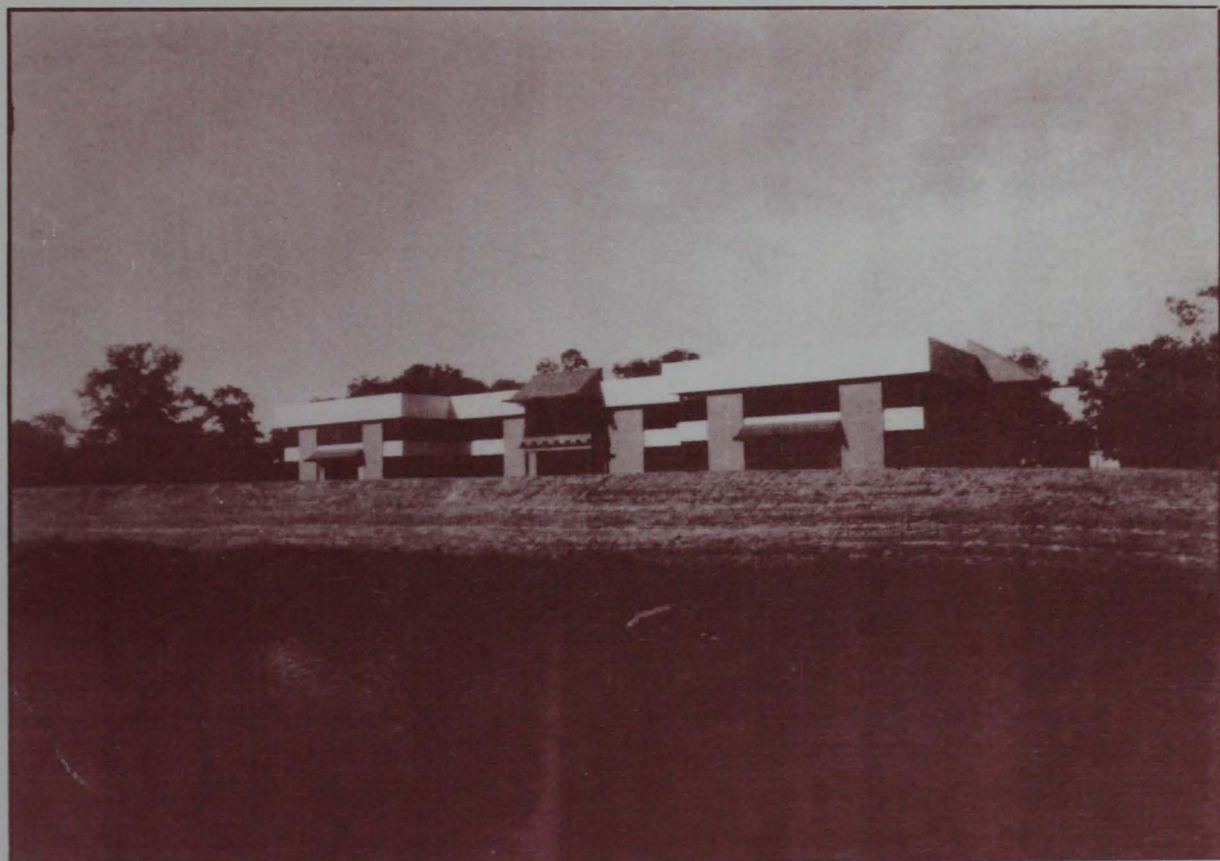


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COVER. TCOM's newest building, the River Plaza Campus Center, offers a scenic view of the Trinity River and Fort Worth's Forest Park. Located on Merrimac Circle, just off University Drive and about a mile from the Administration Building, the newly leased space will house offices and classrooms, the Library and the Instructional Development Department. The building, a new construction, was ready for occupancy in late August.

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On Campus

Dean Willard visits Iranian medical school

In August, Dean and Mrs. Ralph L. Willard and their son, Tom, traveled to Isfahan, Iran, where they visited the Willards' daughter, Jane, an English teacher to Iranian pilots. After their return, their trip was the subject of a feature in THE OBSERVER, Fort Worth's bi-weekly newspaper. The following is excerpted from that article with permission from THE OBSERVER and the author, Vicki Kendig.

At the top of a list of things to see for Dr. Willard was the medical school associated with the University of Isfahan.

Dr. Willard was impressed. The buildings and methods compare favorably with those of the United States, and are a combination of British and American influences. Presently, most of the country's medical personnel, Dean Willard says, were educated in Britain and or this country.

Besides a usual six-year program for doctors at the Isfahan school, there is an unusual program where students go to school three years and then go into the community to work four years.

Depending on test scores and their performance in the community, about half of the students go back to school for their doctors' degrees. The remainder stay in the community as physicians' assistants.

Dean Willard says of the school-community program, "A lot of it is aimed at practical things in the first three years," with basic courses in anatomy and physiology. Those who get to return to school study more detailed sciences.

"I think it's very exciting," the dean says of the concept.

Hospitals in general are on the same level as American counterparts, or below them. "The best hospitals," Dr. Willard says, "are on a par with ours. Others are not nearly so modern."

