



The Oslerian

A Message from the President Furthering Our Mission

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Greetings, Fellow Oslerians!

We have all been blessed by a first-rate meeting in Kansas City. Our esteemed Past-President **John C. Carson** and Secretary-Treasurer **Charles S. Bryan** organized a wonderful intellectual and collegial feast. The meeting was also enriched by our Local Arrangements Chair **Robert L. Martensen** and his staff. He, with Past-President **Robert P. Hudson**, orchestrated an informative and memorable visit to the Clendenning Library at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Overall, it was a fine example of what our Society is about.

Allow a personal reflection. To me, the American Osler Society is one of the finest organizations in the world. During the twelve years I served as your Secretary-Treasurer, I worked hard to enlarge the scope of our Society—to include more professional historians and others with a non-medical background, and to include more members from outside North America. I also worked to strengthen the financial base upon which the Society operates. In part, we were fortunate that during the 1990s the stock market showed unbridled

exuberance. Our increase was also, in great part, due to the beneficence of charter member and Past-President **John P. McGovern**. It was Jack, who in 1973 during his Presidency, first invited me to an AOS meeting. Since that time, the Society has meant more to me than I can express. The associations, friendships, and collaborations on various projects have been wonderful.

Recently, our Society celebrated its thirtieth birthday. The question naturally arises, *What can we do to further our objectives and mission?* Several thoughts come to my mind. Some are short-range, others intermediate, and still others are long-range.

With the revolution in Information Technology, I am impressed by the wealth of resources available online that relate to the history of the health sciences. I believe many AOS members would find listings of these of value as they prepare papers on historical topics. At the recent American Association for the History of Medicine meeting (which followed our meeting), new AOS member **Jonathon Erlen** presented a workshop on Universal Resource Locators (URLs)

related to the history of the health sciences. Jonathon has prepared a list of about twenty of these URLs, with website addresses and annotations. The AOS website, which is being enlarged by our Secretary-Treasurer, will contain a hyperlink to this list.

Another area in which our Society might serve as a resource is in teaching the History of Medicine/Health Sciences in our medical schools. Several of our members are quite active in this area. Again, an incredible number of resources are available in the form of URLs, lectures, seminars, films, and so forth. I ask your counsel in what you would find most helpful from our Society in this regard.

I am also struck by the scholarly contributions the various **McGovern Lecturers** have made over the years. To date, 17 outstanding leaders have presented a McGovern Lecture at one of our Society meetings. These lectures are published and distributed to the members. However, for the most part they are “lost” in terms of not being available through regular reference sources. At our recent

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Larry Longo

President's Message: Furthering Our Mission (continued)

meeting in Kansas City, I discussed this with Honorary Member Gert H. Brieger, who presented the 2000 McGovern Lecture. We agreed that this series of lectures should be published. I shall request that the Publications Committee develop a plan along this line, and that we proceed as soon as possible. Such a collection of essays would be a major contribution to the literature.

On a long-term basis, the challenges facing American medicine are unprecedented, and do not need to be reviewed here. However, the issues of what it means to be a physician, how we as healers can best care for our patients, how we

foster the ideal of professionalism in medicine, and where we as a profession stand on national health problems such as drugs, firearms, obesity, and so forth, are issues to which we need to attend.

Mentorship has played an important role in most of our lives. I would propose that we establish an **Annual AOS Lectureship** to promote and promulgate Oslerian idealism in various medical schools.

Initially, the lectureship would be on an annual basis. The Society would provide \$3,000 or so to support this

lectureship for honorarium to the lecturer, transportation, housing, and so forth, with the school that hosts the lecture to provide matching funds. We could announce this to each medical school in the United States and Canada. The school would apply for the lectureship, and agree to provide matching funds. Lectures would be chosen by the Board of Governors from Oslerians. Interested in serving in this role. I shall ask one of our fellow Oslerians to chair a committee to develop and help implement a plan along this line.

We can do more. The point, I believe, is that individually and as a Society we commit ourselves to contributing in every way possible to "spreading the Gospel" of Oslerian Idealism so to speak, and thus enriching our Profession and Society.

