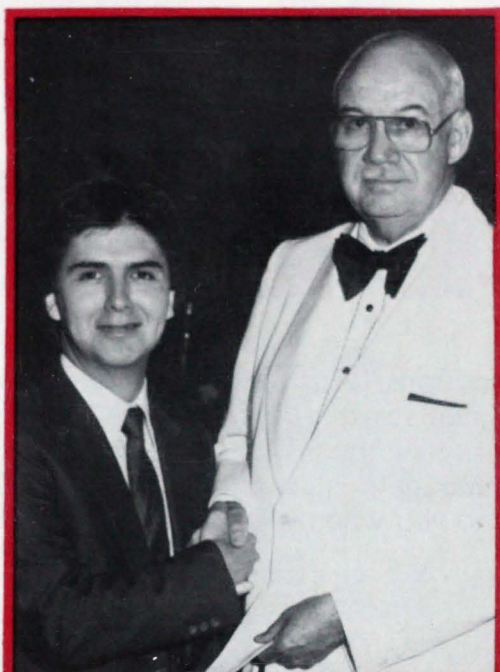


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Receiving the President's Award at the senior awards banquet was Alex Guevara, Jr. of San Antonio, who is being congratulated by TCOM President Ralph Willard, D.O. The award is given for past and future leadership in the osteopathic profession.

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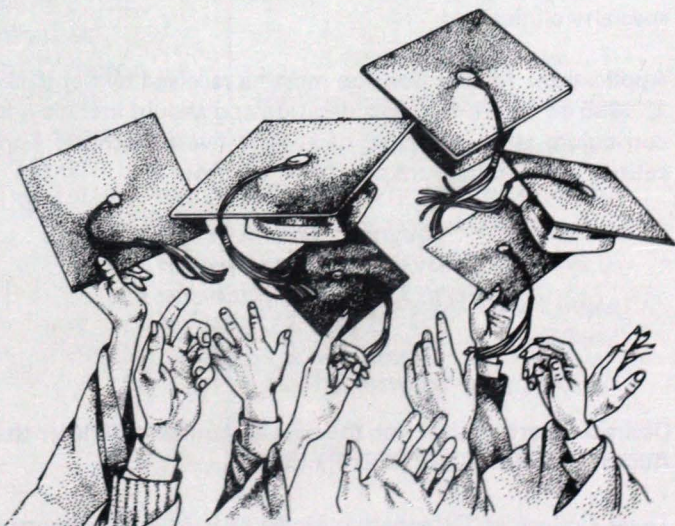
Brother and sister Deborah and Christopher Fernon of Beaumont celebrate their graduation from TCOM.

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Graduating at the top of their class at TCOM were Robert Bowling of Groves, first; Marianne Beard of Dallas, second; and Loury Nero of Jacksboro, third.

lower right

Selected by the senior class to receive the Arrowsmith Award for overcoming obstacles on the way to graduation was Linda Albert Lekawski of Denton. She is shown celebrating with husband Thomas and sons Ryan, center, and Geoffrey.



NTSU-TCOM Invites Applications & Nominations for President

The Board of Regents of North Texas State University/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine invites applications and nominations for the position of **President of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine**, a state-supported institution in Fort Worth.

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Several Receive Awards at TCOM's Traditional Awards Banquet

Several students, two faculty members and the president of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM) were recognized for special achievements May 17 at the traditional awards banquet on the eve of the school's 12th annual commencement.

Three students were honored for their academic standing in the 92-member class. As the top graduate, Robert Bowling, D.O., of Groves received the Upjohn Achievement Award. Marianne Beard, D.O., of Dallas, as second in the class, was given the Lemmon Company Award, and Loury Nero, D.O., of Jacksboro, as third, received the Sandoz Inc. Award.

The students voted to dedicate their yearbook to Ralph L. Willard, D.O., who resumed full-time teaching in the surgery department June 1 after 10 years as the school's chief administrative officer.

Dr. Beard won two other awards during the evening - the T. Robert Sharp, D.O. Award as the outstanding student in general and family practice and the Sigma Sigma Phi Outstanding Senior Award. The Sharp award is given annually by T. Robert Sharp, D.O. of Mesquite.

The Wayne O. Stockseth Award for outstanding comprehension of osteopathic principles and aptitude in their application went to Susan Dusek, D.O., of Temple. The award is given each year by Stockseth, chairman of the North Texas State University Board of Regents that governs TCOM, and his wife, Norma Lee.

The President's Award for scholastic achievement and outstanding present and future leadership in the osteopathic profession was given by President Willard, D.O. to Alex Guevara, Jr., D.O., of San Antonio.

The T.E. Williams Arrowsmith Award to honor a student who has overcome obstacles on the way to graduation went to Linda Albert Lekawski, D.O., of Denton.

Ron Washak, D.O., of Dallas received awards for outstanding work in two different departments - the Mead Johnson Pediatric Award and the Sam Buchanan, Sr. Memorial Award from the surgery department.

Connie Lorenz, D.O., of Dallas was presented the Delta Omega Phi Chapter Outstanding Woman Award by the student women's organization.

Robert Mark Haman, D.O., of Irving won the Robert G. Haman, D.O. Memorial Award for best

exemplifying the ideals of osteopathic medicine general practice. The award was named for his father.

The Robert J. Nelson, D.O. Memorial Award for work in obstetrics and gynecology went to Robert Faseler, D.O., of Bay City. Van Kinsey, D.O., Maxwell was named Outstanding Senior Student Emergency Medicine.

The medicine department gave four new awards - the Roerig Internal Medicine Award for the outstanding medicine rotation done at Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center to Dr. Guevara, the Glaxo Internal Medicine Award for the outstanding medicine rotation at a site other than Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center to Dr. Haman, and the Boehringer Ingleheim Internal Medicine Award for outstanding scholastic achievement to Dr. Bowling. The prize to be given the Sandoz Inc. Scholastic Memorial Award went to the Jonathan Stroud Children's Memorial Fund. Stroud, who was to have graduated near the top of the Class of 1985, died March 29.

Chosen by students to be honored for their teaching abilities were Noel Funderburk, Ph.D., in the clinical sciences and Marc Krouse, M.D., in the pre-clinical sciences. Both are assistant professors of pathology.

