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This is the fourth monthly publication of our new newsletter. Also, feel free to discuss with us your suggestions for future articles and features. We welcome your ideas! Please send ideas to elharibandar@yahoo.com

DOCTOR OF THE MONTH



Dr. Bernard Lander (center), president and founder of Touro University and Touro College pictured above with the Senior Dean of the New York division of Touro college Dr. Goldsmith (left) and Dr. Siroata (right).

Dr. Lander and a group of administrators from New York visited the campus February 18th and 19th to provide the visiting accreditation team of the AOA a direct link to the New York component of Touro University's administration as well as to approve many plans that had been pending. Touro passed the post-accreditation inspection, and the team stated that things appeared to be progressing well. The proposals given the green light by Dr. Lander were:

- Allotment of \$500,000.00 to be applied toward increasing the number of clinical preceptors at various cities
- Construction of new classrooms for first and second year instruction. Two new rooms are to be completed by July 1 of 2002: a 218-seat lecture hall for 1st year courses and a 164-seat lecture hall for 2nd year courses. The lecture hall in H86 will remain as is for special events. The OC club will be strictly for student activities.
- Repair and maintenance of the outdoor swimming pool at the OC
- Construction of administrative offices on the 2nd floor of H83
- Additional recreational facilities: students will soon be able to utilize the baseball field and tennis courts behind the Army Reserve. More basketball courts will be added, and volleyball courts will be constructed.
- The Mobile Health Clinic program was finalized. The vehicle should be completed by the middle of March, and it is hoped that 3rd and 4th year students will incorporate time on the mobile health van as part of their rotations.

Photo and story by Shorin Nemeth

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In light of recent events in Afghanistan and the atrocities committed especially against the women of Afghanistan, Dr. Roy Nirschel sheds new hope on this matter in a recent letter to Dr. Bernard Zeliger.

Several weeks ago, the liberation of Afghanistan by Afghan fighters and American armed forces evoked many images. There was laughter in the streets, music in the air and optimism for the future. But, few images were more powerful than that of Afghan schoolgirls returning to the classroom for the first time since the advent of Taliban rule.

Over the decades, Afghan women have made extraordinary strides and achieved positions of leadership in education and medicine among many other disciplines. The Taliban, in addition to its overall violence and repression of human rights, singled out women for degradation and isolation.

The rebuilding of Afghanistan will require new political leadership and models, food and other forms of humanitarian aid. Longer term, societies can only be built or improved by providing educational opportunities for all its citizens.

Roger Williams University is pleased to be the first university in the country to offer a full scholarship-tuition, room and board to an Afghan woman in the post-Taliban era. The scholarship will be awarded based on the recommendation of Fatima Gailani, a current resident of Providence, Rhode Island, and a respected leader of the Afghan community in exile. She is about to return to Kabul to assist in structuring a new government.

For inquiries or for assistance on initiating scholarships for Afghan women, contact Roger Williams University, (401) 254-3178.

Women's History Month Honoring: Viola Frymann, DO, FAAO, FCA

By Teresa Goepfert

In honor of Women's History Month it seems appropriate to honor the legacy of Viola Frymann, DO, FAAO, FCA. She is certainly an inspiration to us all. She has spent her professional life practicing comprehensive osteopathy, including in the cranial field, and serving her community.

Dr Frymann is a native of England. She graduated from the College of Osteopathic Physicians and

Surgeons of Los Angeles, is a Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy, and is a charter Fellow of the Cranial Academy.

She has received many awards and is considered a living legend of osteopathic leadership by her peers. A couple of these honors include; Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor, and the William Sutherland Award of the Cranial Academy.

She holds a number of faculty positions including: the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, and also as a member of the Faculty of Homeopathy of the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital. She teaches at many of the colleges of osteopathic medicine in the US as well as in colleges, universities and institutes around the world. Most notable is her Clinical Research, in Osteopathy in the cranial field, with Yuri Moskalenko of the Academy of Science in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Much of Dr. Frymann's research has been published including topics such as newborn babies, the cranial rhythmic impulse, learning disabilities of children, and the effect of osteopathic manipulative treatment of children with neurological development problems.

Dr. Frymann's signature is her work with children, particularly children with problems like cerebral palsy, seizures, and other learning difficulties. She lost her first child and subsequently realized that osteopathic manipulative medicine particularly osteopathy in the cranial field might have prevented this loss. She began her professional practice in an osteopathic family practice with a special emphasis on the problems of children in La Jolla, CA. In 1982, she founded the Osteopathic Center for Children (OCC) which is now located in San Diego, CA. The OCC treats children of all types including those with deep and complex problems seeking to reach the optimum of their potential. It has also become a clinical teaching affiliate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and provides ongoing education courses for D.O., M.D., and D.D.S. practitioners interested in osteopathic medical practice.

Touro University is privileged to be affiliated with such a resilient and compassionate woman DO. There will be a benefit dinner with Viola Frymann on April 19th in Napa Valley. There will also be a course taught by Viola Frymann sponsored by the Pediatrics Club at Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine starting April 19th in Napa through April 20th and 21st at Touro campus in Vallejo. Time and location to be announced later.