On the flight home, the Willards found out it is a small world. Striking up a conversation with an Iranian across the aisle, Dr. Willard discovered the man was head of the psychology department at the medical school in Isfahan which he had just toured.

The psychologist was going to spend two weeks at Michigan State University where he used to teach.

Dr. Willard also had been at Michigan State before coming to Fort Worth, and the men found they had been at the university for about six months at the same time.

The Class of '81

When the Class of '81 officially assembled for the first time the week of August 22, a diverse group of future osteopathic physicians came together.

The 72-member entering class consists of 56 men and 16 women, all but seven of them under 30 years of age. Only one-third, or 24 students, are married. Among them are 14 who hold a master's degree and one who has a doctorate. All have at least the baccalaureate degree. They come from 33 colleges and universities, most in Texas but some as far away as New York and Pennsylvania, and they majored in everything from biomedical sciences to theology and English.

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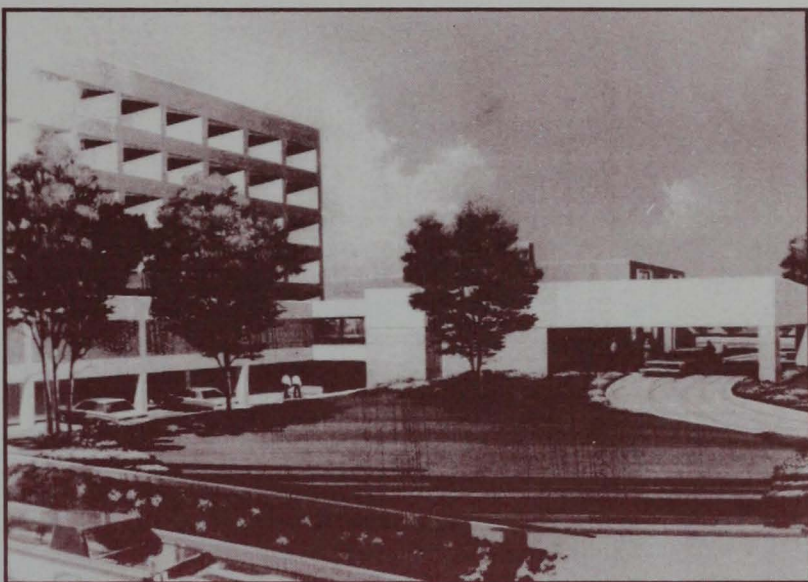
Architect's rendering of the proposed expansion of FWOH.

Antique treatment stool

Is it an antique or a piece of furniture? They're not quite sure in the Department of Osteopathic Philosophy, Principles & Practice, but everyone is intrigued by a MacManus ladder stool recently donated to the department. Similar stools were used for a short time about 50 years ago, although not many were ever manufactured by the MacManus company, makers of the best known osteopathic treatment table.

Patients sat on a stool which could be adjusted in height, and a ladder beneath the stool enabled the physician to position his feet to get his knee at the proper height needed for a specific technique.

Dr. John Kemplin, chairman of the Department of Radiology, found this rare antique almost by accident. Dr. William V. Accola of Hurst, Texas happened to mention that his aunt, a woman in her '80s, living in Buffalo, Wyoming, owned such a stool. Dr. Kemplin wrote her, offering to pay the freight if she would donate the stool to TCOM. The stool arrived in mid-October and Dr. Kemplin presented it to Dr. John Harakal, chairman of the Department of OPP&P.



FWOH announces expansion plans

Plans to begin a \$7.5 million expansion and renovation program at Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, TCOM's primary teaching affiliate, were announced recently by Dr. Roy B. Fisher, chairman of the Board of Directors and founder of the 200-bed teaching hospital.

Construction is scheduled to start in January 1978 on Phase I which will begin with the building of a two-story ancillary addition between the south and west wings of the existing hospital building. This new construction will house a 24-hour emergency department, surgery, labor and delivery areas, radiology and outpatient services, along with new business offices.

Also during Phase I, the fifth floor of the existing hospital will be remodeled to provide for a 20-bed nursing unit. A new central core of three elevators will be added and a central power plant will be constructed outside the hospital.

A new lobby and gift shop area will create the main entrance to the hospital, with a view from the front doors of the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art. Land adjoining the hospital will be landscaped and paved for parking during this initial phase of expansion.

No additional beds are being added to the hospital at this time, according to Claude G. Rainey, executive vice president, but the hospital plans to introduce outpatient surgery upon completion of the modernization and renovation of current ancillary facilities. According to the master development plan, a four-story nursing tower housing 160 patient beds

will be built when a need for the additional beds is indicated and approved by the Texas Health Facilities Commission.

Survival Course

Students listened to a history of osteopathic medicine and participated in study skills workshops and communications workshops which involved spouses. They took part in a myth debunking session, aimed at exploring their own attitudes toward physicians, and they practiced yoga and meditation. It was all part of a four-day "survival course" which preceded TCOM's August 26 registration.

All 72 members of the incoming class were invited but not required to attend the pilot project course which was held at the new River Plaza Campus Center. About sixty-five students were present at most of the sessions.

