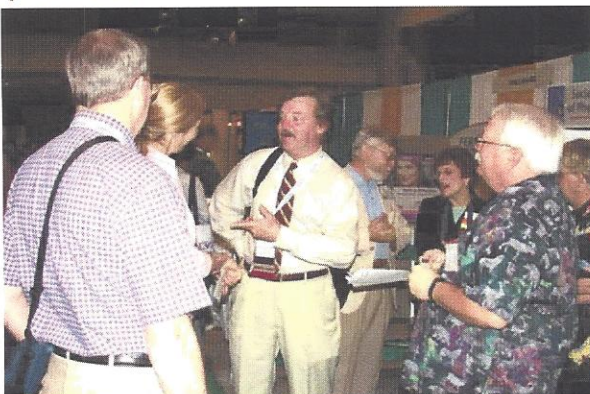
Dr. Carter and AAPA BOD member, Cindy Lord hold intense discussion at the booth.



"PA Historiteers" could be spotted in a variety of locations.

More conference activities

By: Pam Scott



Tremendous activity occurred quite frequently at the booth.

In addition to gaining new members, the SPPAHx's presence at the Orlando conference heightened awareness of the Society, its national focus and its goals; answered questions regarding PA history in general, preserving PA paraphernalia and documents, making donations to the Society, becoming active within the SPPAHx, and regarding sponsorship opportunities; met with old

and made new friends; finalized an agreement with *Perspectives* to publish regular features on PA history; and gathered input and advice from other PAs, volunteer leaders, and staff. (Additional conference photos are located on the back cover)

The Archivist's Corner...

"Creating Order out of Chaos"



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By: Mira Waller

Have you ever been frustrated by the job of unpacking after a move? No matter what kind of system you have set up, items always end up missing, damaged, or destroyed. Trying to "organize" your collection of historical materials can often result in the same kinds of headaches and aggravations. While the ideal situation would be to get your collection(s) into a cultural repository such as an archive or a museum, there are some basic steps that you can take in order to provide basic access and preservation for your materials.

If many of your materials are scattered throughout homes and offices, the first step is to consolidate and relocate them to a stable environment. The ideal storage location would have a space, just for your materials, with a temperature between 60 and 70 degrees, relative humidity between 30 and 40 percent, and low light exposure. If nothing else, get your materials away from areas such as basements and garages. These areas are often damp and subject to temperature fluctuations which can lead to mold and insects.

The next step would be to get a basic inventory of all the items you have — a container-by-container listing would be best. In other words, open up every single box and write down a description for every folder,

journal, and/or artifact you find. The more specific your listings are, the easier it will be for you to locate specific items. For instance, listing "journal" is too vague; listing *Physician's Associate* Vol. 1 no.1 provides a better description of the item. While creating your basic inventory keep an eye out for materials that are brittle, sticky, fading, curling, and/or smell odd. If you find your materials in any of these conditions, it is likely that they have been exposed to environmental conditions, such as humidity or pests. You can perform some preservation triage by doing the following: remove rusty staples and paperclips; repackage boxes so that materials

are not curling or bending; re-folder and re-box materials in acid-free containers; take materials out of plastic binders; and remove insects and dust. When you are finished, your materials will be better protected, and you will have a means to locate items. If you wish to rearrange or consolidate similar items and pursue more intensive preservation for your collection, you will have a tool to assist you.

These suggestions are just the tip of the iceberg in terms of preservation and description. If you are interested in learning more about archival arrangement, description, and preservation please contact the PA History Center.

Preservation vs. Conservation

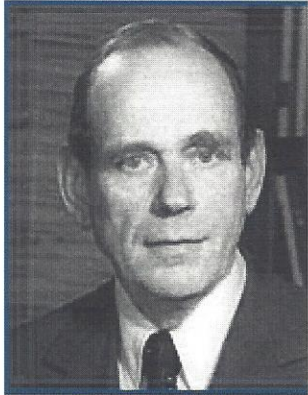
Preservation is the umbrella term - protecting materials by minimizing or preventing chemical and physical damage in order to prevent loss of information content — the goal being to prolong the life of the material for as long as possible.