Please let me hear from you with your ideas.

Agapé.

Lawrence D. Longo
President

Thirteen Elected to Membership at Annual Meeting

Eleven persons were elected to regular membership and two to student membership at the Board of Governors meeting in Kansas City, 23 April 2002. Here are our new regular members:

PAUL E. BERMAN, who claims intimate friendship with E. Yorrick Davis III, is a practicing internist-geriatrician in Amherst, Massachusetts. He has been active in the AAHM and is interested in 19th Century New England Medicine and in Dorothy Reed.

BURKE A CUNHA is professor of medicine at SUNY-Stony Brook, Vice-Chair of Medicine at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, New York, and a Master of the American College of Physicians. Author or editor of 10 books and more than 800 articles, he integrates Osler's advice in his teaching.

PETER E. DANS is Associate Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins and possibly the world's leading authority on the images of physicians as depicted in the movies. He has a broad range of other interests and is a frequent contributor to *Pharos*.

ANAND P. DATE is Professor and Head of the Department of Pathology at Sultan Quaboos University, College of Medicine, in Oman. He has written six articles about Osler, dating back to 1986, focusing on the Eastern aspects of Osler's life and career and, most recently, on the Osler-Sa'eed connection.

ARNOLD H. EINHORN is Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics at George Washington University School of Medicine. One of the major textbooks in his field is now entitled *Barnett & Einhorn's Pediatrics*. At the 1999 AOS meeting he presented on "Contributions of 19th and 20th Century Medical Luminaries of Jewish Ancestry to Medicine and Pediatrics."

JONATHON ERLÉN is a professional medical historian at the University of Pittsburgh, where he is also curator for the History of Medicine collection at the Falk Library of the Health Sciences. He has published extensively and runs an active medical history club. John coordinated the local

arrangements for the 1995 AOS meeting in Pittsburgh.

DAVID R. HABURCHAK is Associate Professor of Medicine and Program Director for the internal medicine residency at the Medical College of Georgia. A Johns Hopkins medical graduate, he presented a paper at the 1999 meeting, subsequently published in *Pharos*.

S. ROBERT LATHAN practices internal medicine in Atlanta, where he is also Assistant Professor of Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine. A Johns Hopkins medical graduate, he has been a national leader in anti-smoking campaigns. He is active in the Thomas Wolfe Society and gave a paper on Wolfe at the 2002 AOS meeting.

SANDRA W. MOSS, a retired internist-nephrologist, is pursuing a masters degree in the Program in the History of Technology, Environment, & Medicine at New Jersey Institute of Technology. Her publications include some 20 historical

articles and more than 180 historical vignettes in *Seminars in Dialysis*. She has attended six AOS meetings.

SEAN BULLER MURPHY (the photograph captures him sketching at the 2001 meeting in Charleston) is emeritus Professor of Ophthalmology and emeritus Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at McGill. He is descended from Frank Buller, who as a young man was preferred over Osler for the ophthalmology training position at McGill. Dr. Murphy has attended two AOS meetings and gave a paper about his ancestor.

STEVEN J. PEITZMAN, an internist-nephrologist, is Professor of Medicine at MCP Hahnemann University. He is a national authority on the history of nephrology and the author of a recent book, *A New and Untried Course: Woman's Medical College and the Medical College of Pennsylvania, 1850-1898*.

Welcome New Members!