Planned by Dr. C. Raymond Olson, chairman of the Department of Medicine, in cooperation with Dr. Margaret Dennis, second-year student Greg Lund and Dr. Michael Budd, Director of Admissions, the course was put together as a pilot project by a special committee appointed by Dean Ralph L. Willard. During their four year intensive study at TCOM, many students request help, and the dean's committee was asked to propose ways to help students deal with the stress of the medical education. It is hoped that the survival course can become part of an ongoing program whereby help is available to students on request.

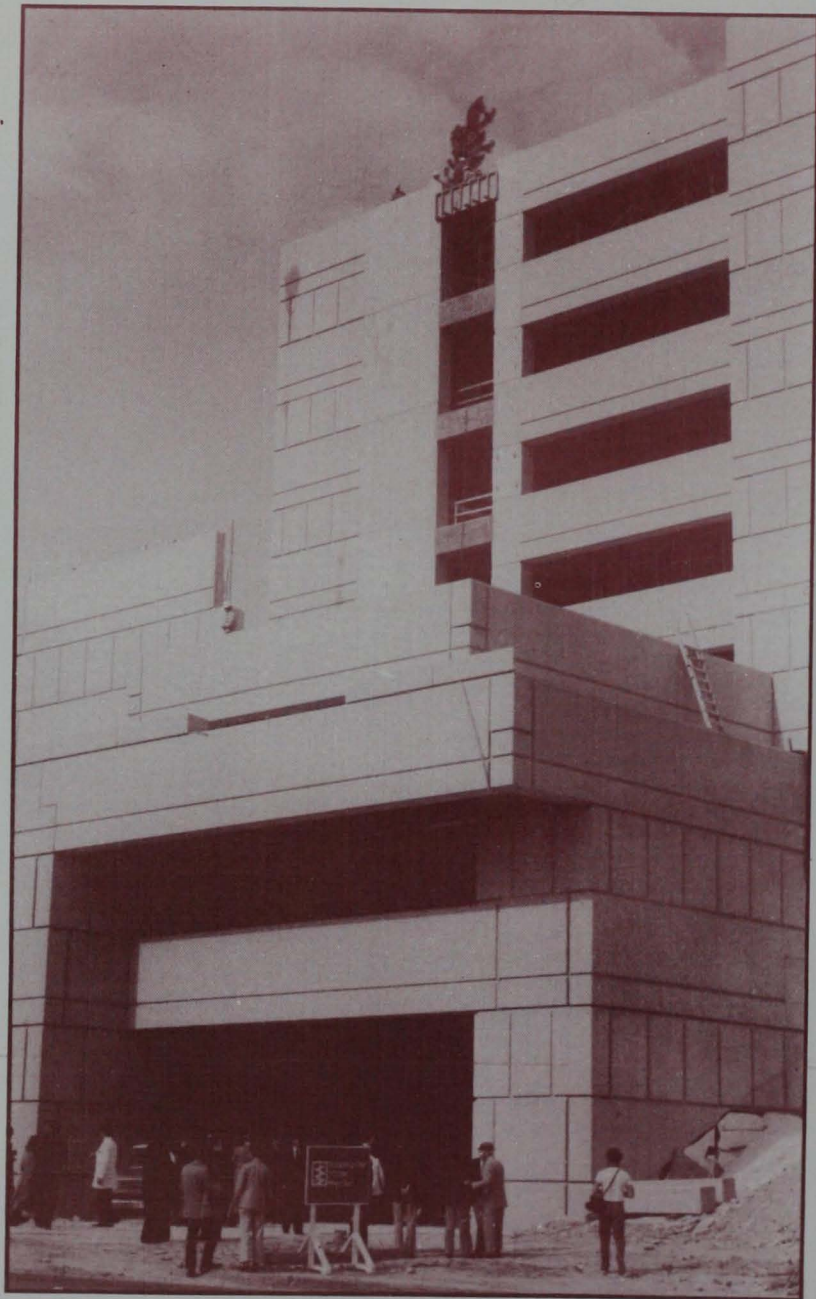
Med Ed I topped out

On Nov. 14, the contractor's crane hoisted the traditional pine tree atop TCOM's Medical Education Building I, signifying the completion of the shell of the \$12.4 million clinical science building. Plans are to incorporate the tree in the landscaping of the college campus.

Several months prior to the topping out ceremony, the construction company of Frank J. Rooney, Inc. raised a 57-foot, 120,000 pound piece of precast concrete into place. Placed on the third floor of the building, the precast piece is believed to be the largest piece of precast used in a building in the Fort Worth-Dallas area.

Medical Education Building I is completely constructed of precast concrete pieces which fit into place like a jig saw puzzle. Each numbered and dated piece has a specific spot in which to fit. For example, piece No. 49 is made to fit exactly into position with piece No. 48. The smallest precast piece weighs approximately 850 pounds with the majority weighing between 80,000 and 90,000 pounds. A total of 1,684 pieces of precast are being used in the clinical science building.