Conservation is the more specific term and refers to specific treatments given to individual items; it usually takes place after damage has already occurred.

The terms are analogous to the "prevention" and "treatment" of disease.

Remembering Dr. Stead

By: Reginald Carter



Eugene Stead, Jr.

October 6, 1908 – June 12, 2005

Dr. Stead died in his sleep at his lake home in Bullock, NC. He would have been 97 on his birthday. For the past 17 years, Dr. Stead spent most of his birthdays with students, faculty and administrators at Duke, celebrating Physician Assistant (PA) day. This was the day that the first three formally trained PAs graduated from Duke in 1967. It also happened to be Dr. Stead's birthday. As the recognized founder of the PA profession, Dr. Stead took pride in the individual and collective success of physician assistants over the years.

However, when asked his opinion about the profession and whether it had met his expectations, he would quickly refer to the analogy of raising his children. "We conceived them, protected them from harm as children and then let them grow – finding their own way, developing their own interest and talents. In general, PAs have done an excellent job in finding their own way."

According to Stead, he never "worked" a day as a physician. He would fondly say that what he did was so much fun that he sometimes felt guilty about being paid. I recall him telling students one year to "love what you do, learn all you can, and in the evenings go home to your wife (spouse)." He was devoted to his wife Evelyn and their three children, Nancy, Lucy and Bill. The family spent weekends clearing land and building a home on the lake in Bullock, NC. They called the place Honalee from the opening lyrics of "Puff the magic



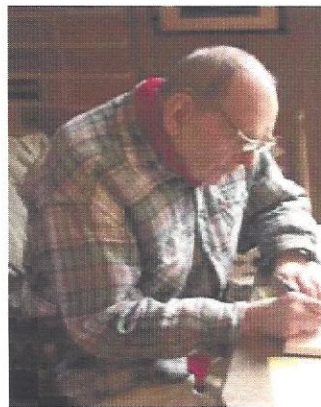
Dr. Stead (center) at the ground-breaking ceremony for the North Carolina Academy of Physician's Stead Center. Forum

dragon" who as you recall "lived by the sea and frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called Honalee."

Dr. Stead's accomplishments, honors, recognitions,

and awards are too numerous to list. He personally could never figure out what all the fuss was about and he marveled that someone would pay over \$3,000 for his autograph to raise money for the Physician Assistant Foundation. I wish each of you could have rounded with Dr. Stead or spent a day by his side and be challenged by his way of thinking.

We as a profession owe much to Dr. Stead and to Dr. Estes for conceiving and nurturing us during our formative years.



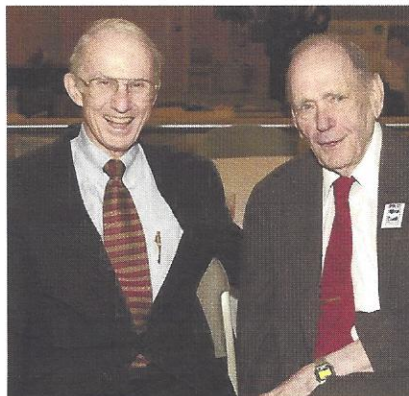
Dr. Stead autographing copies of his books at his lake home.

"Fame is a projection of time but not a biological projection. Enjoy a moment by enjoying what life has to give at that time. There are many hazards of maybe not living."

Steadism # 259 from Just Say for Me, collected by Schoonmaker, F. and Metz, E., World Press Inc, Denver, CO, 1968.



Dr. Stead (L) at the 3rd. Annual PA Conference in St. Louis, MO



Drs. Estes(L) and Stead(R) at the Duke University PA Division, National PA Day Celebration 2003.

PA IQ Challenge ...

Test your knowledge about the PA Profession and its history.

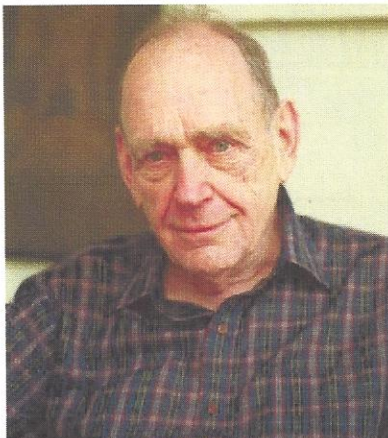
PAs are in everything!