Also recognized for their selection earlier this year as Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges were Drs. Beard, Bowling, Haman and Stroud.▲

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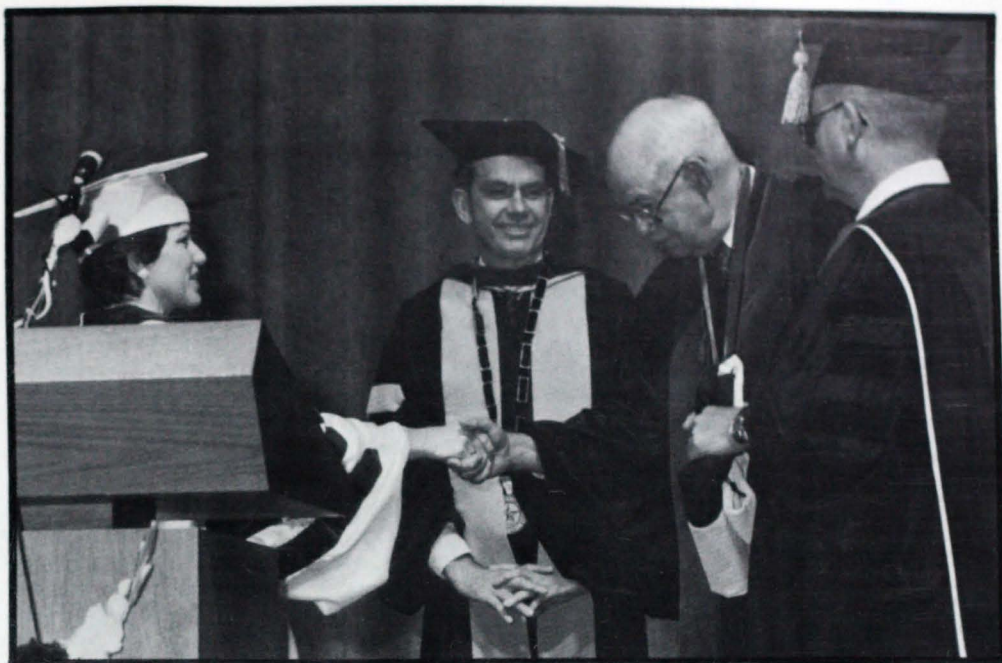
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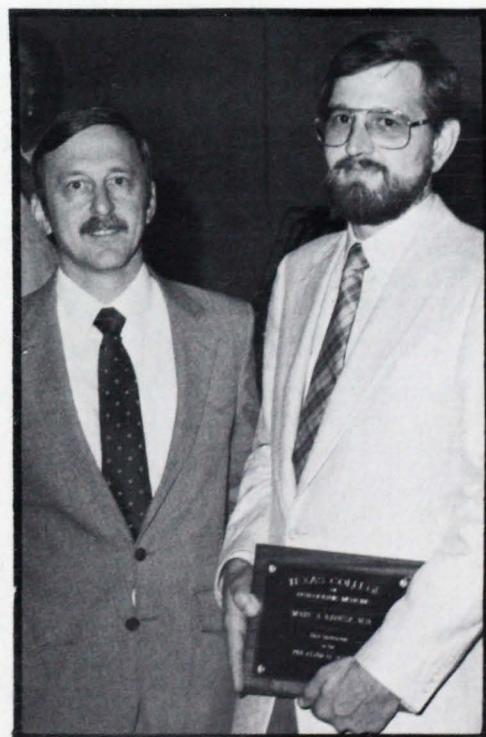
Three generations of D.O.s were present at TCOM's graduation in May: Ruth Willard of Sun City, Arizona, left, mother of Margaret Jarvis of Decatur, Illinois, and Ralph L. Willard, TCOM President, right; and new graduate Tom Willard, son of Dr. Ralph Willard.



TCOM President Ralph Willard, D.O., receives honorary degree from Board of Regents Vice Chairman Becky Garth at TCOM commencement. Waiting to hood Dr. Willard are Chancellor Alfred Hurley, center, and Acting Vice President and Dean T. Eugene Zachary, D.O.



Receiving first-time internal medicine awards at the senior awards banquet were Robert Bowling of Groves, left, the Boehringer Ingleheim Internal Medicine Award for scholastic excellence; Alex Guevara, Jr., of San Antonio, right center, the Roerig Internal Medicine Award for the best rotation at Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center; and Robert Haman of Irving, right, the Glaxo Internal Medicine Award for the best rotation at a site other than FWOMC. Presenting the awards was Howard Graitzer, D.O., of the medicine faculty.



Chosen by students as teachers of the year at the annual awards banquet before commencement were Noel Funderburk, Ph.D., in the clinical sciences, left, and Marc Krouse, M.D., in the basic sciences. Both are assistant professors of pathology.



Row 1 (left to right): Drs. Gary Levine, Larry Levine, Jan Sikes, Nancy Sellars-Stumhoffer, Diane Polasky, David Gratch, Alex Guevara, Gunda Kirk, John McHugh, Sherri Pinsley, Stephanie Cook, Richard Saunders, Hollace Hunt, Linda Albert-Lekawski and Susan Dusek.

Row 2 (left to right): Drs. Marzette Parks, Donna Brown, Wendell Phillips, Brian Stumhoffer, Nancy Zatopek, Michael Noss, Mark Haman, Rusty Hurse, Ann Hathcock, Connie Lorenz, Marianne Clark, Suzanne Schafer, Deborah Pierce, Hamid Jalali, Deborah Brown, Craig Crosby, David Land, Yolanda Rios Greene, James Merryman and Karen King.

Row 3 (left to right): Drs. Dennis Reiter, Wendell Hand, Bonnie Howley, Richard Hubner, Eugene Pardi, Dennis Ortiz, John Ansohn, Richard Weinstock, Lloyd Brooks, Jeffrey Nelson, Sibyl Brinkman, Jonathan Sneed, Marianne Beard, Loury Nero, Stephen Taylor, Deborah Fernon, Charles Lovelace, Charles Hall and Samuel Morgan.

Row 4 (left to right): Drs. Calvin Harris, Steven O'Mara, Nick Pomonis, Robert Bowling, Bradley Eames, John Guerra, Kenneth Winton, Weldon Johnson, Terry Roach, Ronald Royce, Ronald Washak, Clyde Henshaw, Chris Fernon, Marcus Sims, Thomas Willard, Samuel Turner, Edward King and Tammy Jones.

Row 5 (left to right): Drs. Murray Francis, Van Kinsey, Leo Tucker, John Scott, Dennis Robinson, Stephen Alldredge, Kevin P. Wilson, Ronald McDaniel, Jerry Holubec, Ronald Bower, Sterling E. F. Jones, Poplawsky, Robert Fessler, Dempsey Gordon, Michael Hubner, Michael Thomas, Gary Adams, Stephen Patton and Bruce White.

