

# TCOM NEWS

North Texas State University Health Sciences Center / Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine



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# Mapping out the future

**The June Board of Regents meeting produced a record \$12.8 million operating budget, the first campus master plan and new emphasis from the governing board.**

When the North Texas State University Board of Regents adjourned its regular meeting on the Denton campus June 30, TCOM had a record \$28.3 million budget for 1978-79, its first official campus master plan and a special subcommittee to give more regents' emphasis to the Fort Worth medical school.

The budget for the next fiscal year, which begins September 1, includes \$12,759,447 for educational and general expenses and \$107,124 for service departments, for a total operating budget of \$12,866,571. The remaining \$15.5 million represents the appropriation for the proposed Medical Education Building II, which has been slowed by land acquisition problems.

The facility may have received a boost, however, when the regents passed a resolution calling for NTSU/TCOM President C. C. Nolen to ask "the Attorney General if any state funds presently available to NSTU Health Sciences Center/TCOM can be used for purchase of land within the duly approved master plan."

If the ruling is affirmative, the board authorized President Nolen "to proceed with land purchase under purchase policy approved by the board utilizing the available state funds and to authorize the architects to proceed with planning of Medical Education Building II."

Following the regents' decision, TCOM Vice President and Dean

Ralph L. Willard, D.O., said that "TCOM has an acute need for the second major building...which will provide permanent quarters for the basic science departments, classrooms, teaching labs and faculty research labs. Additional land is needed to site this building and I am pleased that progress is being made toward that goal."

At the June meeting the regents also approved the issuance of

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\$1.025 million in General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 1978, replacing an outstanding 1975 series and resulting in the availability of \$500,000 for TCOM land acquisition.

In other action, the regents approved the creation of an Institute for Human Fitness (see related story, page 3) and the proposal to solicit bids and award a contract for the renovation of the library space at River Plaza Campus Center to accommodate an anatomy lab at a cost of \$40,000.

The June meeting also produced the first regents' committee specifically appointed to consider TCOM matters. In naming regents Hugh Wolfe of Stephenville, Bruce Street

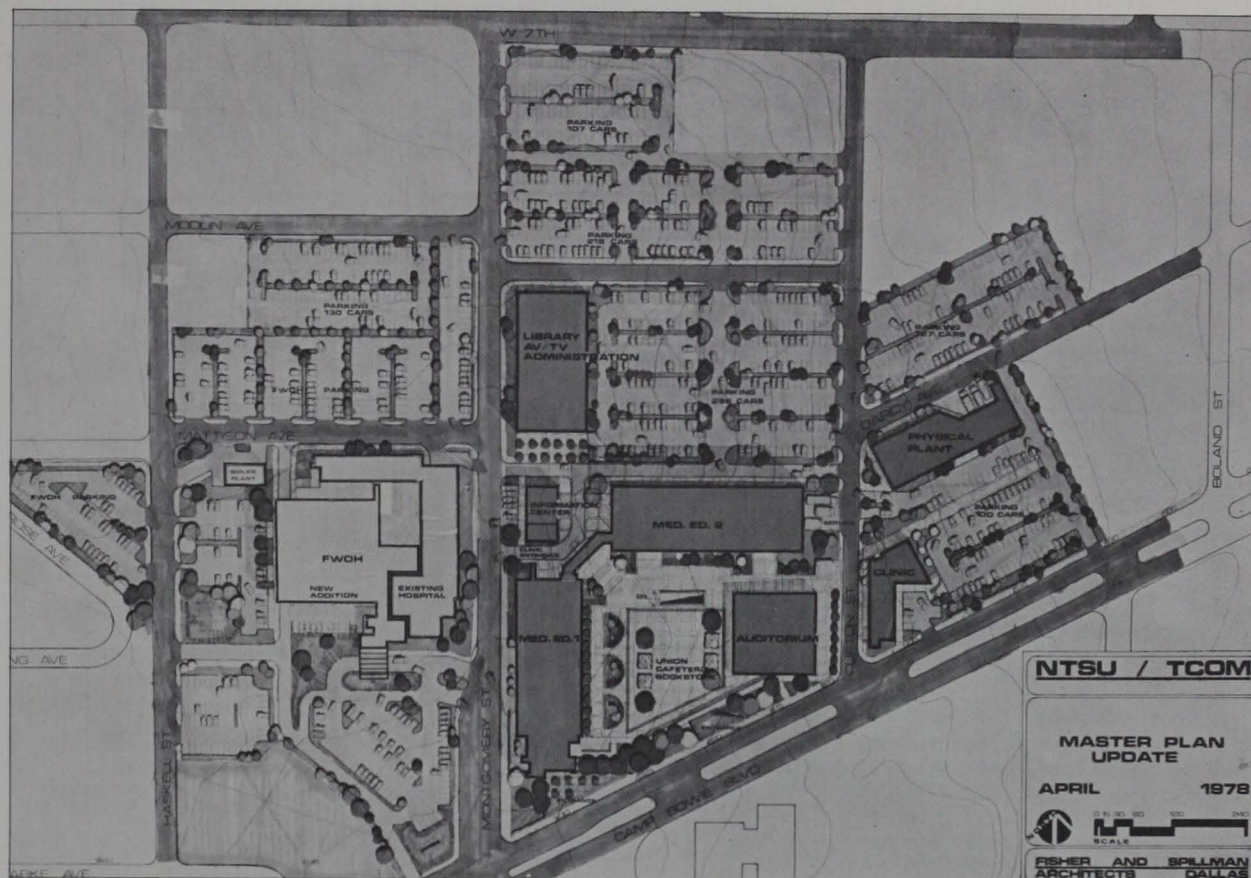
of Graham and Ed Smith of Dallas to the subcommittee of the board's Role and Scope Committee, Regents Chairman A. M. Willis Jr. of Longview said that he was doing so "to give more emphasis to TCOM on this board." Wolfe was appointed chairman of the group.