During the topping out ceremony, Ed Brooks of Fisher and Spillman Architects of Dallas, designers of the building, and Mike Miller of Rooney Construction noted that the building is ahead of schedule and predicted completion well ahead of schedule. Originally, the eight-story structure was projected to be complete in the late summer of 1979.



The pine tree atop the eighth floor proclaimed to the City of Fort Worth that the shell of Med Ed I was roofed in and complete.

Custom made clocks,

Dr. Roy B. Fisher, clinical associate professor of surgery, receives a custom-made wall clock from Ray Stokes, director of special services. The clocks are gifts to Annual Sustainers, those donors who give \$1000 or more annually to the college.



a new mascot

RAMbunctious is the new mascot in the Department of Osteopathic Philosophy, Principles and Practice. Given to Dr. John Harakal, chairman, for his birthday by members of the department, Rambunctious is a plaster ram standing about 2½ feet high. In ancient mythology, the figure of the ram signified the need for reason, and the ram is the official logo of the Academy of Applied Osteopathy. The sophomore class helped Dr. Harakal name his ram, compiling a list of over 40 suggestions from which a final choice was made. RAMbunctious now resides in the department's practice training area.

and a scholarship gift

Dean Willard accepts a check for \$1000 from Mrs. Roy Fisher, seated, and Mrs. W. W. Bailes. The money, representing proceeds from an Antique Show and

Sale sponsored by the Auxiliary to District II, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, will be used to provide a scholarship for a TCOM student.



General and Family Practice pivot for medical education

TEXAS COLLEGE
OF
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
NORTHSIDE FAMILY
PRACTICE CLINIC
BIEN VINENADOS



In the past the Department of General and Family Practice has been one among several clinical departments to inherit students in their third year, with little or no contact between the department and first or second year students. At TCOM, that department is a central pivot point around which the education of primary care physicians revolves during four years of training.

When he became chairman of this department in the fall of '76, Dr. L.L. Bunnell accepted a direct charge from the dean to build a department which would put the emphasis of its training program on the health care needs of the people of the state of Texas and the country. Pointing out that traditionally the osteopathic physician has had a family practice in a small town, Dr. Bunnell says, "We want to meet future needs as well as carry on that tradition." He believes strongly that the family practitioner is the key person to meet health care needs, particularly in rural areas.

At TCOM, the process of training a

family physician begins long before the third year clinical portion of the student's training. It begins, in fact, at the point of selection by the admissions committee. Dr. Russell Gamber, vice-chairman of the department, sits on that committee.

"We try to pick someone intelligent, of course, and able to deal in generalities as well as the specifics of medicine, but we also look for those who are interested in people on a personal level. That's important when you're talking about people's health care needs."

Family medicine as defined by the TCOM department is humanistic medicine, with an emphasis on listening to patients, hearing what they say behind the words they speak, and responding meaningfully. "The family practitioner has to treat patients with anxiety, depression, marriage and sex problem as well as physical problems," says Dr. Bunnell, stressing the importance of communication skills in family medicine.

The family practitioner also deals with such common problems as the cold, a

backache or an earache. A central concern of the department is to train students to deal with these problems when they are seen in a family practice. Dr. Bunnell explained that in the past students could easily go through four years of school dealing with hypertension, for example, only from the viewpoint of hospital medicine. At TCOM, they must learn to treat hypertension in the office patient.

The training of the family physician, of course, extends far beyond the day of graduation from medical school, and in TCOM's Department of General and Family Practice, students are not the only ones who study and learn. A continuous faculty development program includes courses in the skills of teaching, taught by professional educators. As Dr. Bunnell quickly points out, the faculty in his department are highly motivated teachers but they have all been trained as physicians with little or no knowledge about teaching.

General and Family Practice is not a

clinical department in the strictest sense of the word. It is, instead, involved in students' training from the first day, both by direct teaching and by collaboration with the basic science departments. Departmental faculty members teach Introduction to Osteopathic Medicine the first semester of the first year. A course in physical examination follows.

To strengthen the emphasis on family medicine, the department works closely with the basic science faculty. The end result of this cooperation is that anatomy, for example, is taught in terms of physical examination and human dynamics rather than as a pure science. "We want anatomy to be an alive and meaningful subject for the student that day he first finds himself in an examining room with a real patient," says Dr. Bunnell.

A program now in the planning stage would enlarge the student's early clinical experience by exposing him to office practice in the second semester of the sophomore year. Plans call for locating students in area physicians' offices, within a 50-mile radius of Fort Worth, for one half day per week for six to eight weeks in the spring semester of the second year.

The department presently operates four clinics to provide clinical experience and training for students in their third and fourth year—Rosedale Outpatient Clinic, Northside Clinic, Central Clinic and the rural clinic in Justin. Students spend three months of their clinical rotation at any one of these clinics. During this experience, students conduct a general practice, with their own patients, under the direct supervision of a faculty member. In these three months, the doctor-in-training can see and handle the wide range of problems common to general practice.