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TCOM Names Acting President



David M. Richards, D.O.

David M. Richards, D.O., interim executive vice president of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM), has been named acting

president of TCOM effective June 1 by the school's governing board.

The resignation of Ralph L. Willard, D.O., TCOM's chief administrative officer for the last decade, became effective May 31. He has since returned to full-time teaching as a professor of surgery.

The North Texas University Board of Regents, at a conference call meeting May 21, also voted to place the responsibilities of dean of the college with the vice president for academic affairs. The change gives T. Eugene Zachary, D.O., the title of acting vice president for academic affairs and dean. The title of TCOM's chief administrative office was changed from president and dean to simply president.

"Upon the recommendation of the American Osteopathic Associa-

tion's accrediting body, we are separating the presidency from the deanship," said Dr. Richards. "The title more clearly defines the individual who is directly responsible to the president for all academic issues."

As for his own title change, Dr. Richards said he wants to "get on with doing the things presidents are supposed to do and leave the academics to the proper person."

"I will be busy doing what I need to do to further the goals of this institution," he continued, "to work cooperatively with those persons and organizations who can assist in building the finest osteopathic college in the country."

The board's action also abolished the position of interim executive vice president.▲

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DRUG PRESCRIPTIONS ON THE RISE

In 1982, Americans spent more than \$17 billion on prescription drugs, which seems to be related to the increased proportion of elderly persons in our society. Persons aged 70 years and older, although only accounting for eight percent of the population, accounted for 22 percent of all drugs.

TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW DRUGS TO BE CUT

Regulations published by the federal government state that they will get new drugs to the market faster, as well as improve monitoring of their safety. The time required for new drug approval will be cut from the current two years to approximately 18 months, under the new regulations. Paperwork reduction is expected by as much as 70 percent for new applications, which now average 100,000 pages. Manufacturers will be required to provide faster and more frequent reports on side effect problems after a drug has been approved.

HCFA MONITORING DRG'S

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has now launched a nation-wide study to determine the reasons behind a 7.4 percent jump in the overall case mix index of hospitals under Medicare in 1984, which was the first year of diagnosis related groups' based prospective payment system.

HCFA plans to study 1,300 hospitals to determine the cause of the increase, looking particularly at whether the jump was due to an increase in severity of illness, changes in coding, or both. HCFA will share the study results with the American Hospital Association.

HCPCS NOW IN EFFECT

Effective July 1, 1985, Medicare and Medicaid have switched to the HCFA common procedure coding system (HCPCS) for processing physicians' services. Under the Medicaid program, the three OMT codes, the narrative descriptions will remain the same with the exception that the capital Z will be placed in front of the present codes - Z9466, Z9467, Z9468.

Under the Medicare program there will be a total of 10 new OMT codes - five outpatient and five inpatient codes. Physical therapy modalities/procedures will not be included with the OMT codes and will have to be billed separately under the appropriate codes. With the physician freeze, the reimbursement for all 10 new OMT codes will be the same as the current reimbursement for the 9466 code. Therefore, TOMA recommends that the code M0702 be used for all outpatient OMT, and the code M0722 be used for all inpatient OMT.

TCOM NAMES NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID

David E. Erickson, former director of financial aid and student employment at Seattle Pacific University, has been named director of financial aid at TCOM. His duties will include supervising TCOM's scholarship and loan-grant programs.

Erickson holds a B.S. in psychology from Central Michigan University and an M.A. in higher education administration from Michigan State University in East Lansing. He has served as a faculty member for guidance counselors with the U.S. Department of Education's Student Financial Assistance Training Program and was a member of the Basic Grant Application Task Force that compiled the Student Eligibility Report in November of 1978.

MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital in Dallas has now changed its name, address and phone to Dallas Family Hospital, 2929 South Hampton Road, Dallas, 75224, 214/330-4611.

Northeast Memorial Hospital of Houston has changed its name to Omni Hospital and Medical Center. The address and phone number remain the same.

The new administrator at Doctors Hospital in Groves is Eric Hasemeier.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1985

- 11:00 a.m. Registration
- 12:30 p.m. Welcome: Program Overview,
R. Greg Maul, D.O.
- 1:00 p.m. *"Diabetes Update"*
Jamie Davidson, M.D.
- 1:30 p.m. *"Emergencies in Osteoarthritis"*
John Zuggy, D.O.
- 2:00 p.m. *"Hemophilus B Disease and Update"*
Janet Squires, M.D.
- 2:30 p.m. Discussion
- 2:45 p.m. *"Cephalosporin Update"*
Francis Blais, D.O.
- 3:15 p.m. *"Hyperlipidemia"*
David Billheimer, M.D.
- 3:45 p.m. *"Herpetetic Disorders/AIDS Update,
Diagnosis and Treatment"*
Francis Blais, D.O.
- 4:30 p.m. Discussion
- 4:45 p.m. *"Fad Diets/Fad Cures in Obesity"*
Judith Stern, Sc.D.
- 5:30 p.m. *"Cardiac Drugs, Old and New"*
Charles Maxvill, D.O.
- 6:00 p.m. Free Time

- 7:00 p.m. Luau - Registrants and Spouses
(Informal, poolside, Admiral's Suite)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1985

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m. *"Diagnosing COLD"*
Galen Toews, M.D.
- 8:30 a.m. *"Antianxiety - Diseases and Treatment"*
Joseph Tallen, M.D.
- 9:15 a.m. *"Pre-op and Post-op Nutrition for the
Surgery Patient"*
Ralph Coffman, D.O.
- 9:45 a.m. *"Antibiotics and Combinations"*
Joseph Talley, M.D.
- 10:30 a.m. Discussion
- 10:45 a.m. *"Updating Office Management for Cost
Effective Practice/Marketing and Medical
Practice"*
Nathan Jones, Business Consultant
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Speaker - Rudolph Wolf, D.O.
President, National ACGP
- 1:30 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Texas Society ACGP
- 2:00 p.m. *"Female Athletic Injuries"*
Lynn Pirie, D.O.