The campus master plan, prepared by the Dallas architectural firm of Fisher & Spillman and approved by the regents, "shows the total campus as we envision it developing over the next several years," explained Dr. Larry Luce of the NTSU Office of Planning and Institutional Analysis. "The plan, which will act as a general guide as we make building-by-building decisions, will be useful in establishing land acquisition priorities and allowing the institution to integrate itself into the prevailing traffic patterns of the city streets and with neighboring public institutions."

Covering some 15 acres on Fort Worth's near west side, the master plan projects a campus bordered by Camp Bowie Boulevard on the south, Montgomery Street on the west and Seventh Street on the north, with the eastern boundary falling within the block between Clifton and Boland Streets.

In addition to Med Ed II, the plan includes a Library-AV/TV-Administration Building, Auditorium, Union and Physical Plant Building.





## All classes to meet on Fort Worth campus

All TCOM classes will be held in Fort Worth this fall, for the first time since the college became affiliated with North Texas State University. With the opening of Med Ed I, space will be available for all classes to meet on the Fort Worth campus, marking a significant step in the college's growth.

First- and second-year classes will divide their time between the River Plaza Campus Center and Med Ed I's two 120-seat classrooms. During the summer, an anatomy laboratory will be developed in the River Plaza space formerly occupied by the library, which moves to the seventh floor of Med Ed I. A microscope laboratory, for pathology and histology classes, will be located in quarters now occupied by the pathology department behind Central Clinic.

First day of fall classes will be August 28, with registration August 25. The incoming class of 81 students consists of 67 men and 14 women, and all but eight are Texans.

The freshman orientation course, commonly called Survival Course, is scheduled for August 21-24, and based on last year's experience, is being enlarged in some areas. Such traditional orientation subjects as introduction to faculty and administration, comments on curriculum, history of the college and the general mechanics of life at TCOM will be stressed, but there also will be sessions on coping with stress, the secrets of survival in basic science and clinical years, assertiveness training, communication and study skills. A wider range of TCOM faculty and students are expected to be involved in the course this year.

## Med Ed I move near

As Med Ed I nears completion, plans are being made for moving various departments into their new quarters. According to Dean Ralph L. Willard, administrative offices, the learning resources division and the library will move into the seventh and eighth floors of the building the weekend of August 26-27.

Other floors of the new building will be occupied as they are completed, with the entire building scheduled for possession by the college around September 30.

Dedication ceremonies are planned for later in the fall.



# Institute for Human Fitness

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## a first for medical school setting

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An Institute for Human Fitness, the first in the nation to combine a rehabilitation/sports medicine clinic, research center and fitness activities center in a medical school setting, is being planned at TCOM. Recently approved by the NTSU Board of Regents, the institute will provide education in rehabilitation/sports medicine, develop programs for the prevention and treatment of athletic injuries and, through research, establish a scientific basis for fitness and exercise.

