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Dean Ralph L. Willard gets ready for his holiday mailings with osteopathic seals from Doris (Mrs. Thomas) Pennington, Students' Associate Auxiliary seal chairman. The seals, part of a \$175,000 campaign for loan and research funds nationally, are available from Laurie Waymen, Med Ed I Room 802, phone 735-2506. When you use seals, your mail carries a strong statement about osteopathic medicine.

'Tis the season. . .

For our first holiday season in Medical Education Building I, special events planners are borrowing a tradition from Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital by sponsoring the First Ever-Maybe Annual Door Decorating Contest for NTSU/TCOM.

Hold it! There's more to the contest than just making your office door beautiful and festive. You've got to do it without spending any money.

Sure, it's possible. Decorations will be limited to recycled material -- such as adding machine ribbon, computer readouts and whatever other paraphernalia that might be found around the offices and labs. (You can also bring material from home, but no new purchases please.)

To be judged (by a totally impartial and honest panel of judges), decorations must be in place by 8 a.m. Tuesday, December 12. Winners will be appropriately rewarded and recognized.

Now, with all the money you saved on door decorations, think about buying some toys for our Santa's Bag which will be located in the atrium on the first floor. All toys (gift wrapped, please) will be distributed to children at NTSU/TCOM's special clinics.

Other great holiday ideas are still dancing in the heads of the special events planners, so if you have any suggestions just call Carol Keller in News and Information Services, 735-2550.

Systems analyst joins staff

Roy C. (Corky) Baird has joined the NTSU/TCOM administrative staff as information systems analyst. Initially, he will organize existing manual information systems -- financial and academic records as well as any information system used by any department -- as a preliminary to computerizing college records in about a year.

In many organizations, people need information but don't know where to get it, Baird said. His job is to study what information is available in the college and where it is stored.

Baird, who holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in mathematics from Texas Christian University, previously has been a private information systems consultant and was for 10 years a senior nuclear physicist at General Dynamics.

Although temporarily located in the Office of Financial Aid, Baird is attached to the Office of the Dean at NTSU/TCOM. In the next few months, he will be calling on various departments as part of his study of existing information systems.

Employee briefing session for the holidays

Dr. Richard Baldwin spoke to a packed house at the first in a forthcoming series of employee briefing sessions. His November 15 talk on osteopathic medicine drew over 50 people, and the enthusiastic response has prompted the scheduling of a December briefing session.

In a talk entitled "Will I Survive Plum Pudding?" Dr. C.R. Olson, professor and chairman of the department of internal medicine, will give some advice on coping with the stress that inevitably accompanies the holiday season.

Dr. Olson's talk is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in Med Ed I, Room 540. Because of the limited space in that conference room, attendance must be limited to 40 people. If you wish to attend, please call the Office of News and Information Services (735-2550) and reserve a spot before December 8. Coffee will be served.

Appointments to the clinical faculty

A total of 24 new appointments has been made to the clinical faculty in the department of general and family practice. According to Dr. L.L. Bunnell, chairman, these volunteer faculty members will take part in the department's preceptor program whereby each second-year student spends several hours a week in the office of a practicing general practitioner for an eight-week period.

Appointed with the rank of clinical associate professor were Dr. Richard Hall, Arlington; Dr. Donald Bernstein, Carrollton; Dr. Ned Beiser, Dr. Joseph Dubin, Dr. Jimmy Johnson and Dr. Hartley Polasky, all of Dallas; and Dr. Arthur Wiley, Denton.

Those appointed to the rank of clinical assistant professor include Dr. Paul Haberer, Bedford; Dr. Beauford Baspard, Dr. Mark Heaver and Dr. Francisco Medina, Dallas; Dr. Joel Holliday, Mesquite; Dr. Glenn Monte, DeSoto; Dr. Donald Hopkins, Duncanville; Dr. Jarvis Bull, Dr. Thomas Nelson, Dr. Billy Puryear, Dr. Roy Rhodes and Dr. James Russell, Fort Worth; Dr. Walter Hinshaw, Garland; Dr. Larry Padgett, Granbury; Dr. Eugene Bond, Grand Prairie; Dr. Georgia Doyle, Irving; and Dr. Randal Sparks, Rockwall.

American Heart Association Life Support Course

The last issue of Dateline reported that only a few of the reserved faculty spaces were open for the January 26-28 American Heart Association Instructors Program. Dr. Paul Stern, faculty coordinator for the program, has pointed out that a total of 48 persons may attend the course. The continuing medical education program at NTSU/TCOM will pay for 15 faculty members to attend, and as of November 20, 13 had signed up under this program. However, the total 48 spaces are by no means filled. For information on other possible sources of tuition, contact Mrs. Nancy Smith, coordinator of continuing medical education, 735-2539.

Cardiac assessment course

The first part of the American Heart Association course on cardiac assessment (normal heart sounds) will be presented Saturday, December 9, in Room 406 of Medical Education I from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This course is jointly sponsored by Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital and NTSU/TCOM and is open to physicians, students, nurses and paramedical personnel. Registration is \$5 and is limited to 50. For more information, call the Office of Medical Education, 735-2510.