- 2:30 p.m. *"Hypertension Update"*
Tim Caris, M.D.
- 3:00 p.m. *"Osteoporosis"*
Lynn Pirie, D.O.
- 3:30 p.m. *"Hepatitis Update"*
Howard Graitzer, D.O.
- 4:00 p.m. *"Rapid Comprehensive Structural/Functional Exam, Dept. Manipulative Medicine, TCOM"*
E. Carlisle Holland, D.O.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 1985

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m. *"Parkinson's Disease"*
Malcolm Stewart, M.D.
- 8:30 a.m. *"Management of Myocardial Infarction"*
Larry Price, D.O.
- 9:00 a.m. *"Panic Disorders"*
Eric Williams, D.O.
- 9:30 a.m. Discussion - Break
- 9:45 a.m. *"DRG's and PPO's by TMF"*
- 10:30 a.m. *"Management of Narcotic Overdose"*
Speaker to be named
- 11:00 a.m. *"Newly Released Antihypertensive Drug"*
Speaker to be named
- 11:30 a.m. *"Preparation for ACGP Certification Exam"*
Mary Burnett, D.O.
- 12:00 p.m. Discussion - Break
- 12:15 p.m. *"As a Generalist sees the TOMA"*
Donald Peterson, D.O., TOMA President
- 12:45 p.m. *"How the Texas Society ACGP Enhances TOMA and the National ACGP"*
Douglas Sharp, D.O., President, Texas ACGP

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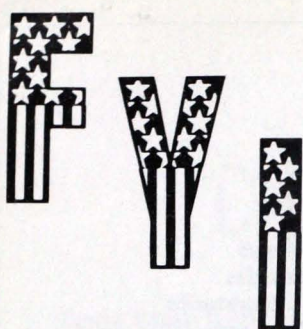
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Pharmacists and Texas State Government War Over Medicaid Prescriptions

The *Houston Post* recently reported that a dispute between pharmacists and the state government over Medicaid prescription payments is brewing into a major battle.

The Texas Department of Human Resources (DHR) feels that the state could save up to \$4 million a year, as well as save the federal government a similar amount by cutting payments to pharmacists for prescription drugs already provided free to Medicaid beneficiaries. Medicaid patients are allowed three free prescriptions a month which they obtain from the pharmacies, who then bill the state.

At issue are discounts offered by drug manufacturers to many pharmacies. The state pays the pharmacies the manufacturers' list prices for the drugs, but last year the DHR claimed that up to 80 percent of the pharmacies obtain their drugs at discount prices, which the state feels the pharmacies should pass on to the Medicaid program. The DHR says that its proposal would reduce payments to pharmacies by about \$1 or 10 percent per prescription.

The Pharmaceutical Association fears that pharmacies with large quantities of Medicaid business may go out of business or leave the program and others will have to shift costs to the private sector.

Pharmacists' Group Warns on IPECAC Abuse

The American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) has begun a campaign to educate pharmacists about abuse of the syrup ipecac, a non-prescription drug which is used to induce vomiting after poisoning.

The deaths of at least four women with eating disorders, including singer Karen Carpenter, have been publicized by media reports as deaths being caused by ingesting the syrup in large amounts after eating. Although non-toxic when taken for poisoning purposes the drug can be lethal when misused. One of the ingredients, alkaloid emetine, can cause irreversible damage to the heart muscle by leading to spasms mimicking heart attacks.

Most abusers of the syrup have been women in their early teens through the late 30s suffering from anorexia nervosa or bulimia, which are both eating disorders characterized by an obsessive desire to be thin. The APhA believes up to 30,000 persons are suspected to be abusing this drug in quantities sufficient to cause heart damage.

The APhA plans labeling changes to warn consumers about the dangers of ipecac, as well as to further educate pharmacists about eating disorders.

Cancer Facts Now Computerized

According to the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, the National Cancer Institute has announced the availability of a computerized data-base of cancer information. Physicians Data Query (PDQ) will allow physicians to find state-of-the-art information and treatment options for all types of

cancer. The system also includes protocols, a directory of physicians who treat cancer and their areas of expertise, and a listing of the locations of cancer clinical trials.

Cost of the service will include \$15 to \$22 per hour for access, a \$50 registration fee, plus hourly rates. For information call 800-468-0908.

Medicare Beneficiary Obligations to be Explained

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) will shortly notify Medicare beneficiaries of their rights regarding inpatient care. According to HCFA, written notices for denial of Medicare benefits should contain specific information for protection of patients and hospitals; however, HCFA alleges hospital notices to beneficiaries are too often inconsistent with regulatory requirements. In these instances PROs are expected to monitor hospital behavior. Hospitals are allowed to charge beneficiaries for services excluded from Medicare coverage under HCFA policy.

Although most hospitals comply with regulations, PROs will look for patterns of inappropriate collections from beneficiaries by individual hospitals. This action could lead to HCFA terminating an institution's participation in Medicare.

The American Osteopathic Hospital Association (AOHA) has copies of the draft to be sent to beneficiaries explaining their rights and obligations. While subject to change, these copies are available from the AOHA Washington office at the following number: 202/783-5584.

Orphan Drugs

Information Center

The National Information Center for Orphan Drugs and Rare Diseases has been established by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) upon the recommendation of the Department of Health and Human Services' Orphan Products Board.

The Center will provide information to patients and their families, physicians, clinical researchers and other health professionals on rare diseases and the availability of orphan drugs to diagnose or treat these diseases.

Diseases that have a prevalence of 200,000 or fewer patients in the United States are considered rare diseases. Some examples are Huntington's Disease, Tourette syndrome, narcolepsy and muscular dystrophy.

The National Information Center for Orphan Drugs and Rare Diseases will compile a directory from voluntary rare disease organizations that will include information about the diseases, their causes and symptoms. It will also catalog ongoing research, current treatments and treatment centers for each disease.

The information center is a component of the existing National Health Information Clearinghouse. Mail inquiries should be addressed to: National Information Center for Orphan Drugs and Rare Diseases, P.O. Box 1133, Washington, D.C., 20013. Phone inquiries can be made by dialing 800-336-4797.

(Reprinted From FDA Drug Bulletin, April, 1985.)

Geriatric Evaluation Units

Geriatric evaluation units, whose purpose will be to make

elderly patients well enough to live on their own could keep approximately 200,000 people out of nursing homes and prevent many needless deaths. Though these types of wards are common in Britain, they are a relatively new phenomena in the United States. A recent study found that patients who spend time in the GEU ward were less than half as likely as other elderly people to be sent to nursing homes after their discharge. The most surprising find of the study was that the death rate of this group was only half as high as that of the patients who received ordinary care. In the year after their discharge from the special unit, 24 percent of the unit's patients died, compared to 48 percent of the other.

