Still Partners,

The wheels of the bus go round and round... round and round.... Remember this rhyme from when you started school? I’m sure the incoming medical students for this year didn’t realize when they started their first grade and sang this little song that someday they would be students at ATSU aspiring to be osteopathic physicians.

As an employee of the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine, I am privileged to meet these individuals when they interview, show them the Museum, explain the principles of osteopathy and this profession, but the highlight for me is the White Coat Ceremony held on the Saturday prior to the first day of classes in the Fall. I wish all of you could meet them, interact with their families, and also tell them about your wonderful experiences as participants in this osteopathic journey.

It takes all kinds of individuals, all kinds of sacrifices, and all kinds of commitment to further establish and promote this profession.

It’s a beautiful Fall here in Kirksville....

Carolyn Hays-Owens, Still Partner, Recalls!

Carolyn Hays-Owens remembers Kirksville fondly, and says that her late husband, Ron Owens, D.O. ‘61, would have enjoyed celebrating his fifty year reunion this year. Carolyn first met Dr. Owens at their local church and relates that all he ever wanted to be was an osteopathic physician. She credits Dr. Robert Collop, ’49, and Dr. Patrick Philben, ’39, who saved Ron’s sister’s life, with encouraging him to attend KCOM.

The Owens and their six-month old daughter moved to Kirksville in 1957 so Ron could attend KCOM. Finances were tight. Their first apartment did not have a washer or dryer, and Carolyn felt like no one had less money than they did that first year. Carolyn worked for both Dr. Leroy Green and the radiology department. Since Ron had sold his car to pay for train tickets so they could return home for the holidays, Carolyn walked to work. The Owens became friends with Dr. Leroy Green and Dr. Leroy Green’s lab partner, Dick Hershberger, and his wife, Jo. During the recent reunion activities at Founder’s Day, Carolyn and Jo laughingly reminisced about how the Hershbergers owned a car then, but the Owens had a television, so Dick and Jo would drive over to watch TV. In April 1960, Ron bought a ‘54 Ford, making their lives much easier.

Carolyn still remembers some of her favorite places in Kirksville: Markhams, Elaine’s Restaurant, Dairy-maid, the Palace Bakery, and P.N. Hirsch.

Carolyn remembers that Ron really enjoyed the rural clinical experience while at KCOM. Returning to Texas after graduation, they first went to Hutchins, where the small community built a clinic for Dr. Owens. A year later he built his own clinic, which he sold the following year. They then moved to Dallas, where he partnered with another osteopathic physician and a dentist and enjoyed treating Dallas Cowboys team members. Throughout his career, Dr. Owens actively promoted the osteopathic profession.

In September, Carolyn and her son, Ron, returned to Kirksville for Founder’s Day, where she took part in a special 50 year class reunion and enjoyed strolling down memory lane. After living in the Dallas area for many years, Carolyn now plans to relocate near her son in North Carolina.

Missouri Dental School

A $26 million bond issue was approved to add a new building on the Kirksville campus of ATSU to establish the Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health, a critical step toward matriculating 40 students in the fall of 2013. The 61,000 sq ft facility will be used by the dental school and medical school students from ATSU-KCOM.

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Elaine Hays-Owens, Osteopathic Physician

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Missouri Dental School

Ronald H. Owens, D.O., ’61
1935-2005

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PRESIDENT MAGRUDER ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

The ATSU Board of Trustees announced that President Jack Magruder will retire on June 30, 2012. The Board has begun a national search to find a new president to take over when he retires. “Our goal is to have a new president in place on July 1, 2012,” said Board chair Carl G. Bynum, D.O., M.P.H.

“President Magruder has done and continues to do excellent work in moving the University forward,” said Dr. Bynum. Under his gentle and visionary leadership, ATSU achieved many milestones since he became the University’s president on Valentine’s Day in 2008. Dr. Bynum added, “Dr. Magruder has made a positive difference in the culture and morale of everyone at ATSU and continues to do so; he has more that he wishes to accomplish here. His commitment to student learning, to the mission and vision of the University, and to placing ATSU on an arc to preeminence will provide the next president with a solid foundation for the future.”

KOAA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Francis M. “Bucky” Walter, Jr., B.S. M.A., D.O.Ed. (Hon.), and Georgia A.Walter, B.S., D.O.Ed. (Hon.), received the KOAA Distinguished Service Award during ATSU’s recent Founder’s Day Celebration from William S. Hughes, D.O., ’87, KOAA Board Member. This award was established in 1991 to honor alumni and friends who have provided outstanding service and/or financial support to KCOM and/or the KOAA.

Georgia served as the Director of the A.T. Still Memorial Library from 1969-1986, and upon her retirement, was named Emeritus Director of the Library. Georgia grew up in the osteopathic profession as her father, the late Dr. M. D. Warner, was a KCOS graduate and later served as Dean of KCOM. Georgia dedicated her career to preserving the history of the osteopathic medical profession, and is the author of “The First School of Osteopathic Medicine,” as well as several other books.

Bucky served as KCOM Dean of Students from 1961-1986, and upon retirement, he was named Emeritus Dean of Students. Bucky also served the college as Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions.

Both Georgia and Bucky are recipients of honorary doctor of osteopathic education degrees, and both have been honored with the Living Tribute Award for their combined service of over half a century.

FOUNDER’S DAY CELEBRATED AT KCOM

ATSU’s Missouri campus celebrated Founder’s Day with activities starting Sept. 29 and ending Oct. 1. This year, students met with AOA President Martin S. Levine, D.O., ’80, M.P.H., ’03, during a meet and greet session. Dr. Levine then presented the Fred C. Tinning, Ph.D., Founder’s Day Osteopathy Lecture, titled “Thinking Osteopathically.”

After a graveside ceremony honoring Dr. A.T. Still, alumni enjoyed touring the campus and community. The Still Society/Legacy Society and Still Partner’s Reception was held Thursday afternoon, and reunion attendees from the Classes of ’61 and ’86 were honored during a dinner at Thousand Hills Dining Lodge on Thursday evening.

Following the Annual Powderpuff Football game on Friday, everyone gathered at Still-A-Bration for a barbecue, talent show, and bonfire. The highlight of Still-A-Bration was the “Pie Your Favorite Professor” event, with proceeds benefitting the St. Louis Children’s Hospital.

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NEW GARDEN SCULPTURE

The Museum of Osteopathic Medicine dedicated the A.T. Still Memorial Sculpture, designed and sculpted by Kirksille artist Brandon Crandall in memory of his grandfather, Travis Freeman. This sculpture symbolizes the work and discoveries of Dr. A.T. Still, with elements of a tree’s growth: change, strength, and lasting through time.

Travis, who was a Master Gardener, supported the Museum’s Garden for many years, and his family continues to help – including this newest artwork.

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One ~ Annual gifts ensure we will be able to provide much–needed services every year.

Two ~ A sizable gift to our organization this year lets us use those funds to support immediate projects.

Three ~ A bequest in your will or trust demonstrates your commitment to future generations.

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