

# TCOM News

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## Governor OKs TCOM as State School



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**BILL SIGNING** — Gov. Dolph Briscoe signs legislation making TCOM a state-supported osteopathic medical school under the governance of the NTSU Board of Regents. To the governor's immediate left and right are Rep. Gib Lewis and Sen. Betty Andujar, sponsors of the bill.

Watching the signing are from left, M. E. Coy, TCOM president; Bobby G. Smith, TOMA governmental relations chairman; Carl Everett, secretary-treasurer, TCOM Board of Directors; George J. Luibel, chairman, TCOM Board of Directors; D. D. Beyer, vice-chairman, TCOM Board

of Directors; Michael Calabrese, State Board of Medical Examiners and former TCOM Board of Directors member; Tex Roberts, TOMA executive director; Robert Nobels of Denton; and John Burnett, TCOM Board of Directors; All are osteopathic physicians except Roberts.

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# Comments

## From The President's Desk



M. E. Coy, D.O.

At the present sitting, we are waiting for Governor Briscoe to sign the appropriation bill which will complete the transition of TCOM from a private, non-profit institution to a fully state-supported osteopathic medical school.

The word "merger" has been used rather frequently in this regard. I would like to point out that Senate Bill 216, which has become law, states that the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine will not be a branch, school, or department of North Texas State University but

will be a separate institution under the direction, management, and control of the Board of Regents of that University through its President.

The Board shall act separately and independently on all matters affecting the College of Osteopathic Medicine as a separate institution.

We are already working with members of the Board of Regents and the President and his designates in making the transition. One of our chief concerns at this time is the employing of whole-time

faculty for each department, both Basic Science and Clinical. We are also concerned about the acquisition of more land so that we can make long-range plans for our campus and start construction of new buildings at the earliest possible moment. We know this will take many months yet, but we will be glad to inform our alumni, profession, and friends, as soon as these plans are presentable.

Please continue to give us your support in every way possible, as we try to develop a Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine of which you will all be proud.

## Strictly Speaking . . .

Now that TCOM has gone "public"—under the governance of the NTSU Board of Regents—a timely reflection warrants a few observations gained in five short but impressionable years of "private" administration.

From a beginning idea in 1961, considerable time, effort and out of pocket money was spent to enhance the furtherance of osteopathic education in Texas.

Many made significant contributions during the decade prior to TCOM becoming more than a "paper college." Notable mention goes to the American Osteopathic Association and Texas Osteopathic Medical Association for grants of

\$30,000 and \$20,000 respectively—given at a time when most personal contributors were reluctant to gamble their investment against a proposal that failed to have total confidence and full support from its profession.

But, a few determined advocates followed the pace set by the three founders—Drs. George J. Luibel, D.D. Beyer and Carl Everett—and the race was won. . . And two memorable dates emerged—October 1, 1970 and June 3, 1974—representing the scope of time given to educating the school's first graduates.

Possibly, the most graphic memory is

related to the tenacity and dedicated conviction of the three D.O.s who poured money, midnight oil and personal pride into the undertaking.

And, with the accomplished help of a dedicated first-year faculty, a responsible dean, a benevolent board of trustees of the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, the vision and practical recommendation of the Coordinating Board's staff, and certainly the financial support of three major foundations, these factors all combined to make the historical legislation enacted into law on May 22, 1975, a fruitful culmination of the founding fathers' efforts.



## Alumni Action

Leading the Alumni Association as its second president is Dr. David Ray, who succeeds his partner-to-be, Dr. David Wiman. The two are opening practice in July in Snyder.

Other officers include: Shelley Howell, D.O., president-elect; Jesse Ramsey, D.O., first vice-president; Nelda Cuniff, D.O., second vice-president; Robert Wilson, D.O. and Arnold Wallace, D.O., directors.

The first annual assembly was held following the College Day Luncheon during the profession's state convention in Dallas on May 2. Eleven of the original 18 members attended. Charter member certificates were presented to the founding members.

Also present were 15 graduating seniors who were alumni guests at the luncheon.

Highlight of the meeting was "off the cuff" remarks by President C. C. (Jitter) Nolen, NTSU, during a question and answer period. President Nolen reviewed the legislative procedure and current status of the merger between the two schools. His prediction of a 60-40 chance for victory has since proved to be true. The odds of victory were even greater.

President Nolen will become TCOM's chief administrative officer on September 1.

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March 20 was a red letter day for Dr. and Mrs. Paul Livingston—the day that infant daughter, Cari Ann, was born. The Livingstons are in the throes of returning to his hometown of Comanche where he will enter practice.

