

"Such departments as physiology and pharmacology, like emergency medicine, are bending over backwards to help. We have the faculty and the facilities to make this the best program in the state."

Bledsoe pointed out one unique feature of the TCOM program. He said the way classes are being offered, a student can enroll in one course, complete it and go out in the field and practice those skills before he or she enrolls in the next class. Students must continue through other programs without a break, he noted.

Most of the students selected for the first two TCOM paramedic courses are from fire departments and ambulance services throughout the North Texas area, said Bledsoe. "We are looking for people who already are emergency medical technicians. That's a prerequisite for our courses."

GET READY FOR THE MARATHON

Training clinics to prepare runners for the Cowtown Marathon will begin in early December, according to Mike Fitzsimmons, activities director of the Institute for Human Fitness. An organizational meeting is set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at River Plaza, Room 126.

The Second Cowtown Marathon, jointly sponsored by the Institute, The Fort Worth National Bank and The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, near Exchange Avenue and 25th Street. As in last year's race, the Cowtown Coliseum will serve as race headquarters. Over 1,000 runners are expected to enter the 26.2-mile race and an accompanying 10-kilometer race scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.

Training clinics for Cowtown Marathon will include Saturday morning practice runs and group meetings to discuss training-related problems. Cost is \$15 for the series, and Fitzsimmons suggests that runners should be averaging 25-30 miles a week before enrolling in the clinics.

Further information and race registration forms are available from the Institute for Human Fitness, 870-5270.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MARATHON

Peg Weiss in rehab/sports medicine has issued a call for volunteers to help with the aid stations at the Second Annual Cowtown Marathon Feb. 23.

"All volunteers who battled the weather last year are asked to come forward and bring friends and family," Peg says.

She can be reached at 870-5260.

AGING SEMINAR SET DEC. 4

Dr. Samuel Granick, director of research projects for the Philadelphia Geriatric Center, will discuss psychological aspects of aging Tuesday, Dec. 4, in seminars at TCOM and NTSU.

First in a three-year series of seminars funded by a grant from the National Institute on Aging to TCOM and NTSU, the Tuesday programs will include a lecture on "Normal Aging Patterns: Psycho-Biological Relationships" at the NTSU Center for Studies in Aging, Oak Street Hall, Room 111, at 10 a.m.

At 3:30 p.m. Dr. Granick will speak on "Psychological Procedures in the Medical Management of the Aged" in Room 406 of TCOM's Medical Education Building I.

The Pennsylvania clinical psychologist, who also has a private practice in Elkins Park, Pa., has been director of research at the Philadelphia Geriatric Center since 1964. A fellow of the division of clinical psychology of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Granick has published widely in the area of psychological aspects of aging.

The two lectures at TCOM and NTSU, which are free and open to the public, are the first in a series of some 30 lectures over a three-year period supported by a special initiative grant for gerontological research presented to researchers at the two schools.

In addition to fostering research in the field of gerontology, the \$56,837 starter grant includes funds which will be used to bring distinguished authorities on gerontology to the two schools, said Dr. Andras G. Lacko, TCOM associate professor of biochemistry and director of the grant program.

Research funded by the grant is being carried out by Dr. Peter B. Raven, TCOM associate professor of physiology; Dr. James L. Caffrey, TCOM assistant professor of physiology; Dr. Young-Chang Chen, NTSU assistant professor of biological sciences; and Dr. Lacko.

FACULTY WOMEN GET READY FOR HOLIDAYS

Now that the Faculty Women have learned how to cope with the stresses of the holiday season (at the group's Nov. 14 meeting with Dr. C. Raymond Olson, chairman of the department of medicine), the members will now turn their attention to special holiday cooking.

A "holiday cookie and recipe swap" is planned for Thursday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m.

to noon at the home of Mrs. Elmer Brown, 3524 Harwen Terrace.

Barbara Korr, vice president and program chairman, reminds the members to conserve gas and form car pools for the meeting.

SMITHKLINE OFFERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Information about Medical Perspectives, a fellowship program of creative learning opportunities for medical students and sponsored by the SmithKline Foundation, is available from the Office of Student Affairs.

Administered by the National Fund for Medical Education, the program offers students an opportunity to benefit from unusual learning experiences in the United States not ordinarily encountered in the normal course of their medical education. A limited number of fellowships are available for projects in other countries.

Grants will be awarded for projects involving creativity in concept, innovation in execution or originality in scope. Experiences with rural health, occupational medicine, environmental health, public health, health system agencies, health maintenance organizations and health programs for minority groups are offered as examples of promising opportunities for this program.