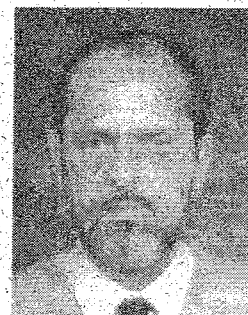
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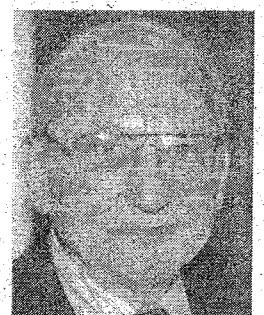
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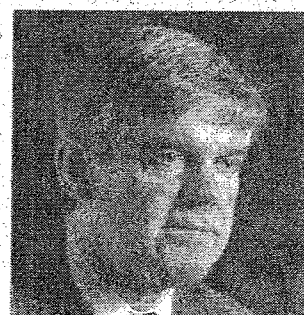
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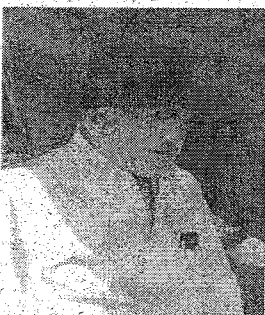
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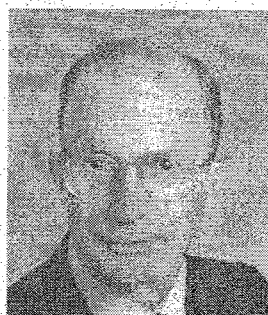
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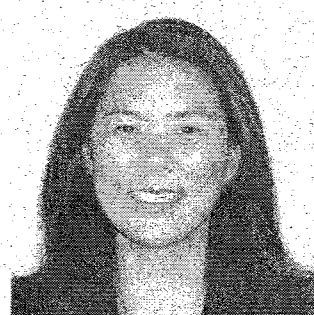
Sandra Moss



Sean Murphy



Steve Peitzman



Jennifer Keam



Beth Preminger

Both of our new student members were recipients of the William B. Bean Student Research Award for 2000-2001 and presented at the 2001 meeting. They are:

JENNIFER A. KEAM, a rising senior in the M.D./M.P.H. program at Oregon Health Sciences University.

BETH A. PREMINGER, a rising senior at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

W.O. and William Carlos Williams (continued)

Responding to Vincent Kopp's query, **Nicholas Dewey** responds: "My interest derives from a personal relationship with WCW (who was my wife's doctor in Rutherford, N.J., and whose works I collect). . . You [CSB] are in error in stating that WCW entered Penn 2 years after W.O. left for Hopkins (1889/90).

[Mea culpa! I got this from Gerald Weissman's article, and should have checked my source! — CSB]. WCW was only born in 1883! And he began his time at Penn in 1902. . . In his *Autobiography* (1948), WCW mentions only one other teacher, a nephrologist by the name of Spiller—who may very well have known Osler. . . I would

suggest that the 13 year gap was far too long to leave any residual Oslerian influence on the young WCW, whose main interest at the time was girls and Ezra Pound. WCW was essentially an artist, incidentally practising medicine for a living—he had very little in common with W.O."

Thanks, Nicholas!

Oslerian Progress Notes, Quiz Answers, and Queries

Nicholas Dewey of Santa Barbara, California, won the prize for the open book quiz based on the footnotes to the new collection of Osler's essays edited by Shigeaki Hinohara and Hisae Niki. Answers are shown at the far right. The prize consisted of a "Crumbine brick" such as once paved the streets of Kansas City, site of our annual meeting. Crumbine was a great state and indeed national public health official. The Crumbine brick is inscribed "DON'T SPIT ON SIDE-WALK" in the belief that this would prevent transmission of tuberculosis.

Jacalyn Duffin has been elected vice-president of the American Association for the History of Medicine. Did we mention that Jackie received the Jason A. Hannah Medal for her book, *To See with a Better Eye: The Life of R. T.H. Laennec* (Princeton, 1998)?

Kenneth M. Ludmerer has been installed as president of the American Association for the History of Medicine. Ken was also recently elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences for his contributions to medical history and medical education.

T. Jock Murray was named Mentor of the Year for 2001 by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, area 5.

Jock has also been awarded the Neilson Award from the Hannah Institute for Medical History for his contributions to medical history. Moreover, he was recently recognized by the American Academy of Neurology for his lifetime contributions to neurological education, and by the consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers for lifetime contributions to that disease.