Message to Physicians and Suppliers Regarding Routine Waiver of Deductible and Coinsurance Amounts

Medicare Newsletter No. 41 expresses particular concern over the volume and seriousness of cases involving the routine waiver of deductibles and coinsurance by some physicians and suppliers, which has grown dramatically.

In determining the reasonable charge for a service or item, the amount a physician or supplier actually expects to collect from the patient and/or third party payer, etc. must be considered. In this regard, a billed amount that is not reasonably related to an expectation of payment should not be considered as the "actual" charge for processing current Medicare claims or determining future Medicare

payments.

Therefore, physicians or suppliers who routinely waive coinsurance and deductible amounts are at risk of having their customary charge reduced and an overpayment assessed, and subject to criminal prosecution.

Specific instances of routine waiver should be reported to the Medicare Program Integrity Department, P.O. Box 660031, Dallas, 75266-0031.

American Hospital Supply

Corporation and HCA

Merge

American Hospital Supply Corporation and Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) have announced a definitive merger agreement that will create the world's leading health care company. The announcement was made by Karl D. Bays, chairman and chief executive of American, and Thomas F. Frist, Jr., president and chief executive of HCA.

The merger was unanimously approved by both corporations. Upon completion of the merger, both American and HCA will continue operations as separate units.

Bays is to serve as chairman of the board and of the executive committee of the combined entity; Frist is to be president and chief executive. The new firm will be headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, American's operations will continue in Evanston, Illinois and HCA will maintain its headquarters in Nashville.

New Method Underway to Calculate Indirect Medical Education Costs

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has decided that hospitals will be required to report on a quarterly basis to fiscal intermediaries on all employed interns and residents, according to the American Hospital Association.

The reports will be retroactive to October 1, 1984 and will be used for calculating indirect medical education costs under the Medicare Prospective Payment System. Data format requirements have not yet been specified, but each report is to contain a monthly list of all interns and residents, Social Security numbers and actual hours worked each month. HCFA has indicated that time cards will not be required for the interns and residents.

Physician-to-Population Ratio Expected to Increase

The HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has recently released a report indicating that the number of physicians in the United States is expected to rise from 467,000 in 1981 to 594,600 in 1990 and 706,500 in the year 2000. The study shows that although growth in physician numbers will slow during the next 20 years, the physician-to-population ratio will increase from 199 physicians per 100,000 population in 1981 to 235 in 1990 and 260 in 2000.

The number of women physicians will increase to approximately 141,000 in the year 2000, or one-fifth of all active physicians. Osteopathic physicians will show a more rapid growth than allopathic physicians, more than doubling between 1981 and the

year 2000 and are projected to comprise six percent of the total supply of physicians by the year 2000.

Second Surgical Opinions May Offer Savings

A recent report issued by the Senate Aging Committee indicates that if patients recommended for nine types of elective surgery were required to seek a second opinion before the surgery, Medicare might save more than \$1 billion a year.

This report estimates that the nine procedures are performed unnecessarily in 17 to 35 percent of cases. Committee Chairman Senator John Heinz (R-PA) says he may introduce legislation to require second opinions in both Medicare and Medicaid, which he may push as a substitute for budget proposals that would increase beneficiary cost sharing.

Veterans Elect D.O. as Surgeon General of VFW

Col. Raymond W. Schleuter, D.O. of La Grange, Illinois, is the new Surgeon General of the 2-million member Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is the first D.O. to ever hold this post.

Dr. Schleuter, an associate member of AMOPS, is a board certified orthopedic surgeon who holds the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.

A 1961 graduate of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Schleuter served his internship and residency at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, with additional postgraduate work in orthopedics in Vienna, Austria.

The new VFW Surgeon General is a Fellow in the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. ▲

Comparison of Health Care now a Reality for Consumers

A regulation granting public access to statistics showing the effectiveness of hospitals in treating various illnesses has been approved by the Reagan administration. With this information, hospital comparisons can be made by the public as well as decisions on the basis of quality of care.

This regulation covers information on Medicare and other classes of patients gathered by the Professional Review Organizations (PROs) which were set up by Congress to monitor hospital performance in patient treatment by determining various things such as whether hospitals permit unnecessary admissions, have high death rates, follow approved professional practices, or

are too slow in discharging patients. Any information gathered by the PROs, which consist of physician and other health professionals, will have to be made available to anyone who asks for it.

Information identifying a doctor or patient by name will not be released to the public. Information to be made public will include statistics on admission rates, lengths of stay, medical procedures used, the prevalence of hospital-acquired infections, and death rates and illnesses for various departments.

The regulation also requires that PROs include any data a hospital might wish to add in order to put its performance statistics in perspective. ▲

Surplus of Internship Slots Anticipated

According to a report by the American Osteopathic Association's Office of Education, the expected shortfall of osteopathic internship slots for this year's graduating classes appears to have been resolved.

As of April 8, 1985, there were 1,531 slots approved of which 1,312 were funded. A total of 1,271 slots have been committed, and another 71 graduates will fulfill military obligations. There remains 68 students competing for 41 funded slots, creating a shortfall of 27 slots. It is noted in past years that approximately two percent of graduates

never match due to a variety of reasons such as illness, personal problems, etc. Then there are other students who never participate in the match programs. If this pattern continues as in the past, a surplus, although small, of intern positions is predicted.

For the 1986-87 internship year, the internship program will have to be expanded by five to six percent to accommodate the number of graduates. Some 30-40 additional funded slots have already been identified.▲

Dr. Cohen Resigns as Dean of UMDNJ-SOM

Benjamin L. Cohen, D.O. has resigned as dean of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine effective June 30. Dr. Cohen, who shaped the growth and development of the school as its first and only dean, has left the school to become president and chief executive officer of Ameriwell International, Inc., a newly organized health care facilities development corporation.

Ameriwell International will develop and construct health care facilities, establish health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and conduct international trade in medical tech-

nology and supplies. It will operate from offices in the Philadelphia area, in Washington, D.C. and in Ohio.

During Dr. Cohen's tenure at UMDNJ, which began in 1977, he guided the growth of the school's enrollment; the development and maturation of the school's core teaching affiliation with Kennedy Memorial Hospitals - University Medical Center; and the construction of physical facilities in Camden and Stratford necessary to support a major and much needed program of medical education and health care in South Jersey.▲

Final "Baby Doe" Regulations

The United States Department of Health and Human Services released the final regulations covering 'Baby Doe' cases in which infants with severe or multiple handicaps might be denied medically indicated treatment and allowed to die.