Dr. Robert Kaman, acting director of the institute, said that sports medicine and related disciplines are becoming recognized as critically important to the overall picture for health care in this country. "We are experiencing a participation explosion in such activities as jogging, swimming, cycling and tennis," he said, "but our knowledge of appropriate precautions, beneficial activity levels, treatment and prevention of injuries and disease has not kept up with that interest."

Dr. Kaman, an assistant professor in biochemistry, is noted for expertise in exercise biochemistry and nutrition and has presented papers on related topics at numerous na-

tional conferences. He is a former coach of the University of Michigan lacrosse team.

Wayne English, D.O., will serve as director of the clinic associated with the institute. Dr. English is chairman of the TCOM department of rehabilitation/sports medicine and a former team physician to the Boston Celtics professional basketball team. He will be assisted by John Kauzlarich, D.O., assistant professor of rehabilitation/sports medicine and formerly director of the Florida Sports Medicine Clinic. Dr. Kauzlarich has been team physician to the Tampa Bay Rowdies professional soccer team.

Peter Raven, Ph.D., associate professor of physiology and currently coach of the Dallas rugby team, will be director of the Center for Research on Human Fitness. Dr. Raven, formerly assistant director for research at the Institute for Aerobics Research in Dallas, has extensively studied the physiological effects of exercise and is a nationally known speaker on the subject.

Director of the Activities Center will be Robert Patton, Ph.D., adjunct associate professor of physiology at

TCOM and associate professor of health, physical education and recreation at NTSU.

Members of the Executive Council of the institute will also include TCOM faculty members Charles D. Ogilvie, D.O., Joel Alter, D.O., and John Gaugl, Ph.D.

Professional support personnel will include athletic trainer Elmer Brown, formerly of Texas Christian University; assistant athletic trainer Peggy Weiss; two licensed physical therapists, a rehabilitation nurse and a medical technologist.

A location for the clinic will be announced soon.

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## Examining Vietnamese family challenges student-doctors

Students assigned to Central Clinic had an unusual educational opportunity during the spring semester when they were asked to do physical examinations on a family of 15 Vietnamese who were being relocated in the Fort Worth area.

Although the examinations took three days and put an extra burden on the clinic, Dr. Larry L. Bunnell, director of clinics, was quick to point out that students had a rare

chance to deal with patients who spoke little or no English and who came from Asia with disease complexes that are often unique to that part of the world. "We saw a lot of new parasitology," said Dr. Bunnell.

The family was brought to Fort Worth through the efforts of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Catholic Charities. A teenage son who had been in Fort Worth a year served as translator during the examinations.

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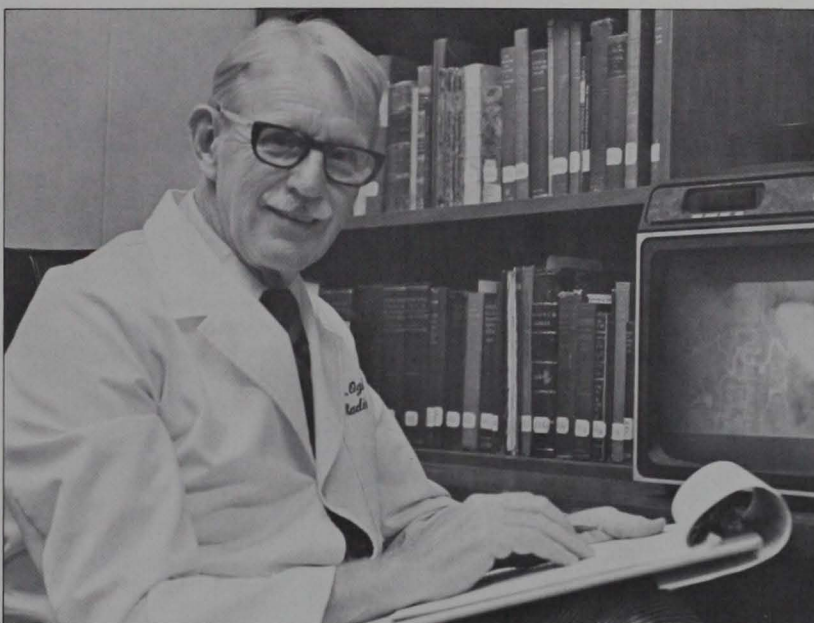
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On the cover: The real story of Commencement 1978 was caught in odd moments by the camera — like George F. Pease, D.O., clinical professor of surgery, walking through the gentle spring rain and being careful to keep his mortarboard dry. For more on commencement activities, please turn to pages 8 and 9.