Kerrie Osler, of Southery, England, sends this e-mail message: "My name is Kerrie Osler and I'm 16 years old and live in the UK, in a little village called Southery. The reason I'm writing to you is to see if Sir William Osler is of any relation to my family OSLER. Generations of my family have been farmers and have owned their own farms. Please could you tell me some more about Sir William Osler? My e-mail is chunkers_15@hotmail.com. Thank you very much. Kerrie Osler."

Editor's Note: Kerrie will receive a complimentary copy of *The Oslerian* and other information, but can anyone help him with his genealogy? Southery is a

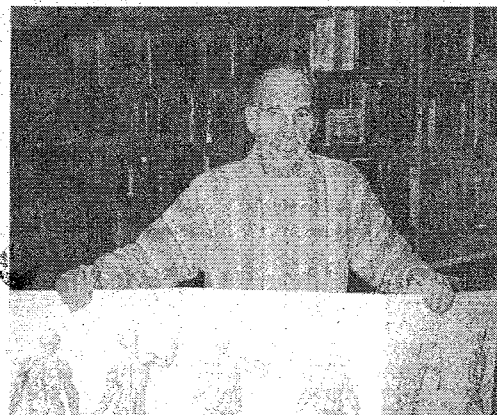
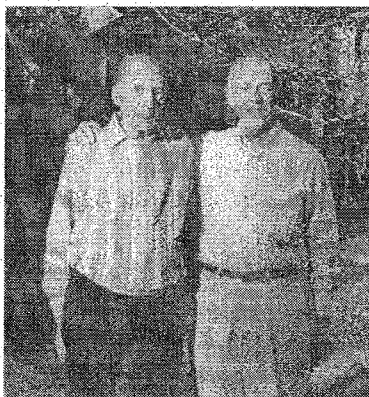
right far piece from Cornwall, and the Oslers are said to have been seafarers, not farmers. But we're always delighted to hear from an Osler! — CSB

Clyde Partin writes that he is having trouble finding much information about **Victor Eisenmenger, M.D.** (1864 to 1932). Would anyone with information about Dr. Eisenmenger please contact Clyde at Clyde_Partin@emoryhealthcare.org.

Dee Canale writes that he recently had a delightful visit with AOS charter member **Terry Cavanagh** and his wife Susan. Susan is just recovering from surgery for spinal canal stenosis and is making good progress. Terry is busy with his latest project as a publisher under the name of "The Gazebo Press" in Athens. The first publication under that imprimatur is under Susan's pen name, Susan Carlton Smith, and is entitled *A Coloring Book for All Ages: 3 Famous Artist-Naturalists of the Colonial Period: John Abbott—Insects; William Bartram—Flowers; Mark Catesby—Birds* (Gazebo Press, 2002). Terry worked as a librarian at the Osler Library in Montreal, the Clendening Library in Kansas, and later at the library of Duke University.

ANSWERS TO OPEN-BOOK QUIZ (Oslerian 2 [4]: 4-5)

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(Far left): Terry Cavanagh, Charter AOS meeting, at his home in Athens, Georgia, with Dee Canale. (Left): Terry holds up his Vesalian Landscape, which was published in a limited edition, is entirely original, and is highly collectible.



Report from the Annual Meeting, 23-25 April 2002

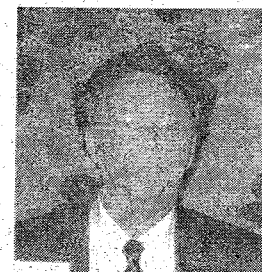
Images of Kansas City



Bob Hudson and Bob Martensen made the local arrangements.



President John Carson seemed to enjoy his own party, especially since so many relatives and friends came to the banquet.



Second vice-president Chester Burns took notes.



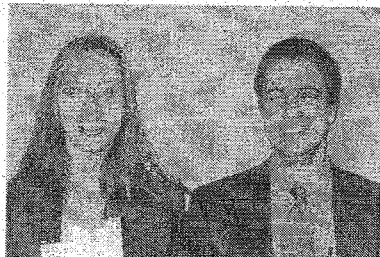
Paul Mueller (center, with John Granger and John Carson) gave a brilliant analysis of W.O.'s study of the act of dying.