Forum on Alcoholism

The Honorable Wilbur Mills, former congressman and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives, will deliver the keynote address at the Forum on Alcoholism Issues: Local, State, National to be held at the Fort Worth Rehabilitation Farm Monday, December 11, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Jointly sponsored by the Fort Worth Rehabilitation Farm, Tarrant County Alcoholism Task Force, Alcohol Interagency Association of Tarrant County, Texas Commission on Alcoholism and NTSU/TCOM, the forum commemorates the rehabilitation farm's 23rd anniversary.

Also featured on the program will be a panel discussion on relevant issues. Further information on the program is available from the Office of Special Clinics, 735-2450.

United Way

NTSU/TCOM hasn't quite reached its goal of \$3,000 for the United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County, but the school made so much progress over past campaigns that it was presented An Outstanding Citizenship Award at a United Way luncheon Wednesday, November 29.

The tally to date (pledges may still be made of course) is \$2,382, which represents 79.4 per cent of the 1978 goal.

Last year's \$537 was the previous high in giving by NTSU/TCOM.

"Even though we didn't reach our stated goal, we've got to be encouraged at the progress we've made this year," said Janice Odom, NTSU/TCOM campaign chairman.

"This \$2,382 in pledges is even more significant when you realize that the amount represents gifts from only 34 of the more than 250 employees.

"Next year we are hoping for much broader support from the college community, but we are really grateful for those who contributed this fall."

Pledge cards are still available in the Office of News and Information Services, Med Ed I Room 816, phone 735-2550, for anyone who may have been missed earlier.

Student Government Christmas Dance

The annual Student Government Association Dinner Dance will be held December 8 at Shady Oaks Country Club beginning at 7 p.m. Music will be provided by Pisces, a seven-piece band from Dallas. Reservations may be made with Laurie Wayman, Office of Student Services, Room 802, Medical Education Building I, ext. 2506. Cost is \$10 per couple; \$5 for a single reservation.

The members of Student Government Association say they sincerely regret that for the first time they are unable to open this annual student affair to faculty and staff because of space problems.

Phone books

Are you in need of some telephone books -- either Fort Worth directories or Dallas yellow pages? The Office of News and Information staff hopes so. NIS has telephone

directories stacked almost to the ceiling just waiting for the departments to pick up their copies.

Please help by claiming your phone books this week. They're in Room 816, Med Ed I.

People, places and things

DR. ANDRAS LACKO, associate professor of biochemistry, and DR. MICHAEL EMMETT-OGLESBY, assistant professor of pharmacology, participated in the recent annual meeting of the American Gerontological Society in Dallas. They presented physiological data analyzed for stress indicators at a symposium designed to report research on the effects of relocation on residents of a home for the aged when they were moved from an old to a new facility.

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George Steel of Merrell Laboratories has presented the department of surgery a prostate palpation simulator for use in teaching.... PATRICE THOMAS is the new secretary in the Office of Financial Aid.... Tuesday, December 12, NTSU/TCOM will host one of four conferences to be held nationwide on the new HEAL (Health Education Assistance Loans) program. The hearing is scheduled for 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in Med Ed I, Room 406.

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DR. L.L. BUNNELL, chairman of NTSU/TCOM's department of general and family practice and of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine's section on chairmen of general and family practice, testified before representatives of the Bureau of Health Manpower Thursday, November 16, in Chicago. According to AACOM's Update, Dr. Bunnell generally supported the revised regulations controlling grant awards. His testimony also "underlined the importance of cooperative linkage among colleges of osteopathic medicine and osteopathic hospitals conducting training programs in family medicine," Update noted.

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The Personnel Office has a new alphabetical list of all regular employees for anyone interested. Call 735-2584 and they'll send you a copy.... Welcome to MARILYN JOHNSON, new reference librarian.... DR. GARY JONES, assistant professor of pharmacology, is co-author of "Reappraisal of the Electron Spin Resonance Spectra of Maleimide and Lodoacetamide Spin Labels in Erythrocyte Ghosts" published in the October issue of Archives of

Biochemistry and Biophysics and of "Spin-Label Study of Phenothiazine Interactions with Erythrocyte Ghost Membranes: A possible Membrane-Mediated Anti-sickling Action" published in the October issue of the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. Dixon M. Woodbury is co-author of both articles.

Third-year student BILL JERMYN won the First Annual Sometimes Fast Willie Chili Cookoff, with a total of 122 out of a possible 140 points. The judges particularly praised the chili's "hot" quality. DENNIS GRAHAM, third-year student, was second-place winner.

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Calendar

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December 4 - December 22

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| December 4 Monday | Junior class elections |
| December 5 Tuesday | Science Teachers Association of Fort Worth, tour of Medical Education Building I and talk by Dr. Mary Schunder, chairman NTSU/TCOM department of anatomy. Open to members only. Medical Education Building I, Room 506. 7:30 p.m. |
| December 6 Wednesday | Atlas Club meeting. Members only. Student Union, Medical Education Building I. 7 p.m. |
| December 7 Thursday | Student Government Association meeting. Student Union, Medical Education Building I. 7 p.m. |
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| December 15-21 | Final examinations for 1st, 2nd- and 3rd-year students |
| December 23- January 2 | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS |