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THIRD ACADEMIC YEAR UNDERWAY AT TCOM



FUTURE D.O.'s — The class of '76 assembles for a group picture during its first official visit to the Basic Science Building from the NTSU base of operations.

NOTABLES

TCOM student-wives, who sold more than 150 cookbooks with delectable recipes during TOMA's convention, just happen to have a few left. No kitchen should be without a TCOM "original." They can be purchased from Mrs. John (Patty) SESSIONS . . . Late reporting: Dr. and Mrs. Thomas H. TURNER honored the new junior class with a swim party at their Fort Worth home in late May . . . More late reporting: Student-doctor Jess RAMSEY and wife Susan are "proud" parents of daughter Jessica born in May . . . Student-wives have held their third election. New officers are: Janet CLABORN, president; Cynthia HAMILTON, vice-president; Susan RAMSEY, recording secretary; Linda BROCK, corresponding secretary; Genie LONG, treasurer . . .

Dr. John P. METHNER, chairman, department of Psychiatry, has awarded a "meritorious achievement" plaque to the eighteen students who served six-week externships this summer at Terrell State Hospital . . . Two students did extern "hitches" with Uncle Sam. John WILLIAMS served at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md., and Jess RAMSEY completed a brief tour of duty at Brooks Army Hospital, San Antonio . . . Local chapter of SOMA sponsored a get acquainted picnic for the new students on August 19 . . .

Remodeling of the Basic Science Building to accommodate the LIBRARY, six additional offices, a new conference room and faculty lounge has been completed . . . Student-doctor Paul LIVINGSTON and wife Mary recently became parents of a girl . . . at Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital . . . With the help of a federal grant, Mrs. Mary Lu Schunder, anatomy department, is working for her Ph.D. at Baylor Dental School.



PLEASANT PAUSE in a busy day for Dr. Marion E. Coy, executive administrative dean, who welcomes three freshmen to his office following the school's fall semester assembly. Shown from left, are Melinda Ann Cecil, Fort Worth, Sally A. Hallgren, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; and Cheri Sue Quincy, Lafayette, California.

NINETY-FIVE STUDENTS ENROLLED FOR FALL TERM

From 20 students in 1970 to the present enrollment of 95 has been the growth of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, which opened with freshman and sophomore registration on August 24-25. Classes began on August 28.

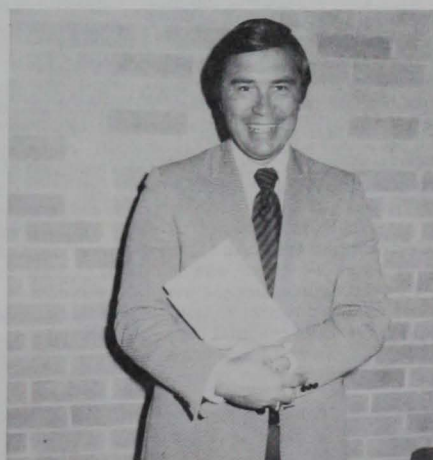
Junior students enrolled during the week of August 28, with classes starting on September 5.

Of the total number, 51 are classified as freshmen, 26 as sophomores and 18 are beginning their clinical years, announced Dr. Henry B. Hardt, dean of the college.

Dr. Hardt said that the class of '76 was selected from more than 300 applicants. He said the present student body consists of 82 Texans, with 13 students representing nine other states.

Holding the distance record is Herman Salazar, student-doctor from Santiago, Chile, South America. Others from distant states include: James B. Beard, Kettering, Ohio; John A. Brose, River Edge, N.J.; Sally A. Hallgren, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; and Cheri Sue Quincy, Lafayette, Calif.

The dean said that three members of the freshman class are women, who come from California, Illinois, and Texas. He added that TCOM now has five co-eds enrolled.



Mr. WAYNE O. STOCKSETH, 41, Corpus Christi business man, is the featured board member in this issue of the news.

Mr. Stockseth, elected in January, 1972, is active in a myriad of professional enterprises. He is chairman and president of Manex Corporation, a management consultant firm; chairman and treasurer of Roe Corporation, general contractors; chairman of the board of Power Equipment Sales and Service, Inc., a heavy duty maintenance facility; president of Portland General Insurance Agency, Portland, Texas; and a member of the Executive committee and board of directors of the First National Bank of Flour Bluff, Corpus Christi.

A native of Oak Park, Ill., he is a graduate of Sacramento State College, Sacramento, California, with a B.A. in economics and a minor in law.

In addition to his professional activities, Mr. Stockseth serves on the board of trustees of the Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital and is a member of the steering committee, Democrats for the Re-election of the President.

He is married to the former Norma Linkenhoger and they are parents of three sons.

SOMA CHAPTER ORGANIZED AT TCOM

A Texas chapter of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association has been organized by the sophomore and junior classes of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Student-doctor Shelley Howell, junior from Temple, was elected president.

Other officers include: Keith Watson, Abilene sophomore, vice-president; Charles O'Toole, Fort Worth sophomore, secretary-treasurer; and Sterling Lewis, junior from New Market, Md., reporter.

JUNIOR "VOICE"

By Student-doctor Nelda Cunniff

Time: Summer of '72

Place: Terrell State Hospital

Feelings of acceptance, usefulness, accomplishment, self-confidence, increased self-knowledge, appreciation of people as they are, of being in the right place at the right time — that is what it was all about.

We were made to feel so welcome by the entire staff who treated us as if we were competent physicians. Patients were most grateful to be able to spend some time with a doctor and none seemed to mind or notice that we were student-doctors.

While we were allowed and encouraged to use our own initiative, we had examples and instruction and all orders were countersigned by the ward physician. Counseling was always available when we were in doubt.

A typical week included: (1) grand rounds each morning when a patient would be presented; (2) neurology conference where we watched neurological exams and picked up pearls from the consulting neurologist; (3) psychiatry lecture by the unit chief; (4) psychological testing reviews; (5) specialty clinics in gyn, ENT, dermatology, surgery; (6) outpatient clinic; (7) current literature where each student presented an article; (8) cardex where each patient is reviewed for progress and possible dispensation; (9) family interviews; (10) group therapy sessions; (11) one night with the D.O.; and (12) many hours day and night on the wards where we talked with individual patients and did physical and mental status exams and wrote progress notes.

Most of us were as reluctant to leave TSH as the staff was for us to leave. We met some beautiful people — staff and patients — and some very dedicated and progressive people. What they need most is more help and we feel very fortunate to have contributed a small part.

TCOM's pilot program with TSH was a smashing success and we are indebted to those who arranged it. Ask any Junior — we love to discuss it.

One of the worst things about retirement is you have to drink coffee on your own time.



FINANCIAL AID has an important role in the lives of many TCOM student-doctors. Shown in a discussion during fall registration with Dr. Jack Banister, (left) coordinator of student financial aids and associate professor of microbiology, is Roy Lowry; awaiting their turns are Martin Jennings, (standing left) and Billy Long. All are members of the class of '75. Lowry and Jennings are from Fort Worth. Long lives in Arlington.



JOINT-LUNCHEON — The Board of Regents, NTSU, was host to the TCOM Board of Directors during a luncheon which followed separate meetings of both boards on August 24 at the Denton institution. Head table participants included: (from left) J. K. G. Silvey, Ph.D., chairman of NTSU biological sciences; George Grainger, D.O., TCOM board member from Tyler; Judge Carroll F. Sullivan, NTSU regent, Gainesville; George J. Luibel, D.O., TCOM board chairman; C. C. (Jitter) Nolen, president of NTSU; and A. M. Willis, chairman of NTSU board of regents, Longview.

Strictly Speaking...

Since 1968 more than \$500,000 from professional sources has been pledged for the benefit of TCOM.

This is a significant sum. Still, when one recalls that a four year goal set at the Association's convention in Corpus Christi to pledge one million dollars, the figure is not too significant. This is particularly true with only four months remaining in that period — a period which must account for an additional one-half million.

Texas D.O.'s, who have contributed 40% of the total funding to TCOM from all private sources, must step up the pace, however, if the college — and the profession — are to attain the goal.

From the early commitment days in 1966 to the present, the per capita giving by Texas D.O.'s has grown from \$8.60 to \$96.00. But this growth has been accomplished by only 30 per cent of the total membership. In the words of the late Winston Churchill, isn't it amazing that "so few have given so much for so many."

With little effort from non-participants the above axiom can in the opinion of this editorial writer be changed to read: "So many have given so much for mankind."



TCOM VISITORS — Dean Henry B. Hardt, left, chats with Drs. Nicholas G. Palmarozzi, Groves, and Robert G. Haman, Irving, president of TOMA, during a break in a board of directors' meeting in which both were guests.