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Word from San Francisco says that Dr. Sterling Lewis, who is interning there, expects to take a residency in medicine at Tripler Army Hospital in Hawaii.

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Dr. and Mrs. Pat Pasco, class of '75, became parents for the second time on May 7 when daughter Amy Elizabeth was born.



*ANOTHER FIRST — Visiting during the TOMA College Luncheon May 2, are from left foreground and clockwise, student-doctors Bill O'Connell, Pat Pasco, Arnold Wallace and Joe Brooke; Drs. Terry Parvin, Ron Daniels, Nelda Cuniff and Dr. Jesse Ramsey and Shelley*

*Howell, with backs to camera. Immediately following the luncheon the Alumni Association held its first annual meeting. All four student-doctors have since graduated and become members of the Alumni Association.*

## Graduation Heads School Events

"People are well most of the time and a young physician might work best if he starts with the presumption that most people are healthy," Edward P. Crowell, D.O., told 25 new osteopathic physicians.

Speaking during Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM) commencement exercises June 2, Dr. Crowell, executive director of the American Osteopathic Assn., said that preventive medicine must begin with the maintenance of health.

"Only the osteopathic profession has the knowledge, the skills and the resources to make a truly comprehensive system of preventive medicine a reality," he said.

Dr. Crowell told the graduates, their friends and family "it is the osteopathic profession's responsibility to mobilize its unique body of research, training and skills and redirect medical thought and

practice toward a new and truly comprehensive system of preventive medicine."

During the awarding of degrees and hooding of the new doctors, five students were named as graduating with special honors. Graduating cum laude were Sam Buchanan, Charles O'Toole and Keith Watson. Honorable mention graduates were Richard Hochberger and Pat Bell.

Henry B. Hardt, Ph.D., was presented the school's first honorary doctorate, a doctor of science.

Students receiving awards were O'Toole, Upjohn Achievement Award; Michael T. Robinson, Wayne O. Stockseth Award; Buchanan, T. Robert Sharp, D.O., General Practitioner of the Year Award; Watson, Sigma Sigma Phi Outstanding Senior Award; and Larry Farr, neuroscience fellowship from Charles R. Biggs, D.O.

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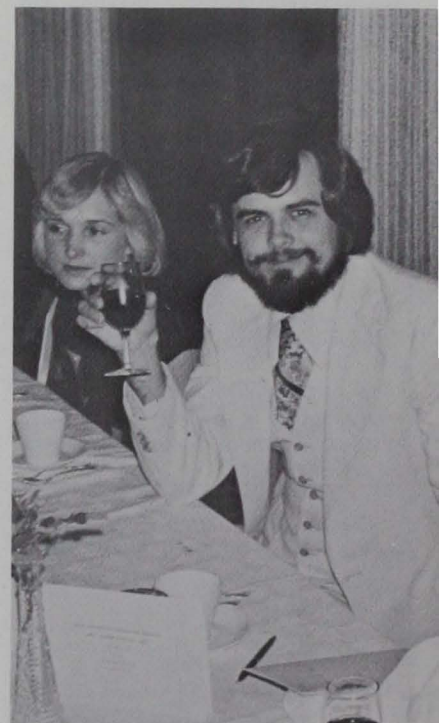
# Graduation: The Opening of Doors

It seems like a long, dark, never-ending corridor when the first-year students begin their four years of education with the ultimate goal of receiving their doctor of osteopathy degree and becoming licensed physicians.

As each year progresses, the corridor becomes shorter, doors open and close as courses are finished and the last door appears larger with each step.

The walk through the corridor is not a straight one. The corridor turns, curves and jags constantly — until the hopeful doctors reach the final section and the path becomes straight.

During the last year of formal medical education, the graduating class walks forward to the final door which opens and admits the new doctors into the osteopathic profession.



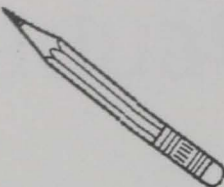




*Far left, C. Raymond Olson, D.O., speaks to the graduates during the Senior Banquet while Ron Sowell accompanies on the guitar. Left, John Thompson prepares to toast his upcoming graduation while his wife, Robbie, watches. Far top, Joe Brooke and Peggy Hall await the baccalaureate service at Ridglea Presbyterian Church. Top, Dr. Henry Hardt prepares to receive the first honorary doctor of science degree from TCOM. Below, graduates stop traffic as they march to the graduation ceremony.*