Each word or phrase below contains the letters P-A somewhere. Use the clues to complete the word or phrase. Remember, the missing letter could also be a P or an A. E.G., The official Journal of the AAPA, _ _ _ P A.. The answer is JAAPA.

By: Pam Scott

- Introduced the feldscher concept into the Russian Military
P _ _ _ _ _ A _
- Location of the first national PA conference
_ _ _ P A _ _ _ _ _
- Volunteer group with rich history of utilizing PAs
P _ A _ _ _ _ _
- First HMO to use PAs
_ _ _ _ _ P _ A _ _ _
- Was both an AAPA and APAP President
P A _ _ _ _ _
- First PA journal published in 1977
_ _ _ _ _ P _ A _ _ _ _ _
- First organization responsible for evaluating compliance with the *Essentials* after their approval by the AMA House of Delegates
_ _ _ - P A
- AAPA CEO/EVP
_ _ _ P _ _ _ A _ _
- Internal medicine subspecialty where a PA might work
P _ _ _ _ A _ _
- PA practice distribution does this with the general populations
P A _ _ _ _ _
- Early key element for success of the PA profession
_ _ _ P _ A _ _ _
- A primary care specialty in which several PAs work
P _ _ _ A _ _ _ _
- Initial certifying examination for PAs
P A _ _ _
- Location of Stanford University PA Program
P A _ _ _ _ _
- Location of Western University of Health Science PA Program
P _ _ _ A
- New Guinea location where PA students have trained
P A P _ A
- PA program located in Connecticut
_ _ _ _ _ P _ A _
- Location of the 2007 AAPA Conference
P _ _ A _ _ P _ _ A
- 1973-74 AAPA President
P A _ _ _ _ _
- 1978-79 AAPA President
_ _ _ _ _ P A
- Closed PA program in Arizona
_ _ _ _ _ P A _ _ _ _ _
- Condition treated by a PA in OB/GYN
P _ _ _ A _ _ _
- Procedure a PA in emergency might perform on an accident victim
P A _ _ _ _ _
- Growing specialty field where PA might practice
_ _ _ _ P A _ _ _ _ _
- Course generally taken by PA students
P A _ _ _ _ _

Answers and scoring
for this PA IQ Challenge
appear on page 11.



Dr. Stead in 1998

Thank-you!

The Society would like to thank all of our members, sponsors, and supporters.

Without you, we could not preserve our professions history for future generation!



Looking back to 1975

By: Pam Scott

1975 was a very eventful year. The Viking program launches a probe towards Mars, a US and Soviet spacecraft docks with each other in orbit, the Hughes Apache AH-64 makes its first flight, the BASIC computer program was introduced, President Ford experiences two assassination attempts, the Watergate scandal results in convictions, the Green March begins, and the Vietnam War "officially" ends.

Jaws, *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *The Towering Inferno*, and *Shampoo* were all big box-office hits at the theatre. On the "tube" we were watching the debuts of *Wheel of Fortune*, *Saturday Night Live*, *Barney Miller*, *Welcome back Kotter*, *Saturday Night Live*, and *One Day at a Time*.

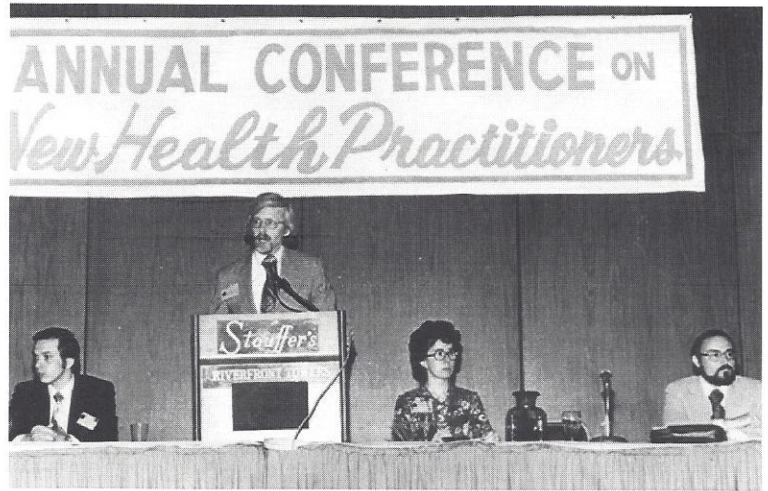
Hit records included: *Walk this Way* by Aerosmith, *Mandy* by Barry Manilow, *Philadelphia Freedom* by Elton John, and *The Rhinestone Cowboy* by Glen Campbell. Other "big" singers were the Carpenters; KC & the Sunshine Band, Wings; the Eagles; Olivia Newton-John; the Doobie Brothers; Tony Or-