Above: Claus Pierach tries to arrange a throng of talkative Oslerians for a photograph at the University of Kansas. Below: The result.



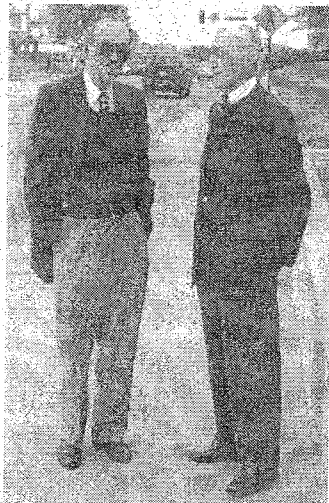
Will and Eila Haubrich relaxed in the Clendening Library.



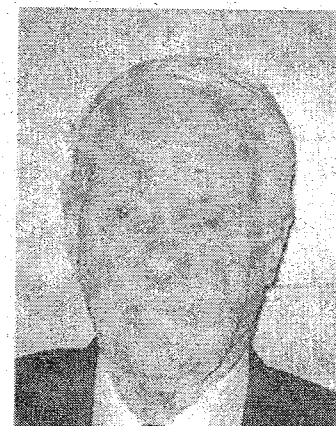
Cristin McKenna and Chris Pittenger gave memorable William B. Bean—AOS Student Research Lectures



Bob Hudson fields questions about Dr. Logan Clendening, whose portrait is to Bob's left.



Far left: All-world Oslerians Dick Golden and Earl Nation enjoy a quiet moment outside the Clendening Library. Above left: Ken Ludmerer and newly-elected member Peter Dans enjoy a coffee break. Dr. Dans found to his surprise and delight that one of his sons was staying at the same hotel, attending another meeting. Above right: The Silverman brothers, Barry (left) and past-president Mark, took it all in from the back row.



Charter member Alfred R. Henderson renewed old friendships and met many new Oslerians.

Highlands, Here We Come!

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Osler Society, to be held jointly with the Osler Club of London and the Japanese Osler Society, will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, from Wednesday, May 21 (for the Board of Governors) to Saturday, May 24. Banquets are scheduled at the Royal College of Physicians on May 23 and at the Royal College of Surgeons on May 24. The meeting will be followed by a short tour of the Highlands, envisioned as follows: **May 25:** Edinburgh to Stirling Castle, Dunkeld, Cul-loden, and Inverness, staying in Inverness; **May 26:** Inverness to the Isle of Skye, then Fort William and Ballachulish, staying in Ballachulish; **May 27:** Ballachulish to Oban, Kilmartin, Dunadd, Inverary, Loch Lomond, and Glasgow; **May 28:** visit the Hunterian Museum and other attractions in Glasgow; farewell dinner with music, dancing, and Auld Lang Syne. The tour will be led by Mr. Charles Hunter, of Balquidder, Scotland, who has my vote—and the votes of more than a few of my friends—as the finest tour guide to be found anywhere. A few of my photographs from two previous trips to this area with Mr. Hunter are shown here. —CSB



Robert the Bruce
(Learn about Bannockburn and all the rest while visiting Stirling Castle)



Dunadd (Does your foot fit here?— If so, perhaps you're descended from a Pictish king!)



Hillfort on Skye
(Climb and explore)



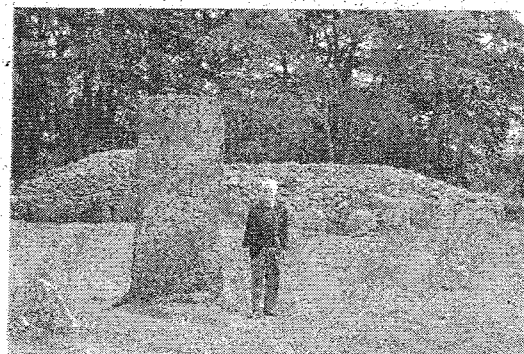
Culloden Battlefield (Look out on Drummossie Moor; feel the Scots' pain)



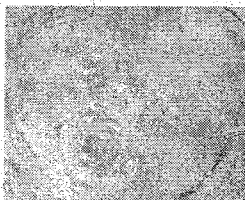
Scenery: The West Highlands and the Isle of Skye (There'll be lots of it; savor the breathtaking views)



Kilmartin (Experience prehistory; that's Charlie Hunter pointing at a sighting groove in the standing stone [menhir])



The Clava cairns (A learning objective: Explain why the prehistory of Scotland holds such fascination)



Cup and ring marks (What were the ancient ones thinking?)



