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McConal wins national AOA award

Fort Worth Star-Telegram Contributing Editor Jon McConal has been awarded first place in the 1977 American Osteopathic Association Journalism Awards Competition for his feature story on TCOM's first rural clinic in Justin.

Announced by the AOA, McConal will receive \$1000 and a plaque as the winner. An official presentation of the award will be made to McConal at the keynote luncheon of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association's state convention May 5 in Corpus Christi. This is the second writing award McConal has received from the AOA. The first award was for a feature on Dr. Thomas Whittle.

A native of Pecos, McConal was graduated from Glen Rose High School and attended Sam Houston State College where he received his bachelor of science degree in journalism. While at Sam Houston, he was editor of the college newspaper and was named outstanding journalism graduate of his senior class.

His first newspaper job was on a weekly newspaper in Navasota. From there, he moved to a chain of small daily papers in Grand Prairie. McConal joined the Star-Telegram as a farm and ranch writer in September 1961. He has worked as a police reporter, general assignments reporter, night city editor and assistant city editor. He has held his present position of contributing editor for six years.

During his tenure at the Star-Telegram, McConal has won numerous writing awards, including three national medical writing awards.

McConal has also had a book published, "My Years with Bob Wills." He wrote the book, about the late Bob Wills, who pioneered western swing, in conjunction with Al Stricklin of Cleburne, who was Wills' original piano player.

The AOA journalism competition was established in 1956 to recognize the

growing corps of journalists who report and interpret osteopathic medicine to the scientific community and the general public. The competition is supported by a grant from Ross Laboratories, Division of Abbott Laboratories.



Atlas Club sets annual event

Get out your track shoes and bring the picnic basket to the first annual A.T. Still Memorial-San Jacinto Day Run and Picnic April 16 (Saturday). Sponsored by the Atlas Club pledge class, the event will consist of a five-mile run through Trinity Park and an all-day family picnic. The run will begin at 11 a.m. at the Duckpond in Trinity Park. The run is being held in commemoration of two major events in American history, the birth of osteopathic medicine and its more than 100 years of existence and San Jacinto Day (April 21) when Texas won its independence from Mexico, according to Robert Coleman, second-year student and pledge class president.

Participation in the run is open to TCOM faculty and physicians, student-doctors and spouses. Registration is \$10 for faculty and physicians and \$5 for students and spouses. An additional \$1 fee will be added to the registration for persons registering the day of the event.

Proceeds from the run will be used to purchase needed medical equipment for the Fort Worth Rehabilitation Farm. "This run is a way for the Atlas Club to become more involved in the community and help provide needed medical equipment to a charitable Fort Worth institution," Steve Grayson third-year student and event chairman, said.

Special awards will be presented to participants finishing first in the following categories: physician and faculty member, student-doctor, combined husband and wife team and the person

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most accurately predicting the amount of time needed to complete the run. All participants in the run will receive a T-shirt commemorating the event.

Bring the family and encourage the participants in the first annual A.T. Still Memorial-San Jacinto Day Run.

WSO, SOMA present seminar

Dr. Edward A. Slotnick, chairman of the Department of Obstetrics-Gynecology at Metropolitan Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., will present two lectures on infertility-fertility and contraception at noon April 16 (Saturday) in the East-West Meeting Rooms of Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital.

Sponsored by the Women Students' Organization and the Student Osteopathic Medical Association of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, the lectures are open to all area physicians, TCOM students and faculty.

A 1966 graduate of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Slotnick served both his internship and residency training at Metropolitan Hospital. He also served a fellowship in obstetrics-gynecology and endocrinology at the Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

In addition to serving as chairman of the Department of Obstetrics-Gynecology at Metropolitan Hospital, Dr. Slotnick is a clinical associate professor at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Aging seminar is April 23

A seminar on "A New Look At Older People for the Practicing Osteopathic Physician" is scheduled for April 23 at the Administration Annex from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sponsored by TCOM and the North Texas State University Center for Studies in Aging, the program is open to osteopathic physicians and TCOM faculty and students.

Designed to acquaint the practitioner with some of the special problems and needs of the aged patient, the seminar will present up-to-date information on the physical, social and psychological aspects of "older people oriented" diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation will be conveyed by speaker-consultants.

Speakers for the program will be Dr. Stevan Cordas, clinical associate professor of medicine; Dr. Wayne English, chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine; Dr. Cora A. Martin,

co-director of the Center for the Studies in Aging; Dr. William Hanna, chief of rehabilitation medicine at the Veterans Hospital in Kerrville; and Dr. Herb Shore, executive vice-president of the Dallas Home and Hospital for Jewish Aged.

Among the topics to be discussed are "Current Trends in Management of the Aging Patient," "Identifying the High Risk Patient in Geriatric Medicine," and "The Range of Living Arrangements for Your Older Patient--From Total Institutional Care to Self Care."

Registration is \$35 for physicians and \$4.50 for students. Checks should be made payable to NTSU and sent to "A New Look At Older People for the Practicing Osteopathic Physician," P. O. Box 5344, NTSU Station, Denton, Texas 75203

For more information on the seminar contact Ann Rabon, CSE Program Coordinator at the Center for Studies in Aging, 817/788-2064 or 788-2179.

Glaucoma screenings scheduled

As a service to the Fort Worth community, TCOM will sponsor two glaucoma screenings during the month of April. The first screening will be from 5-8 p.m. April 21 at the Bethlehem Community Center. The second screening is scheduled for 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 27 at the Northwest Campus of Tarrant County Junior College. Faculty members serving as supervising physicians at the screenings will be Dr. Brian Ranelle, Bethlehem Community Center; Drs. Robert Brown and George Pease, TCJC.

AV program donated to TCOM

The Schering Corporation of Kenilworth, N.J., has donated a seven-part audiovisual program on basic dermatology to TCOM. The sound/slide program deals with the areas of primary lesions, secondary and special lesions, psoriasis, techniques for examination of the skin, allergic contact dermatitis, atopic dermatitis and tumors of the skin. The audiovisual materials will assist the teaching of dermatology and will provide self-study materials for students who wish to review dermatologic topics on their own.

People, places, things

DR. ROBERT KAMAN, assistant professor of biochemistry, will represent the president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and

and State University at the inauguration of Texas Woman's University President Dr. Mary Evelyn Huey April 15 in Denton. Dr. Kaman is a graduate of VPI. The American Osteopathic Association's college accreditation team will be on campus April 19-21 for an on-site visit of TCOM....the Sigma Sigma Phi Medical Seminar on gastroenterology is scheduled for April 23 at the Ramada Inn....DR. JAMES O. ROYDER, clinical instructor of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice, attended the American Academy of Osteopathy sponsored Tutorial March 28-31 in LaJolla, Calif.

NEW EMPLOYEES: Lynda Rigsby, Department of Osteopathic Philosophy, Principles and Practice; BETTY BELTON, CYNTHIA MILLER, Admissions/Registrar; LEWIS STUBBS, EDWARD WILLIAMS, EVELYN LAWSON, Physical Plant; LIDA MOSS, Department of General and Family Practice; SHARON HODNETT, Pediatric Clinic; BRENDA RUDLEDGE, Department of Physiology.