lando & Dawn; Earth, Wind, & Fire; the Captain & Tennille; and David Bowie Memorial sports events included: the Pittsburgh Steelers defeating the Minnesota Vikings in Superbowl IX, the Cincinnati Reds beating the Boston Red Sox to clinch the World Series, Muhammad Ali defeated Joe Fraiser in the ring, Richard Petty was King of Nascar, and Jack Nicholas wins the PGA championship.

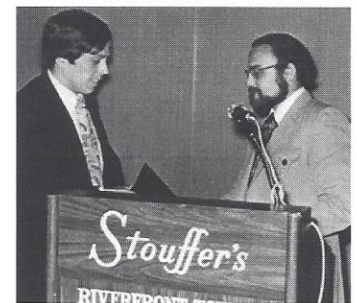
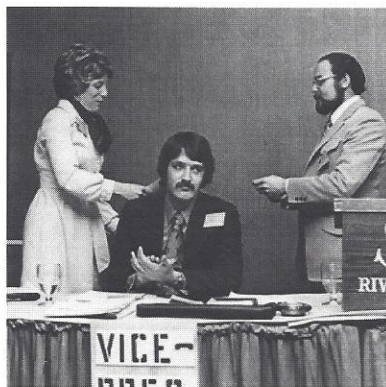
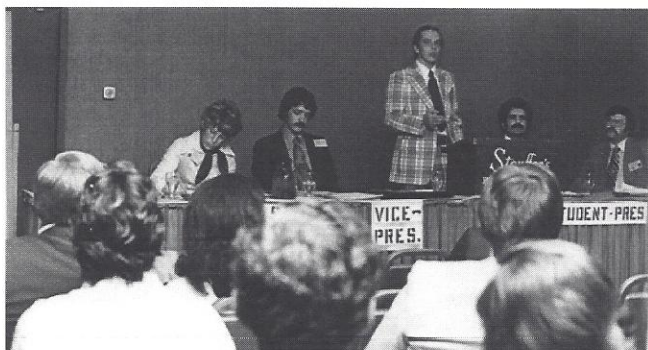
However, the biggest event of the year was the 3rd. Annual AAPA Conference, which was actually entitled, "Annual Conference on New Health Practitioners" in St. Louis, MO, over Memorial Day Weekend.



The conference consisted of 12 hours of CME lectures, 18 exhibitors; and a total of 765 attendees. The House of Delegates did not exist.



Compare that to the 2004 AAPA conference in Las Vegas, NV, last year with 379.5 regular CME hours offered plus 34 adjunct symposiums to choose from and a record 10,800 in attendance.



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

Remaining members of the first PA class at Duke University visit history center

By: Pam Scott

Ken Ferrell and Vic Germino, the two surviving members of the first PA class to graduate from Duke University in 1967 visited the PA History Center's Office on June 8, 2005. The purpose of the visit was to be interviewed by Dr. Reginald Carter for a roundtable article that he and SPPAHx publications committee chair, Pam Scott, are compiling for the October 2005 issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants*.

They discussed what made them "take a

chance" on this new profession, what their training was like, their employment positions over the years, and the change in the profession in general.

According to Ferrell, the biggest change he has seen over the course of his career is, "Practicing medicine – diagnosing and prescribing with a tremen-

dous amount of autonomy. This was not the idea in the beginning."

According to Germino, it is, "Our expanded scope of practice. Today, we're doing absolutely everything. But it's almost to the point where, you know, we've reached a pinnacle here. I mean, it's just fantastic, but it is a whole new profession"



Ken Ferrell

Be sure to read the entire article in the October issue of JAAPA!