Inverness (Enjoy the sites and flowers)

In Memoriam: Arnold Rogers, Roy Selby, Carwile Leroy

ARNOLD GERALD ROGERS (1925-2001)

A member of the AOS since 1984, Arnold Rogers died 12 December 2001 after a difficult final illness, in his native Winnipeg, Manitoba. His death ends a lifetime of chronic illness that he overcame to pursue full medical practice, raise a family, participate in philanthropic activities of many kinds, and inspire generations of medical students.

Arnold Rogers was raised and educated in Winnipeg where, despite poor health, he earned scholarships in high school and throughout medicine at the University of Manitoba, including double gold medals. He specialized in gastroenterology at the Mayo Clinic and received an MSC from the University of Minnesota. Returning to Winnipeg, he established a private practice and joined the staff of Misericordia Hospital, where his eventual responsibilities included service as Head of Medicine and President of the Medical Staff.

Arnold particularly enjoyed working with and encouraging medical students. An obituary stated: "... the majority of his research papers have, as first author, the students who had sought him out. ..." I can attest gratefully to that; my first refereed publication was a case report of a patient with an unusual disease, worked up with "Dr. Rogers." He urged me to submit the report to the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, which I did. The paper appeared just as I was entering internship. This sort of action was typical of Arnold's careful

nurturing of interested students.

He encouraged in other ways as well, establishing student scholarships at the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba and providing a generous trust fund in support of the medical library at the University of Manitoba. This support was extended as well to Ben Gurion University and the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, among others. Scholarships funded included those in Biology, Canadian History, Economics, English, Management, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, and Urban Affairs. Most of this generosity was proffered quietly, without ostentation, often anonymously. He lived the tenets of his personal faith—"love God, love learning, and do good deeds."

Arnold's first publications as a student were on Sir William Osler. Between 1987 and 1990 he served on the Board of Governors of the AOS.

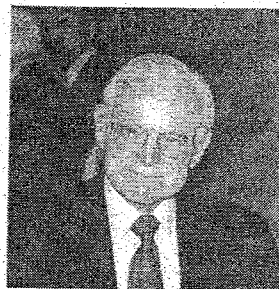
Arnold's first wife predeceased him. He is survived by his wife, Erica, three children, and three grandchildren.

— Charles G. Roland

ROY C. SELBY (1930-2002)

Roy Selby died January 28, 2002, in Little Rock, Arkansas, the city of his birth.

A graduate of Louisiana State University and the University of Arkansas Medical School, he went on to become the founder and director of the Department of Neurosurgery, General Hospital, Malaysia, 1963-1970.



Roy Selby

During his tenure in Malaysia, he built the country's first neurosurgery hospital. In recognition of his service to the people of Malaysia, he was awarded that country's highest public service medal by the king of Malaysia.

Returning to the U.S., he became the Chairman of Neurosurgery, Cook County Hospital, Chicago. Following his retirement from private practice in 1986, he lectured at local universities, wrote numerous short stories, and contributed chapters to medical textbooks. A lifelong advocate of human and animal rights, he worked on a wide range of social issues with organizations such as Amnesty International, In Defense of Animals, and PETA.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn, two children, and four grandchildren.

—From the Arkansas Caduceus Club

EDWARD CARWILE LEROY (1933-2002)

Carwile Leroy died May 16, 2002, in Ancona, Italy, following a stroke. He had just participated in a meeting and had seemed to be in robust health.