Only three circumstances are specified in which physicians are justified in withholding medical treatment, including food and water. First, when the infant is chronically and irreversibly comatose; second, when treatment will only prolong the inevitable death of the infant; and third, when treatment is so extreme and likely to be futile that the administration of treatment is inhumane.

The state is largely responsible for implementation of the regulation and state programs should include procedures for coordination with hospitals, effective investigations, and the authority to obtain court-ordered treatment if treatment is being wrongfully withheld.

An appendix to the regulations advises hospitals and state governments that decisions on treatment are not to be based on the quality of life that a handicapped infant is likely to enjoy should he or she survive.▲

Air Force Honors Unit Commanded by Col. Willard, D.O.

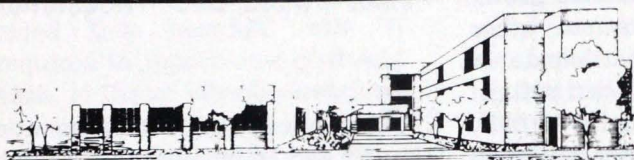
A reserve hospital unit commanded by Col. Ralph L. Willard, D.O., was recently honored by the Air Force. As commander of the 20th Medical Service Squadron at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Dr. Willard was presented the Strategic Air Command Air Re-

serve Forces Outstanding Medical Unit Award by Lt. Gen. Max B. Brallier, Surgeon General of the USAF.

Dr. Willard commented that he was especially proud of the award "because seven of the ten physicians in his unit are osteopathic

physicians."

Dr. Willard stepped down from his position as president and dean of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine on June 1, 1985 and has returned to full-time teaching as a member of the faculty in the department of surgery.▲



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Mr. Craig Keelen, Systems Manager of Micro Systems, Inc. (left) presented R. Greg Maul, D.O. a \$5,000 Micro Systems Medical Office Management Systems at a special drawing during the TOMA's 86th Annual Convention & Scientific Seminar. Any physician that visited with Micro Systems, Inc. during the course of the convention was eligible to win.



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Computers are having a most dramatic impact on the way we work and live and the majority of all experts in professional and business consulting fields are in agreement that the computer is the key to increased job productivity. With the field of medical practice undergoing such major changes, the computer is fast becoming the most important tool in coping with the new directions these changes are dictating.

Computers affect jobs in three primary ways. First, they perform tedious and detailed text and data jobs so vital to the effective management of a medical office. Second, they allow the restructuring of work loads and broadening of staff task responsibilities due to their speed and accuracy. Third, computers can provide precise up-to-the-minute answers instead of vague guesses, which invariably keeps you better informed about your practice and the economics of its management, thus ensuring that your practice will likely be more profitable.

So many physicians are asking themselves how all of this is going to benefit their practices. The fact that computerizing a medical practice pays off is unquestionable, however, the extent and expediency with which it pays off can vary greatly. Typically computerizing a medical practice will increase production and earnings in the range of 20-25 percent with some practices reporting increases as low as 10 percent and as high as 40 percent or more. Obviously the cost of computerizing will be recovered in a relatively short time.

As medical practice costs rise and physician supply increases, economics and marketing will become important to a practice. With a computerized record-keeping system, income producing tasks such as mailing reminder letters and recalls, processing billings and insurance work and financial records assessments can be performed with a wonderful degree of speed and efficiency.

A computer in a medical office is an instant link to a world of information, such as medical literature, statistical information, diagnostic assistance and feedback, hospital records and lab profiles plus information from over 200 medically related data bases. The clinical applications at present are astounding: access to national data banks, CME programs, drug interaction and allergy checks protocols, diagnosis and treatment applications and a host of other specialized clinical as-

sistance programs.

In the near future, most physicians will look to computers for assistance with diagnostic procedure and hypotheses evaluation. While the ablest physician can recall no more than 20 percent of what he's heard, read or seen about a particular ailment, computers can weigh dozens at once and recall all of the data stored in its memory. This one area of computerized medical practice represents an enormously important advance in the quality of medical care now possible.

While the capabilities of micro and mini computers have increased, the cost has decreased in significant proportions. These occurrences hold a special significance for medical practice professionals, making it possible and practical at last for even a solo physician to embrace a computerized medical practice.

A quality computer system will typically cost less than half of what it cost three or four years ago. A quality system for the solo practitioner will be in the range of \$15,000 to \$20,000 for a turn key installation. Even a multiple specialty clinic with four or five physicians would not exceed \$40,000 to \$45,000 for hardware and software at present pricing levels.

The cost of maintaining patient records on computers averages about \$1.25 per visit compared with a manual system average of about \$2.50 per visit. Not only is that a 50 percent reduction in the cost of doing business, it also represents a savings in time and frustration. Another common area where a computer pays for itself most visibly and quickly is in billings and insurance processing. An in-house computer can handle these transactions at a cost of 30 to 38 cents per transaction. Performing these same tasks manually will average three to four times that range.

One of the most important things your computer will do for you is to provide you with important practice-management reports. Evaluating these reports will allow you to make intelligent, timely fee increases, and assist in making knowledgeable choices about purchases of major equipment, as well as clarify staffing needs. It will also provide you with accounting services, thus reducing your dependency on your accountant. To summarize, the computer will increase production and earnings; reduce office tedium and frustration; provide rapid availability of vital data and services; and reduce dependency on outside accounting services.▲

Texas GPs to Meet in August

By Douglas R. Sharp, D.O.

Texas has always been known as a pioneer; anything that comes from Texas has to be the biggest, the best, and can't be found anywhere else. These same words can be applied to the 12th annual mid-year program to be held August 2-4 at the Flagship Inn in Arlington. Registration information is available in this issue. The accommodations are excellent and the whole family can stay occupied during the lectures with trips to Six Flags Over Texas, Wet and Wild or White Water, etc.

The Texas Society ACGP is proud and honored to have selected T. Eugene Zachary, D.O., FACGP as 'GP of the Year' for 1984-85. Our hats go off to Dr. Zachary for the excellent work that he has done in promoting osteopathic philosophy and good will.

The Texas ACGP is now in the process of compiling a newsletter that will be sent at various times throughout the year to keep you abreast of information that concerns the osteopathic profession. It's main purpose will be to inform members of the Texas ACGPOMS on matters regarding legislation and its effect on the osteopathic profession, as well as news concerning certification, fee scheduling, fee freezes, reimbursement for OMT, as well as various other medical updates.