Under a preceptor program students may also spend one month in the office of a general practitioner during the clinical phase of their training. At the present time, about 15 or 20 physicians throughout Texas participate in this program. Dr. Bunnell would like to see that number expand to 30 or 40 with a counseling service developed whereby students could be matched to physicians with the same general interests. For instance, if a student is particularly interested in sports medicine, he could be placed in the office of a physician whose practice includes a football or basketball team. Physicians who participate in this program currently are given clinical appointments to the

The Faculty of the Department of General and Family Practice

Two years ago, the department had one quarter-time faculty member. Now, it's faculty numbers 32, seven of them full time, and the department still actively recruits qualified faculty members.

The full time faculty members are:

CHAIRMAN

L. L. Bunnell, D.O.

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Russell G. Gamber, D.O.

Richard B. Baldwin, D.O.

Robert R. Brown, D.O.

Peggy Hall, D.O. (on leave of absence)

James L. Mc Laughlin, D.O.

Scott Taylor, D.O.

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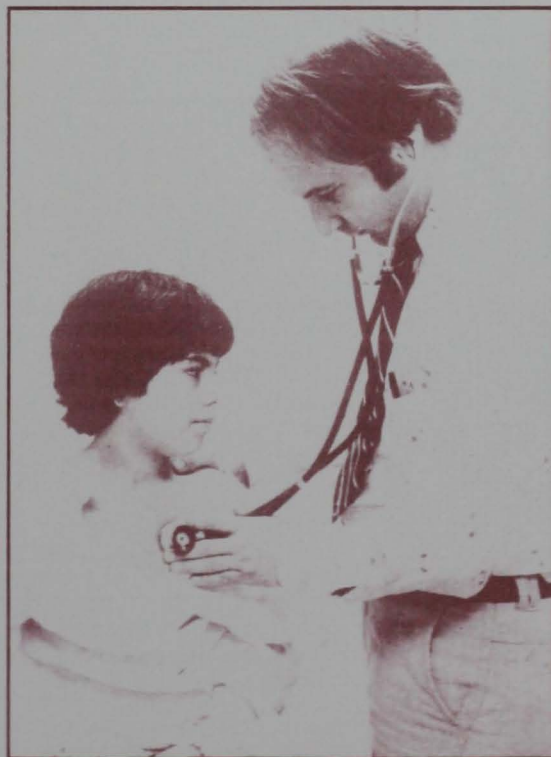
faculty of the college and receive CME (Continuing Medical Education) credits for their time with students.

In the future plans of the department is a graduate training program which would combine training in family practice and faculty development. This program would lead to both residency completion and a masters degree in education.

Thus, the department's program is

multi-faceted, with attention paid to classroom education and clinical experience, to basic science and clinical training. Dr. Bunnell even has an eye on clinical research concepts for the future.

The Department of General and Family Practice is the largest department at TCOM... and it's looking toward a bigger future.



Profiles



L.L. Bunnell, D.O.
Chairman
Department of General and
Family Practice

"There's an attitude of 'Let us work together.' Tell me what you think is important for a general practitioner to learn." These are some of the things that Larry L. Bunnell, D.O., enjoys about teaching at TCOM.

"At TCOM, we, (the Department of General and Family Practice) are asked to join other departments and help teach a variety of classes. In some institutions you find such antagonism between the Department of General and Family Practice and other departments, but it just doesn't exist here. There's real cooperation," Dr. Bunnell continued.

As professor and chairman of the Department of General and Family Practice, Dr. Bunnell values that cooperation because he knows cooperation between departments is essential if the college is to produce competent family practitioners. He also believes that the family practitioner is the key to meeting the health needs of our country.

Formerly professor and chairman of the Department of Osteo-

pathic Medicine at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Bunnell accepted the responsibilities for the department at TCOM in October 1976. A graduate of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine with a B.S. from Ohio State University, Dr. Bunnell served an internship at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio and was in private practice in Columbus and Piqua, Ohio.

A diplomate of the American Board of Osteopathic General Practitioners, he is a member of state and national professional associations, the American Academy of Osteopathic General Practitioners, the American Academy of Applied Osteopathy and the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine as well as Sigma Sigma Phi and Psi Sigma Alpha honorary societies.

Active in community affairs, Dr. Bunnell is a member of the Tarrant County Health Maintenance Organization Board and the Area 5 Physical Health Planning Task Force.



Mary L. Schunder, Ph.D.
Chairman
Department of Anatomy

"There really is a difference. We teach student physicians, not an anatomy student or a physiology student. That's important to me. The various disciplines are integrated instead of isolated. The osteopathic approach to the whole man applies to education, too. We teach the whole student."

Those are the words of Mary Schunder, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Anatomy and a member of the faculty all seven years of the college's existence. During a three year leave of absence Dr. Schunder earned her Ph.D. at Baylor University under a Health Professions Personnel Grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. It was, she recalls, a case of being in the right place at the right time. To be eligible for the grant, a person had to have a teaching commitment in the health field and an institution had to promise a job upon completion of

study. On an educational leave of absence from TCOM, Dr. Schunder went back to school. Three years later she was able to come back with an even greater contribution to TCOM.

Asked about the early growing pains of a new school, she brushes them off and speaks instead of the excitement of being in on the ground floor of a medical school. "It's a rare experience, a once in a lifetime thing."