All students enrolled in osteopathic or allopathic medical schools in the U.S. and Puerto Rico are eligible. Awards will ordinarily be limited to projects that would be carried out in the third and/or fourth years, but exceptional applications for projects in earlier years will be considered.

For more information, check with the Office of Student Affairs. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 1 and announcement of award winners will be made by May 1.

NO FOOD AND DRINK, PLEASE

A reminder to all members of the college community: An administrative letter from Dean Willard some time ago noted that food and drink would not be permitted in the atrium of Med Ed I. There has been quite a problem with trash left around the atrium and soiled furniture in that area, and the Dean's Office once again asks that we all abide by the policy. Thanks for your cooperation.

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS

Agnes Beasley, library clerk, has prepared a display on the holidays for

the Library's display case. Included are a ceramic nativity crafted by Ms. Beasley and two menorahs belonging to S/D Aaron David.

Dr. Gary H. Wimbish, associate professor, Institute of Forensic Medicine, conducted a seminar on "Drug Interactions and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring" to house and staff physicians at Dallas Osteopathic Hospital Oct. 19 and presented a program on "Drug Toxicology" to 20 probation officers from the Tarrant County Adult Probation Office Nov. 14. Dr. Wimbish also is participating in continuing education programs through the A. Webb Roberts Center for Continuing Education in Dallas and took part in a seminar on "Problems Involved in the Determination of Valproate" at the second semi-annual meeting of the Southwest Association of Forensic Scientists Nov. 3 in Irving.

Dr. T. Robert Sharp, D.O., clinical professor of general and family practice, will participate in a meeting of the Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists of the American Osteopathic Association in Chicago Dec. 7-8.

Dr. Peter B. Raven, associate professor of physiology, presented a program on "Environmental Problems of Exercise Testing" at the November AOA national meeting in Dallas.

Dr. Robert Kaman, acting director of the Institute for Human Fitness, spoke on "Medical Preparation for a Marathon" at a session of the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine during the AOA convention.

A note from Lynn Hanson, surgery secretary, whose twins are due soon: "Just wanted to say a special thank you for the baby shower and all those who contributed toward the diaper service. It is all very much appreciated and needed. Thanks for your concern!"

The following papers were presented by faculty and staff of the department of microbiology and immunology at the Texas Branch, American Society of Microbiology, meeting in Fort Worth Nov. 1-3:

"Mutagenicity screening of some antiviral agents and common drugs in the Salmonella/Microsome assay," Rebecca Morrow, Dr. Lois Allen and Dr. Elizabeth Harris; Purification of triacylglycerol lipase from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* by affinity chromatography," Linda Morrison and Dr. Peter Keyser; "Natural Killer cells in patients with idiopathic rheumatoid

arthritis," Charles Suits and Dr. Harris; "Antibody mediated phagocytosis of Enterobacteriaceae," Dr. John Measel and R. Vitalis; "Preliminary studies of the effect of gold on lymphocytes," Fran Lavender and Dr. Measel; and "A comparison of the levels of protease from clinical strains of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*," Dr. James Reeves and Bill Bell. This was the third largest representation of papers from any school at the meeting.

Providing medical services at the Nov. 17 Turkey Trot, a five-mile race at Farrington Field sponsored by the Fort Worth Department of Parks and Recreation, were S/Ds Alan Hamill, Richard Haenke, Hollis King, Brian Hull, Ricky Harris and Brad Miller and Drs. Wayne R. English, Larry L. Bunnell, George M. Esselman and W. R. Jenkins.

Most of the 76 participants in the first marathon training clinic conducted by the Institute for Human Fitness will be participating in the White Rock Marathon in Dallas Saturday, Dec. 1. From TCOM will be Dr. Bob Kaman, acting director of the Institute; Dr. Joel Alter, associate professor of surgery; Dr. Charles Ogilvie, chairman, department of medical humanities; Mike Fitzsimmons, activities director of the Institute; and S/Ds Richard Haenke, Bob McCurry and Viv Davis.

Check the bulletin board in the learning Resource Center for a listing of audiovisual materials on rheumatology.

We're late in reporting the fact but Dee Cullom in pathology has a new grandson, Dutch Henry Hamilton, who weighed in at 8 lbs. 2 oz. on Oct. 1. His parents are Dee's daughter Juanita and son-in-law Phil Hamilton.

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