We also plan to establish a new association for Past Presidents of the Texas ACGP chapter. The proposed name for the new organization would be 'PACER'. This acronym stands for Presidential Advisory Committee of Ex-Ramrods. The purpose of 'PACER' would be to function as a Long Range Planning Committee for the Texas ACGP.

We hope to see you at the mid-year seminar in August.

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Dr. Luibel Appointed Chairman of TCOM Advisory Committee



George Luibel, D.O., long-time Fort Worth physician and one of the founders of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM), has been appointed chairman of the advisory committee that will begin the search for TCOM's next president.

Dr. Luibel was named to the post June 14 by Wayne O. Stockseth, chairman of the North Texas State University Board of Regents that governs the medical school. Dr. Luibel will lead the 36-member committee in formulating qualifications for the position.

"We are pleased that Dr. Luibel has accepted this position," Mr. Stockseth said in announcing the appointment. "He brings to the committee long years of experience in the field of medicine and a reputation for integrity and exemplary service to the community. He is familiar with TCOM's different constituencies and will be even-handed and allow all concerned to express their opinions."

"We consider him one of the elder statesmen of the osteopathic profession in the United States. He's been the fellow in the background getting things done for a long time."

Dr. Luibel has been practicing in Fort Worth for the last four decades. A 1938 graduate of Kirks-

ville College of Osteopathic Medicine, he has been a member of Tarrant County Hospital District Board of Managers since 1978, along with D.D. Beyer, D.O., and Carl Everett, D.O., of Fort Worth. Dr. Luibel obtained a charter for TCOM in 1966 and opened the doors of the school in 1970. Dr. Luibel is a past president of the American Osteopathic Association and a fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy.

The entire presidential-selection process, as outlined by the board, will be completed as early as February 1986 and no later than June 1986. The final decision will be made by the full nine-member board.

The 36 members of the Advisory Committee will include representatives from NTSU, the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association and the Fort Worth community as well as from TCOM's faculty, staff, alumni and student body.

The Advisory Committee will choose eight of its own members. In addition to Dr. Luibel, to be part of the next step, the Screening Committee chaired by Stockseth. Those nine representatives will consider all resumes and reduce the applicant pool to a maximum of 10 candidates to be reviewed by the whole Screening Committee. The group, which also will include four other regents, will interview more than 10 semi-finalists. From those 10 will come three to five finalists to be considered by the board.

David M. Richards, D.O., an administrator at TCOM since 1983, was named acting president by the board June 1. He had been serving as interim executive vice president since last November, when Ralph L. Willard, D.O., submitted his resignation as president. Dr. Willard's resignation was effective May 31.

July 1985

Malpractice

Insurance Update

You have, no doubt, been hearing and reading about 1984 being the worst year in history for the insurance industry, especially for medical professional liability (malpractice) insurers. Professional Mutual Insurance Company's experience was no exception. The continued increase in frequency and severity of claims required several million dollars more in loss payments and loss adjustment expenses than the company collected in premiums.

The sharp rise in claims costs and reinsurance costs have escalated to a level which can no longer be absorbed by the company. In order to maintain a financially sound and stable professional liability insurance program for the profession we serve, immediate remedial action is required.

In addition to the regular premium, all new and renewal policyholders must advance a contribution to surplus based on his/her practice specialty. This contribution is solely for the protection of the policyholders in case of further adverse claims experience.

We are also offering for the first time a claims-made policy in most states. Many policyholders have expressed an interest in this new form. Knowledgeable and influential sources are predicting that this will be the only form of coverage available (or at least affordable) within the very near future. Any of our underwriters will be happy to discuss this new form and its costs with you if you are not familiar with it.

Along with their application (new and renewal) the applicant will receive a rate sheet showing any applicable increase and a schedule showing the contribution to surplus required for their practice specialty.

A check for the applicants CONTRIBUTION TO SURPLUS must accompany the completed application. An invoice for the regular premium will be sent when the policy is issued.

Our goal is to provide the profession with a financially sound and stable program under all conditions and we are confident that this approach will enable us to do so.

IN MEMORIAM

Wayne D. Maxwell, D.O.

Wayne D. Maxwell, D.O., 66, of Bella Vista, Arkansas, passed away June 3, 1985 of a massive heart attack. He had been awarded life membership in TOMA in 1984.

A TOMA member since the early 1940's, Dr. Maxwell graduated from Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1944 and interned at Amarillo Hospital from 1944-45. He was a practicing osteopathic physician since that time, serving in Dalhart for 17 years, McLean for three years and opening a practice in Turkey, Texas in 1965, where he remained until he became ill in 1983, at which time he closed the Turkey office and retired in the spring of 1984 to Bella Vista, Arkansas.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Early Maxwell; two sons, Ross Maxwell of Odessa, Missouri, and Jon T. Maxwell, D.O. of Idabel, Oklahoma; one daughter, Marilyn Hollared of Follett, Texas; and four grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth.

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Ten Years Ago in the Texas DO

The July, 1975 issue paid tribute to the newly graduated D.O.s. 25 graduated from TCOM, KCOM graduated six Texans and KCCOM graduated 11 D.O.s who called Texas their home, making for a total of 42.

North Texas State University regents unanimously passed a resolution thanking Tarrant County legislators for their help in uniting the state school and the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth. The board was trying to decide whether to build facilities at the present TCOM location (3516 Camp Bowie), or start a new campus on the outskirts of Fort Worth. An expression of appreciation was extended to all persons who made the merger possible, especially Senators Betty Andujar and Tom Creighton, Representative Gib Lewis and other members of the Tarrant County delegation, and Representative Walt Parker of Denton. NTSU president C.C. Nolen was appointed chief executive officer over the medical college.

1975 proved to be a record year for osteopathic medical schools. A bill signed into law in New Jersey created the South Jersey Branch of the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, with the primary mission of producing general practitioners, both D.O. and M.D. The first enrollment would be in September, 1976. The New England Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine and St. Francis College in

southern Maine announced an agreement to develop the New England College of Osteopathic Medicine at the campus in Biddeford, Maine. This would be the 11th osteopathic medical school. California D.O.s were making a strong comeback from what was thought almost certain death as prescribed by the California Medical Association (M.D.) in 1962. Dr. Arthur Moore of Bakersfield, president of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California (OPSC), announced the purchase of 35 acres of land from the United States International University in San Diego and a \$55 million campaign to build the new California College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. The OPSC plan was to raise private and state funds to build and operate the new school, which was the 12th osteopathic medical school.