Dr. Schunder received the M.A. and B.A. from Texas Christian University. A representative to the Anatomical Board of the State of Texas, she also serves as a consultant in anatomy to the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and is a member of Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honorary Society, Phi Sigma National Graduate Biological Honor Society and the Texas Society for Electron Microscopy.

Registrar Earlene McElroy has a strong record of experience in Texas institutions of higher learning. She has worked at both Texas Christian University and the Tarrant County Junior College System in Fort Worth and before that worked for the state university in her hometown, San Angelo. She was there, in fact, when the school in San Angelo made the change from junior college to four year university, and she compares the experience to being part of the growth of TCOM.

"There are more challenges in a new school," says Mrs. McElroy. "You try to build something lasting, and you have to be more open to change. In an older school you lose that excitement of moving forward."

Mrs. McElroy had to choose between a school over a hundred years old and the newness of TCOM when she joined the

staff in 1973. She was working at TCU when she was recommended for the position of secretary to the director of admissions at TCOM. It was a hard decision, but she attributes her choice to a bit of pioneer spirit and says she's loved every minute at TCOM since that first day. But, she admits, she knew nothing about osteopathic medicine when she applied at TCOM. At her initial interview, she grabbed every bit of reading material she could and went home and read all night.

Mrs. McElroy was appointed acting director of admissions and registrar in the winter of '75 and served in that dual capacity until Dr. Michael Budd joined the staff. She and her husband, Bob, who is associated with the architectural firm of Ridgeway, Inc., have two daughters and four grandchildren.



Earlene McElroy
Registrar

"I don't know yet what it is that can't be done. I'd rather talk about what can be done." That statement typifies the positive approach of Michael L. Budd, Ph. D., to his newly assumed duties as assistant dean for student affairs.

Dr. Budd, who has served as director of admissions at TCOM since July 1976, was named to his new position by the North Texas State University Board of Regents in August. He will continue his duties as director of admissions.

Asked if wearing two hats would bother him, Dr. Budd replied that he saw no conflict between recruiting students and acting as an advocate for those already enrolled. He sees the Office of Student Affairs as a service office, charged with coordinating student life from pre-admission to graduation. It is most important, he believes, to treat the student as an individual person deserving of respect.

Dr. Budd says his new job is both one of maintenance of existing programs, with his new duties somewhat an enlargement of former responsibilities, and one of development. It is in the area of development that he wants to talk about what can be done, not what is impossible.

Prior to joining TCOM, Dr. Budd was a fellow in the Office of Medical Education Research and Development at Michigan State University where he worked on physician-educator programs, clerkship studies, student affairs programs and in the admissions programs of both the College of Human Medicine and the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Budd has also taught English and Latin in the public school systems of Ypsilanti and Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and served as director of a compensatory education program for the children of migrant workers. He earned his doctorate in higher education and administration from Michigan State University, and holds an M.A. in English from the University of Michigan and a B.A. from Albion College.

A native of Michigan, Dr. Budd made moving to Texas a family affair. He and his wife, Lynn, and their two children were soon followed by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. Linton Budd. The senior Dr. Budd is vice-chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at TCOM.



Michael L. Budd, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean for Student
Affairs and
Director of Admissions

Campus News Notes

TCOM was well represented at the Annual Convention of the American Osteopathic Association, November 6-10, in Atlanta, Georgia. Those attending from TCOM included: **Dr. Ralph Willard**, dean of the college; **Dr. Charles A. Kline**, associate dean for clinical affairs; **Dr. J. Warren Anderson**, assistant dean for medical education; **Dr. Michael L. Budd**, assistant dean for student affairs and director of admissions; **Dr. L. L. Bunnell**, professor and chairman of the department of general and family practice; **Dr. William D. Hinsberg**, assistant professor of general and family practice; **Dr. Raymond Conn**, associate professor and chairman of the department of psychiatry; **Dr. Irwin Schussler**, associate professor of psychiatry; **Dr. Myron G. Skinner**, clinical assistant professor of pathology; **Dr. C. Gordon Skinner**, assistant dean for basic sciences; **Dr. Elizabeth F. Harris**, associate professor and chairman of the department of microbiology; **Dr. Robert L. Kaman**, assistant professor of biochemistry; **Dr. Richard J. Sinclair**, assistant professor of physiology; **Dr. Marion E. Coy**, professor of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice; **Dr. Richard Wright**, associate professor of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice; **Ray Stokes**, director of alumni affairs; **Dr. Mary L. Schunder**, associate professor and chairman of the department of anatomy.

While in Atlanta, **Dr. Raymond Conn** spoke at a symposium on suicide which was part of the program held by the American College of Neuropsychiatrists. **Dr. Conn's** topic was "Detection (Evaluation) of the Potentially Suicidal Person." **Dr. J. Warren Anderson** spoke at the TCOM Alumni Luncheon on "The Changing Curriculum at TCOM: Something Old, Something New." **Dean Ralph Willard** also spoke briefly at the luncheon. **Dr. Elizabeth Harris** took part in the American Osteopathic College of Allergy and Immunology panel discussion on natural immunity factors. She is chairman of the college committee of this specialty group.

