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## A December 1971 Address to the AAMC was found in response to the Lamar University AMSA Chapter Meeting

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On April 19, 2016, Dr. Michael Oszczakiewicz asked if I could fill in for him to speak to the Lamar University Pre-Med Club, similar to the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) due to his surgery schedule. I agreed. It was great fun and there was a reward.

In that I talked to pre-med students about my participation in the Association of American Medical Colleges' (AAMC) Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) while I was a student, and while I wrote a summary of our meeting the next day, I included in the summary a link to the OSR's section on the AAMC's website.

To my surprise I found the text of the address which I gave to the first meeting of the OSR, December 2, 1971.

The content of that address, while brief, is totally consistent with the past 43 years of my medical practice. The three files are: First, [OSR Address December 2, 1971, Addenda Election, Auditorium, Distinguished Alumnus](#), the text of my December 2, 1971 address which states in part:

“But what of our medicine, that is, the delivery of daily health care to John Doe, Susie Smith and Clarence Jones. In the middle of a crisis, if in the right place, or if financially able they will receive excellent medical care. However, if in the wrong place, or if financially unable, they may in fact receive no care at all. In addition, the facilities for non-crisis or preventive medicine are almost exclusively restricted to infectious disease and even those are inadequate. In short, we have a description of the remaining half of our irony, ‘Bad Medicine.’”

In this file, following this address, there are three addenda related to the OSR:

1. Beginning with page three of this file, there is an addendum, written April 20 2016, 45 years later than the speech, which documents the steps of my being elected Chairman of the OSR in 1970.

2. Beginning on page five, there is an addendum with materials related to the dedication of the Holly Auditorium, February 21, 2012. This contains information relevant to number one.
3. Beginning on page 9, there is an addendum with materials related to my being the Distinguished Alumnus Award – October, 2012, which contains additional and some repetitious information about one and two above.

Second, a summary of the Lamar AMSA Chapter meeting referred to above. [Lamar AMSA Chapter Meeting April 19, 2016](#)

Third, my December, 1971 report as Chairman of the OSR to the Chairman of the Council of Deans. [OSR Chairman Report to Council of Deans 1971](#)

This is a walk down memory lane for me. Its significance is that it shows the roots of the guiding principles of SETMA. It was fun to discover an address which is forty-five years old and which is still relevant as it shows the consistency between what I learned in Medical School and my experiences there and how I practiced for the past 43 years.

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