George J. Luibel, D.O., first president of TCOM, presented TCOM's first honorary doctorate to its first dean, Henry B. Hardt, Ph.D.

On a somber note, Phil R. Russell, D.O. passed away in June at Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, a facility he was instrumental in founding. He graduated from KCOM (then the American School of Osteopathy) in 1916 and received the first four-year diploma issued by that school. He was in active practice in Fort Worth from 1920 until 1949 when he became executive secretary of TOMA, a position which he held until 1964.

*FREEDOM. We cherish it, as we celebrate another
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these words from our Pledge of Allegiance proudly,
knowing that in America, freedom is
more than a word, it's a way of life.*

TOMA Membership Applications Received

Richard A. Carter, D.O.
KCOM '76; C-S
2737 Sherman Road
Grand Prairie, 75051



Daniel L. Foster, D.O.
TCOM '80; OR
729 Bedford- Euless Rd., West,
Suite 112
Hurst, 76053



Janet L. Thornton, D.O.
OkCOMS '83; GP
2515 E. Elliott Street
Wichita Falls, 76308



Wayne E. Schuricht, D.O.
PCOM '77; C-EM
1401 South Main
Fort Worth, 76104

Dr. Peterson Reports to TOMA Members

My first month in office as TOMA president has been busy and interesting, to say the least. It's amazing how 'smart' one apparently becomes after assuming this position for scores of people are now asking for answers to many questions. Needless to say, my telephone rings day and night to a greater extent than before. Your president has been setting policies with Tex Roberts, your executive director, and attending meetings, as well as continuing to work on our state committees.

It was my pleasure to represent you at the Student Chapter of ACGP in Fort Worth in May, and also at the President's Advisory Council of TCOM, chaired by Mr. Bruce Street.

It was certainly wonderful to re-

present the profession at the Senior Awards Banquet on Friday, May 17, which was an impressive affair. The TCOM graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 18 was a very dignified and joyous occasion.

In June, I had the honor of attending a banquet of the Association for Retarded Citizens in Fort Worth, and that same month I was in Dallas for the reception and opening ceremonies of the Annual Texas Hospital Association. Last, but not least, I represented our profession at the House of Delegates and Board Meeting of the Texas Medical Foundation.

We have been involved in considerable dialogue with the Texas Department of Human Resources over the Medicaid interpretation changes. A meeting is set for the

week of June 24 with Commissioner Johnston and Hillary Conner, M.D., to continue expressing the Association's concerns over the proposed changes. Drs. Montgomery-Davis, Jerome L. Armbruster, William R. Jenkins, Mr. Tex Roberts and myself will be attending this most important meeting.

We are now in the process of formulating plans to meet with the new freshmen class of TCOM to explain the uniqueness of the profession they are about to enter.

I plan to update the membership every month in the *Texas DO* on meetings attended, as well as upcoming events.

It is a pleasure to represent this Association and its' members as the TOMA President for the ensuing year.▲

Osteopathic Annals Announces Competition

Osteopathic Annals announced the third annual competition among residents-in-training for original papers on topics related to research or clinical experience in osteopathic medicine.

Papers should emphasize osteopathic theory and practice, and their wide application to the broad aspects of diagnosis and health care. Originality, accuracy, appropriateness to clinical medicine, thoroughness of research, organization, and

grammar will be considered.

Entries should be approximately 2,500 words long and typewritten. References must be arranged in the style currently used in the pages of the *Annals*. Authors should provide a recent photograph and a complete curriculum vitae (including address and telephone number).

All papers accepted for publication are subject to editing for conciseness, clarity, and conformity. A manuscript is accepted with the

understanding that it represents original material not under consideration elsewhere. Once a paper has been published in the *Annals*, the copyright on all sections of the paper, including illustrations, passes from the author to the *Annals*.

Manuscripts should be submitted by September 15, 1985 to: Essay Award Editor, *Osteopathic Annals*, 139 Harristown Road, Glen Rock, New Jersey, 07452.▲

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PHYSICIANS WANTED

ANESTHESIOLOGY RESIDENCIES—Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine accepting applications for residency in anesthesiology February 1986, August 1986. Contact: Paul A. Stern, D.O., Professor and Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology, Camp Bowie at Montgomery, Fort Worth, 76107.

ASSOCIATE NEEDED — in a well established clinic in small town, one hour from Austin. D.O. currently there, has excellent practice and additional help is needed. Town is a county seat and is located in a high growth area. If interested in practicing in a small, clean, growing community, please contact: TOMA, Box 104, 226 Bailey Avenue, Fort Worth, 76107.

ASSOCIATE WANTED — Personable, honest and hard-working family physician, G.P., internist, surgeon and OB/GYN looking to work together to develop several feeder clinic situations. Patient pool currently 100+ per week at one clinic, with expectations of twofold rise by the end of this year. Shared night and weekend call. Best of arts and restaurants. Live in woods close by. Applicants please send C.V. to C. Fontanier, D.O., P.O. Box 38368, Houston, Texas, 77238.

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WHITESBORO FAMILY CLINIC and Minor Emergency Center — in need of family practitioner. Help from area hospital available. Guaranteed salary first year plus percentage. Contact: John Galewaler, D.O., 214-564-3503 (office) or 214-564-5298 (home).

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INTERNIST — active in hospital ICU practice is considering a change. Will consider all areas of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Colorado. Please mail inquiries to: Robert Sedar, D.O., P.A., 2828 S. W. 27th, Amarillo, 79109.

GENERAL PRACTICE — 1983 KC graduate looking for practice location in Texas. Open to solo or joint practice. Prefer coastal area, but will consider others. For more information, please call or write: Michael Wright, D.O., P. O. Box 193, Hiawatha, Kansas, 66434; phone (M-W-F) 913-442-3341; (T-T) 913-742-7814; (home) 913-742-3596.

GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENT — currently at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, completing residency on July 31, 1985. Interested in practicing in Texas, preferably Houston. Most interested in beginning a solo practice; however, will consider joining a group practice. Contact: John A. Johnstone, D.O., 1112 Hunter Avenue No. 8, Columbus, Ohio, 43201.

TCOM EDUCATED — Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital trained, general practitioner with three years experience in medicine, surgery and OMT wishes to affiliate with/or help form a group practice in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex or any good area in Texas. Willing to work long hours and share financial responsibility. Will send C.V. upon request. Contact TOMA, Box "204," 226 Bailey Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, 76107.

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