## Notables



TWENTY-FIVE new members were added to the ALUMNI roll on June 2; the association, with 43 members, more than doubled in size. .Dr. Nelda CUNNIFF, '74 graduate who is practicing in BURLESON, attended the second-year GRADUATION ceremonies. .CUM LAUDE honors went to three graduates, DRS. SAM BUCHANAN, CHARLES O'TOOLE and KEITH WATSON. .A former secretary to the registrar, Mrs. EARLENE McELROY is Acting Director of Admissions and Registrar. A TCOM employee since 1973, Mrs. McElroy was employed for several years in the registrar's office at San Angelo State University and more recently had a similar assignment at Texas Christian University. .Dr. M. E. COY'S registered purebred Arabian mare, RO RAAJIAH, foaled a stud colt on June 2. Dr. Coy should have no trouble remembering (See Notables, page 7)

## TCOM Becomes State-Supported

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM) received a shot in the arm May 22 when Gov. Dolph Briscoe signed Senate Bill 216 into law.

The new law moved TCOM from a private institution to a state supported medical school under the governance of the North Texas State University (NTSU) Board of Regents.

SB-216 was first approved by the Texas Senate on March 17 by an overwhelming vote of 26-2. House approval came two months later on May 15 when representatives voted 121-11 for the legislation.

The legislation calls for TCOM to remain a separate institution, but to be governed by the NTSU Board of Regents.

As the governing body of TCOM, the Board of Regents will set policy and procedures for the medical school. Policies for both schools will be dealt with in

## Dr. Ferre Joins TCOM Staff

DENTON—Gustave Ferre, Ph.D., vice-president for academic affairs at North Texas State University, has been named vice-president for medical affairs, ad interim, for TCOM.

The announcement was made by C. C. Nolen, NTSU president, who will take on additional responsibilities as chief executive officer of TCOM. The administrative changes will go into effect Sept. 1.

Dr. Ferre, who has requested a one-year leave from his NTSU position, estimates he will spend 60 to 70 per cent of his time during the coming year on the TCOM campus. "We will be trying to move from a private school operating under its own guidelines to a public institution operating under the statutes of the State of Texas."

He received a bachelor of arts degree from Boston University, bachelor of divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological Seminary, doctor of philosophy from Vanderbilt University and has done post graduate work at Yale University. He is a native of Gnesta, Sweden.

separate meetings.

C. C. (Jitter) Nolen, NTSU president, will serve as TCOM's chief executive officer responsible for implementing the board's policies.

A new dean of the medical school is being sought for the Fort Worth facility. Not named at this time, a search committee is seeking a person to fill the position.

The law makes NTSU the second major state university in the country with an osteopathic medical school. The other school is Michigan State University.

Appropriations approved by the legislature for the medical school include \$12.9 million for operating expenses plus \$8 million in construction funds for the next two years. At press time the appropriation bill had not been signed by Gov. Briscoe.

Sponsors of the legislation were Sen. Betty Andujar and Rep. Gib Lewis, both of Fort Worth.



Dr. Gus Ferre

### IN MEMORIAM

P. R. Russell, D.O.

Phil R. Russell, D.O., is dead. Dr. Russell, often referred to as dean of osteopathic medicine in Texas, died on June 19 at Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital where he was chairman emeritus of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Russell was a strong proponent of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM). He was a TCOM Sustainer and member of Friends of TCOM. He lived to witness the school's first two graduation exercises and the recent change in status from a private to a state-supported institution.

A native of Commerce, Texas, he earned his D.O. degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1916. He practiced in Terrell and Cleburne before moving to Fort Worth in 1920.

His humor, philosophy and anecdotes were woven into a book published in 1974 entitled "Quack Doctor." Proceeds from the book are earmarked for TCOM.

Dr. Russell is a past president of the American Osteopathic Association and the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association. He served 12 years on the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners and two years on the Texas State Board of Health.

He is survived by his wife, Zelma, and a son, Roy D. Russell of Forest Hill, California.





*A-V SPECIALISTS — Members of the Osteopathic Education Communications Association paused for a picture during their annual meeting in April at TCOM. Shown are front row from left, Bill DeHart, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine; Bill Glosser, Kansas City College*

*of Osteopathic Medicine; and Walt Milne, College of Osteopathic Medicine — Michigan State University; back row from left, Ken Coffelt, TCOM; Bob May, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine; and Don Hulmes, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.*

## '75 Grads Serve Internships

At 10:30 a.m., June 2, 25 student-doctors ended their formal medical education and joined the ranks of over 14,000 osteopathic physicians.

These graduates of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine are among about 700 new doctors receiving their diplomas from osteopathic colleges this year. They have now earned the right to place the D.O. designation after their names.

All members of the second graduating class will either enter internships or residencies at 14 different hospitals across the United States.