Vic Germino

Former AAPA EVP interviewed

By: Pam Scott

F. Lynn May, former EVP of the AAPA, was interviewed by Dr. Carter at the History Center's office on April 14th, 2005.

According to May, he learned much about associational work and management while at the AAPA. "I think we tried to position ourselves in the right vein and on the right issues, and always kept the focus on the real issue of providing good patient care. To be successful, nonprofit organizations had better benefit the public first of all. If you're focusing on your members only and their needs and you're not looking at what you're doing, it will affect public interest. If you can put your activities in that vein and do the right thing, then I think you can't lose, and I believe that was my experience at the AAPA. Did we have some difficulties? Sure. Did we make some mistakes? I'm sure we did, but the organization has moved forward. I read the newsletter, I keep track. I take a great deal of pride where this organization has been and where it's going. And it's a great thing, very satisfying."



Lynn May signs consent form for Oral history

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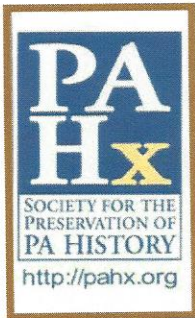
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Executive Directions...

A New Beginning ...

By: Reginald Carter

Spring always brings a sense of renewal and hope. I always look forward to the AAPA Annual Conference as a time to renew friendships, see old friends, share war stories and tell others about what we are doing and planning to do as a Society.

The workshop provided by Mira Waller underscored the need to open those stored boxes of materials to determine their condition. Example materials contained water damaged documents, photographs stuck together, bugs and spiders (artificial), crumbling newspaper clippings, rusty paper clips, plastic binders and folders, and an array of other things that can damage or destroy valuable materials. I'm sure those attending the workshop and experiencing the hands-on session rushed home to check out their stored documents.

You can see from the pictures that Dennis Blessing was a big hit with the House of Delegates. As a true Mouseketeer, Dennis did a beautiful job thanking AAPA for all their support and encouraging PA leaders and constituent chapters to join the "club." There is much work to be done and there is a place for everyone to contribute.

The strategic planning committee meeting underscored the need to consolidate some committee functions and to set

defined tasks, deadlines and outcomes. Incoming president, Ruth Ballweg, is committed to having active and productive committee reports at our next annual meeting. The Publication Committee chaired by Pam Scott and the Research and Education Committee chaired by Carl Fasser have been very busy. The numbers of articles published by the society in journals and newsletters have tripled from last year. An online survey was posted on the Internet to gather information about teaching PA professional history to students. Elaine Grant, Bylaws and Policy Committee, chair is working on improving the bylaws and developing a policy manual for the Society.

In addition to passage of the budget for next year, the board of directors approved other agenda items during their meeting. There is a separate report on the BOD meeting on page 4.

The general membership meeting was poorly attended - too much competition from Disney, Universal, Sea World, etc. But we did elect a new group of board members and officers and had a wonderful opportunity to show appreciation to those leaving the Board: Ron Nelson, Don Pedersen, Elaine Grant and Lauren Feldsott.

The exhibit booth

provided an opportunity to educate conference attendees about the mission and goals of the Society and the PA History Center. We handed out over 550 pamphlets and spoke to people about what they may have to contribute to the Society. Over 20 individuals renewed or joined on site and two new sponsoring organizations joined or promised to join us.

I am delighted and honored to continue to serve as your Executive Director and to head up the PA History Center. I want to thank all for their support and encouragement. Mira Waller, our archivist, is such a wonderful addition to our staff. We have come a long way in a year with her professional expertise. Our financial records, minutes of meetings, and membership database are in great shape thanks to Sherry Carter's dedication and hard work. Please keep us all in your thoughts in the months ahead as we move from our present offices at Duke to the new building in the Research Triangle Park and as we begin shifting administrative responsibilities to others.

Have a great summer!

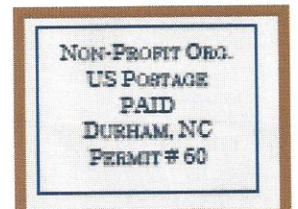
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