A native of Elizabeth City, N.C., Carwile graduated summa cum laude from Wake Forest College and received M.S. and M.D. degrees from the



Carwile Leroy

University of North Carolina. He trained in internal medicine and rheumatology at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, where, after further training at the National Institutes of Health, he held a faculty position before moving to Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina in 1975. There he served as Director of the Division of Rheumatology and later as Chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. He had planned to retire at the end of 2002.

Carwile wrote some 270 papers and was a world authority on scleroderma. He was a Master of the American College, and received many honors and awards. He was genuinely interested in medical history and was serving on the Board of Governors of the AOS at the time of his death. He was a gracious, unpretentious man who gave generously of his time and was well loved in return. He was devoted to his family and his church, and was an enthusiastic golfer.

Surviving are his wife, Dee, two children, and three grandchildren.

—Charles S. Bryan

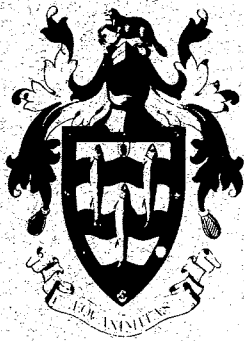
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The Oslerian is published approximately four times a year by the American Osler Society, Inc., a non-profit organization. Members of the American Osler Society are encouraged to send news items of interest, including but by no means limited to their personal activities and accomplishments and accompanied by photographs or other illustrations. For distribution of reprints and other materials of possible interest to AOS members, please send 180 copies. Your ideas for The Oslerian are of course most welcome! Direct all correspondence by mail, fax, or e-mail to the Secretary-Treasurer.

The American Osler Society has been founded for the purpose of bringing together members of the medical and allied professions who are, by their common inspiration, dedicated to memorialize and perpetuate the just and charitable life, the intellectual resourcefulness and the ethical example of **William Osler** (1849-1919). This, for the benefit of succeeding generations, that their motives be ever more sound, that their vision be on everbroadening horizons, and that they sail not as Sir Thomas Browne's Ark, without oars and without rudder and sails and, therefore, without direction.

Call for Abstracts for 2003 Meeting

The 2003 meeting will take place at the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, Scotland, 21 to 24 May 2003. Tentatively, we plan a full-day meeting for 22 May and half-day meetings for the next two days in order to allow members the opportunity to see Edinburgh. As noted elsewhere in this issue (page 6), we are also planning an excursion to the Highlands, and we are considering the possibility of short evening presentations during that time.

For several years the AOS has had a pleasant problem: more quality submissions for the annual meeting than can be accommodated. The Program Committee is now chaired by the First Vice-President, and this year's chair is Marvin J. Stone. The program will be planned in consultation with the officers of the Osler Club of London and the Japanese Osler Society.

Please note the following guidelines (some of these are required for Continuing Medical Education credits):

1. Abstracts must be **received** by the Secretary-Treasurer by November 15, 2002. **FAX and e-mail transmissions will be accepted only from overseas members and guests.** Members and invited guests are encouraged to submit their abstracts well prior to the deadline; receipt will be acknowledged by e-mail and/or postcard.
2. The abstract should be no longer than one page. It should begin with the complete title, the names of all co-authors, and the corresponding author's mailing address, telephone number, FAX, and e-mail address. The text should provide sufficient information for the Program Committee to determine its merits and its possible interest to membership. The problem should be defined and the conclusions should be stated. Phrases such as "will be presented" should be kept to a minimum.
3. Three learning objectives should be given after the abstract. Each learning objective should begin with an active verb indicating what attendees should be able to do after the presentation (for example, "list," "explain," or "outline").
4. The curriculum vitae of each author should accompany the abstract (a one-page synopsis is perfectly acceptable).
5. A covering letter should state:
 - The corresponding author's opinion of the paper's potential interest to members.
 - Whether any of the authors have a potential conflict-of-interest such as direct financial involvement in the topic being discussed, and whether there will be any mention of off-label use of drugs or other products during the presentation.
 - *Optional:* Would the author(s) be willing to present their paper in a 15-minute time slot (rather than a 25- or 30-minute time slot) if necessary?
 - *Optional:* Are there any special considerations, such as insistence by one's organization that a paper be presented in order to justify reimbursement for the costs of attending the meeting?

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