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Charles D. Ogilvie, D.O., will chair TCOM's new department of medical humanities which is aimed at reinforcing the liberal and humanistic aspects of the medical curriculum.

# Teaching human values

**"A medical school should offer the student a chance . . . to grow as an individual."**

When classes begin this fall, TCOM will be the third medical school in Texas to develop a separate program for the teaching of human values in medicine. The establishment of the new department of medical humanities was announced by Dean Ralph L. Willard, D.O., during the convention of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association in Fort Worth last May.

To be chaired by Charles D. Ogilvie, D.O., the department will include instruction in general medical history, history of osteopathic medicine and its place in medicine, philosophy, ethics and literature, as well as some elements of social and behavioral sciences.

"A medical school should offer the student not only an opportunity for medical education, but also an opportunity to grow as an individual," Dr. Ogilvie said. "This is done by creating an awareness of the uniqueness of man and of the many varieties of human experiences that occur."

The new department chairman said the aim of the medical humanities program will be to reinforce the liberal and humanistic aspects of the medical curriculum at TCOM.

"Initially, the plan is to provide interdisciplinary input into courses

that are already being taught," Dr. Ogilvie noted. "We hope to nurture the atmosphere of scholarship and medical culture and appreciation of medical literature."

TCOM, which joins the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and the Texas A&M University College of Medicine in offering a separate medical humanities program in Texas, is thought to be the first osteopathic medical school to have a free-standing department.

The trend toward separate medical humanities programs is somewhat recent, Dr. Ogilvie noted. "It all really started about 1965 as the result of public concern that our modern day, highly specialized physician is becoming less attuned to the more personal needs of the patient.

"Up until that time, there was not an organized awareness of the necessity of teaching human values in medicine."

Today some 29 medical schools which offer the M.D. degree have some type of organized medical humanities program. The Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine shares a program with the university's M.D. school.

"The osteopathic physician, who has traditionally been regarded as a

'doctor of the people,' today finds himself increasingly enmeshed in the depersonalizing technology of modern science," said Dr. Ogilvie. "Not unlike his M.D. brothers, he is sometimes ill prepared to deal with the dilemmas physicians constantly face in their human relationships."

Without programs which teach human values, the TCOM department chairman said that "medical schools face the danger of becoming, at best, vocational schools and, at worst, trade schools."

Dr. Ogilvie said his department would be developing a lyceum series and an annual humanities lecture featuring noted visiting scholars; promoting continuing medical education programs for physicians in subjects allied to medical practice; and developing interdisciplinary interaction with other institutions of higher learning in the Fort Worth area.

In addition to Dr. Ogilvie, who will continue a one-fourth time appointment in the department of radiology, the TCOM medical humanities faculty will include, all on a part-time basis, Virginia Ellis, D.O.; Richard B. Baldwin, D.O.; Irvin M. Korr, Ph.D.; Margaret H. Dennis, Ed.D.; Laurance L. Priddy, J.D.; Sharon Gabert, J.D.; and Gustave E. Ferre, Ph.D.



# College inaugurates annual convocation

October 4 is the date set for the first annual Fall Convocation to honor and welcome TCOM's incoming class. The academic program will be held at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of Med Ed I, with Myron S. Magen, D.O., dean of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, delivering the convocation address.

Establishing a tradition, the TCOM Founders' Medal will be presented for contribution to medical education and proven interest in health care. The distinctive medal of gold-plated bronze bears the college seal and is designed to be worn around the neck over academic regalia or to be framed and mounted for display. Recipients of the first medals will be George J. Luibel, D.O., D. D. Beyer, D.O., Carl E. Everett, D.O., State Representative Gibson D. (Gib) Lewis, State Senator Betty Andujar and Dr. Magen.

As those who have followed TCOM's history will know, Drs. Luibel, Beyer and Everett are the founders of the college, and it is in their honor that the Founders' Medal is being struck.



**Dr. Myron S. Magen**

In 1966 the three Fort Worth physicians applied for and were granted a charter for the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Luibel, a past president of the American Osteopathic Association, served as chairman of the college's founding board of directors until the school became a state institution; Dr. Everett was secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Beyer was vice-chairman.