Osteopathic Medicine: An Alternative in Health Care, a fully narrated 10-minute

slide presentation describing the training and practice of osteopathic physicians, is now available for loan through the Public Information Office. **Dr. John Harakal**, chairman and professor of the Department of Osteopathic Philosophy, Principles and Practice, served as consultant for the film which was produced by the college's audiovisual department. A portion of the funding was provided by Sigma Sigma Phi honorary fraternity.

The Public Information Office welcomes requests for presenting the newest slide/sound program.

Dr. Gary H. Wimbish, assistant professor of pathology, has been certified as a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology. Certification in forensic toxicology is based on examination, recommendations and credentials. According to **Dr. Wimbish** about 40 toxicologists in the United States are board certified.

The TCOM Library has received a generous gift of over 200 medical reference and textbooks from **Dr. Louis G. Mancuso** of Dallas.

Dr. T. Robert Sharp, clinical professor of general and family practice, has been appointed to serve on the Texas Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee which will review applications for the funding of family practice residency training programs and will recommend standards for such programs which receive state aid. **Dr. Sharp** will serve as a representative of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association.

The Schering Corporation of Kenilworth, N.J. has donated an audio-visual program on tumors of the skin to the college. The slide/sound program completes a seven-part program which provides self-study materials for students.

Dr. George M. Esselman, director of clinical clerk education at the Dallas Medical Education Consortium, has been elected president of the Academy of

Osteopathic Directors of Medical Education.

Two TCOM students were named recipients of the National Osteopathic College Scholarships from the Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association. Receiving \$300 tuition scholarships are **Judy Mills** of Fort Worth and **Hector Lopez** of El Paso. Both **Mrs. Mills** and **Lopez** are first-year students.

A total of eighteen new faculty members and one new administrative staff member joined TCOM since last July.

New faculty members are **Dr. Lois B. Allen**, assistant professor of microbiology; **Dr. David Barker**, assistant professor of physiology; **Dr. Clinton Burns**, instructor of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice; **Dr. James Caffrey**, instructor of anatomy; **Dr. Thomas A. Croley**, assistant professor of anatomy; **Dr. Gustave Ferre**, lecturer in allied studies; **Dr. Ruthann A. Masaracchia**, assistant professor of biochemistry; **Dr. Floyd Ostrom**, assistant professor of pediatrics; **Dr. Vanna Powell**, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology; **Dr. Peter B. Raven**, associate professor of pediatrics; **Dr. Donald Reifel**, clinical associate professor of microbiology; **Dr. Phillip P. Saperstein**, associate professor of general and family practice; **Dr. Irwin Schussler**, associate professor of psychiatry; **Dr. Hsin-Hsiung Tai**, associate professor of biochemistry; **Dr. Stephen Urban**, assistant professor of general and family practice; and **Dr. Thomas Yorio**, assistant professor of pharmacology.

Joining the administrative staff as acting director of public information is **Dr. Judy Alter** of Fort Worth.

More recently **Dr. Ronald J. Markert** joined the faculty as assistant professor of medical education and director of evaluation. He comes to TCOM from Michigan State University.

Dr. R. Anton Lester of Tyler has donated two bio-monocular microscopes to the basic sciences division of the college.

Alumni News

Minutes

The TCOM Alumni meeting was called to order by President Paul Livingston, D.O., at 3 p.m. Monday November 7, 1977 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

Alumni present included Drs. Joe Brooke, '75, Allan Kalich, '75, Paul Livingston, '74, Ron Sherbert, '74, and Alan Stockard, '75. Also present was S/D Chris Hull, third year student.

Minutes of the last meeting (Corpus Christi) were read by Ray Stokes and approved.

Stokes, association secretary, stated in his report that the Alumni Association has 146 members, of whom 58 are paid up-to-date on either life membership or annual dues. Some 54 interns, whose dues do not begin until May 1978, will be polled to determine their wishes on the proposed increase in dues. Stokes said that only 58 eligible members have voted to date on whether to raise the dues from \$100 to \$250 for life membership and from \$15 to \$20 for annual dues. After the interns are polled, the Alumni Office will announce the final results. A two-thirds

majority of eligible voters is needed to amend the by-laws.

Stokes reported that the current bank balance is \$3,203.02. He suggested that since the Alumni Association does not have a federal identification number, the assistance of the TCOM Business Office should be sought enabling the association to use the college's "ID" number to put the bank balance to work earning an annual yield. Stokes also recommended the cash be deposited in the TCOM Alumni Agency Fund until a legal charter for the association has been applied for and received. (The charter is necessary for legal identity. Without it, the association's banking is limited to a checking account.)

President Livingston said he would appoint a Scholarship Committee with the responsibility to select guidelines to set up and administer scholarship funds on an annual basis to eligible TCOM student/doctors. The committee report will be heard at the next assembly to be held during TOMA's annual convention in Fort Worth,

May 4-6, 1978.