Students planning on interning at Texas hospitals are Martin Scott Connor and Robert S. Wilson, East Town Osteopathic Hospital, Dallas; Peggy J. Hall, Robert D. Hamilton and Michael T. Robinson, Grand Prairie Community Hospital, Grand Prairie; and Arnold D. Wallace, Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital, Dallas.

Those expressing their intent to intern

outside Texas are Sam W. Buchanan, Jr., and Richard C. Hochberger, Doctors Hospital, Columbus, Ohio; Robert Patrick Bell, Larry D. Farr, William M. Long, Steven R. Price and Charles D. Vogler, Flint Osteopathic Hospital, Flint, Mich.;

Also, Charles L. O'Toole, Jr., Grandview Hospital, Dayton, Ohio; Alan G. Kalich and John Q. Thompson, Memorial Osteopathic Hospital, York, Pa.; Donald Keith Watson and John K. Blum, Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital, Tulsa, Okla.;

Also, George D. Elias and William A. O'Connell, Phoenix General Hospital, Phoenix, Ariz.; Martin D. Jennings, Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, Pontiac, Mich.; Ronald C. Sebold, Riverside Osteopathic Hospital, Trenton, Mich.; Joseph A. Brooke, Sun Coast Osteopathic Hospital, Largo, Fla.; and Clinton L. Burns, U.S. Public Health Service. Patrick J. Pasco will serve a residency in family medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Oxford, Miss.

## Notables

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bering the date—date of graduation for class of '75. . . Mrs. JOAN SWAIM, TCOM librarian, and Mrs. SANDY ECHT, medline analyst, attended the Medical Library Association meeting in Cleveland, Ohio in early June. . . Mrs. DELORES CULLOM, histotechnician, has replaced the late John Knox who died in March. Mrs. Cullom, a native of Fort Worth, is a member of North Texas Society of Histotechnologists and Registry of Medical Technologists. . . The Students' Wives Auxiliary concluded a successful year by serving as HOSTESSES for a RECEPTION in honor of the graduating seniors. Mrs. ANN (George) LINDSEY was in charge of the reception. Two prior activities warrant honorable mention: The SPRING rummage SALE netted \$700. And Auxiliary members whose HUSBANDS were graduated were given HONORARY diplomas during a special awards banquet. . . Dr. BILL O'CONNELL, yearbook editor, has put the '75 SPECULUM "to bed" and reports the second edition should be ready for distribution the middle of August.

## Dr. Crowell Speaker

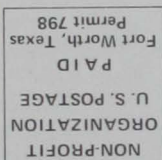
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Special certificates of meritorious service were presented to Catherine Carlton, D.O.; J. K. G. Silvey, Ph.D.; Gustave H. Ferre, Ph.D.; Karl Richard Johansson, Ph.D.; and Charles Gordon Skinner, Ph.D.

Dr. Carlton was honored for serving as the first chairman of the department of osteopathic theory and technique during its developmental years.

Dr. Silvey, chairman of the department of basic health sciences at North Texas State University, was honored for his loyal and dedicated service to the college and the profession.

Honored for the time and talent they have given to the development of TCOM were Dr. Ferre, former vice-president for academic affairs at NTSU and currently vice-president for medical affairs, ad interim for TCOM; Dr. Johansson, chairman of the department of biology at NTSU; and Dr. Skinner, chairman of the department of chemistry at NTSU.



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**BUSINESS MEETING** — Discussing various aspects of student government at TCOM at a monthly meeting during the spring term are the Student Council officers. Pictured clockwise from left are J. B. Gilleland, vice-president; Clint Burns, senior class representative; Steve Farmer, president; Dale Zimmerman, junior class

representative; Ron Jackson, secretary; and Jerry Waits, treasurer. Not pictured are Bud Classen, freshman class representative; Randy Collins and Randy Lofton, junior class representative; and Larry Farr and Charles O'Toole, senior class representatives.

## Clinics Add Dr. Garmon

Anesia Garmon, D.O., has joined TCOM as an associate director of clinics, announced Edward T. Newell, D.O., vice-president for academic affairs.

Dr. Garmon will work with the Rosedale Clinic and the Fort Worth Rehabilitation Farm. She replaces William A. Griffith, D.O., who has served as associate director of clinics since the Rosedale Clinic opened in July 1973. He will return to fulltime private practice.

A 1973 graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, she served an internship at Phoenix General Hospital. She received a B.S. in nursing in 1965 from the University of Washington.

Prior to entering Kirksville, Dr. Garmon worked as a registered nurse with the Head Start program and in the intensive care unit of the County Hospital in Seattle, Wash.