Stokes explained an insurance program operated by the Collegiate Alumni Trust (CAT), with TCOM being a likely beneficiary, at no expense to the college or the Alumni Association. After some discussion Dr. Sherbert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Marsh, that the matter be tabled and be introduced again at the next assembly meeting. Motion passed.

The president suggested that the membership begin an effort to promote the addition of an alumni member to be included on TCOM Admissions Committee. Stokes added that it was also time for efforts to be employed toward achieving the possibility of having an alumnus on the Dean's Council and even the Board of Regents.

It was agreed that the Association will act as host to each graduating class in some way, to be decided annually. Stokes was authorized to start plans for the 1978 class.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Luncheon

All four classes of graduates of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine were represented at the Second Annual Alumni Luncheon held November 7 during the national meeting of the American Osteopathic Association in Atlanta.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. J. Warren Anderson, assistant dean for medical education, who spoke on "The Changing Curriculum at TCOM: Something Old, Something New."

Dr. Ralph W. Willard, dean and

vice president for medical affairs, also spoke to the audience of 41 alumni and guests. Dr. Willard brought an up-to-date report on the progress of the physical facilities at the Fort Worth campus, including information about Medical Education Building I now under construction.

Dr. Paul Livingston, '74, alumni president, presided at the business meeting which followed the luncheon. Dr. Livingston said he will appoint a scholarship committee to

set guidelines for a proposed annual scholarship program to be sponsored by the alumni association. The committee will make its report at the annual assembly during the May convention of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association.

Edna and Ray Stokes entertained the alumni and guests with a fondue dinner in Underground Atlanta on Monday night, November 7.

Alumni News

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Class of '76

Dr. Hernan Salazar, a native of Santiago, Chile, has opened a family practice in San Antonio. Dr. Salazar recently became a life member of the Alumni Association.

Two '76 graduates who chose to begin their practice outside Texas are Drs. Barney E. Blue and Alan Stockard. Dr. Blue's office is in Oklahoma City, while Dr. Stockard has located in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Pyron '76, have announced the June 14 birth of their son, Walter Scott Pyron II.

Dr. Denny K. Tharp is in general practice in Elgin, 20 miles east of Austin.

Dr. Mark Baker is operating a family clinic for the Public Health Service in Boswell, Okla.

Drs. Otto and Oziel Gutierrez have joined their father Dr. Oscar D. Gutierrez in family practice in their hometown of San Antonio.

Dr. Michael LeCompte will spend two months at Brooke Medical Center in San Antonio, then move to Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock.

Dr. Rick Johnson has begun a residency in internal medicine at Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital.

Jacksboro, Texas has a native son in practice there now that Dr. Neil Berry has opened an office for family practice.

Dr. James Beard has begun a radiology residency at Grandview Hospital in Dayton following his internship there.

Dr. Walter Pyron has entered practice in Austin.

Dr. Melinda Duncan has opened a practice in Palestine.

Dr. Randy Barnes has joined Drs. Shelley Howell and Terry Parvin, 1974, in family practice in Temple.

Drs. Roy Lowry, Terry Leever and Charles Wheeler are staying together at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital to serve residency training. Dr. Lowry is in ENT, and Drs. Leever and Wheeler are in radiology.

Dr. John Angelo is serving a medical residency with the Public Health Service in New Orleans.

Dr. Ralph Kelly is remaining at San Diego Regional Naval Hospital following his internship to begin a residency in pediatrics.

Dr. G. L. Tilma has begun a residency in radiology at Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital where he interned.

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Dr. Joe Brooke has begun his second year of family practice in Rich Creek, Va. He and his family visited TCOM in June.

Dr. Peggy Hall is taking a two-year leave of absence from the TCOM clinical staff to join the staff of the Gallup, N.M., Public Health Service where she will work in the emergency room and outpatient clinic. Her duties this first year will also include work in surgery and obstetrics and gynecology. Her second year will be spent in the pediatric department. Dr. Hall said she is enthusiastic about working at the largest Indian hospital in the United States. Medical students from all over the nation serve rotations there and Dr. Hall encourages any interested students to join her.

Dr. John Blum has entered private practice in his hometown of Houston.

Dr. Mike Robinson has moved from Denton to Central Point, Oregon, where he will enter private practice.

Dr. and Mrs. Roger Hamilton, '75, of Granbury, have announced the April 9 birth of their son, Brady Dean Hamilton.

Class of '74

Dr. Jesse R. Ramsey completed his residency in pediatrics at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso in June 1977. Now stationed in Augsburg, Germany, Dr. Ramsey writes that he intends to practice general pediatrics in Texas after completion of his military service.

Dr. David Ray has moved from Snyder to Bridgeport where he is in family practice.

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Dr. James Hawa, currently interning at Mt. Clemens (Mich.) General Hospital, is co-author with Dr. Stevan Cordas, of an article entitled "Trace Elements—An Introduction" which appeared in the June issue of *Osteopathic Medicine*.

Dr. Carlisle Holland, an intern at Phoenix General Hospital, has co-authored an article with Dr. Cordas entitled "Zinc: Clinical Considerations" which appeared in the August issue of *Osteopathic Medicine*.