Senator Andujar and Representative Lewis were instrumental in

obtaining legislative approval of the bill which provided full state support for TCOM and placed it under the direction of the NTSU Board of Regents and president. Andujar introduced Senate Bill 216 in January 1975, while Lewis concurrently introduced House Bill 445 proposing the same union of NTSU and TCOM. In May the legislature approved Senate Bill 216, which was signed into law by Governor Dolph Briscoe on May 22, 1975.

Members of the incoming class will be invited and encouraged to attend this convocation which marks their first contact with their professional school. "We want the convocation to emphasize that we are a medical school turning out professional physicians as well as a distinctive college of medicine here to serve the people of the State of Texas," said Dean Ralph L. Willard, D.O.

Faculty, staff, other students, alumni and friends of the college also will be invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served in the Med Ed I atrium following the program.

## Gift aids alcoholics

Physical fitness is the central theme of the A. T. Still Memorial-San Jacinto Day Run sponsored each spring by the TCOM Atlas Club at Fort Worth's Trinity Park.

And toward that goal, \$250 in proceeds from this year's event has been donated to the Fort Worth Rehabilitation Farm.

TCOM faculty members Drs. Al and Nancy Faigin supervise student-doctors in the farm's clinic two days each week, providing medical care for some 175 alcoholics. The Rev. Henry F. Cooper, founder and executive director of the farm, said the Atlas Club gift would provide medication for the clinic's patients.



**What a crowd!** The 115 runners in April's six-mile Second Annual A. T. Still Memorial — San Jacinto Day Run, which was open to TCOM faculty, staff, students, their families and other physicians, were out for more than personal fitness and competition. The run and a preceding seminar featuring Arthur Mollen, D.O., of Phoenix were designed to stimulate the medical community's interest in physical fitness and its role in preventive medicine.



Vivian Ellis may be the first woman osteopathic physician to take obstetrical/gynecological training in the military. She is, in fact, the first TCOM woman graduate to serve her internship in the service.

Under the Senior Medical Student Program, Ellis went on active duty with the Navy at the beginning of her fourth year, receiving the pay and privileges of an officer while finishing her studies at TCOM. July 1 she reported to Portsmouth (Va.) Naval Regional Medical Center to begin her internship.

The 1978 graduate, who also hopes for a residency in obstetrics and gynecology with the Navy, said her reasons for choosing the specialty are varied. It is, she explained, a way of combining aspects of several other areas of medicine, the immediacy of surgery and "a lot of psychiatry."

The specialty is also a dynamic one where the impact of today's social issues — contraception, abortion, sexual problems, cloning, test tube babies — come together, said Ellis.

OB-GYN further offers a good chance to practice preventive rather than episodic medicine, added the recent TCOM graduate, who said you can teach mothers to have healthy babies, practice nutrition and have good health habits. "It's good for everybody — mothers and babies."

OB-GYN has been a male dominated field in this century, but Ellis sees it coming full circle back to the 19th Century when women began to seek out women physicians. Citing ERA as partially responsible, she points out that women are more aware of themselves and each other today and this may account for the growing number of women physicians who enter the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology. She would, however, dislike seeing the field limited to women practitioners.

The TCOM graduate said she chose the Navy for her own training because it offered a chance to see a

great volume of patients with a wide variety of problems, all in an academic atmosphere. And she feels her medical school training has prepared her for work in a large institution.

But the San Antonio native doesn't plan to spend her entire practice life as a physician in an academic setting. Someday she hopes to return to Texas and practice in a Spanish-speaking community where "they still like having babies and the family unit is intact."



Vivian Ellis, Class of '78, is the first TCOM woman graduate to serve a military internship.

**Vivian Ellis:**

## **Navy intern**

There's an interesting story in the future of every member of the Class of '78, and we would tell all 57 if space permitted. We single out Vivian Ellis simply to illustrate the growing opportunities for women in medicine and how TCOM graduates are taking advantage of them.

# Commencement '78

Pomp and circumstance, black-robed graduates, expectant families — graduation marks a solemn but exciting high point in the lives of medical students.

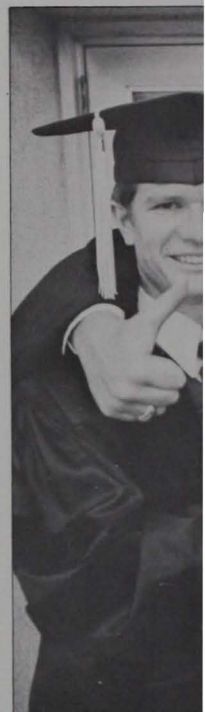
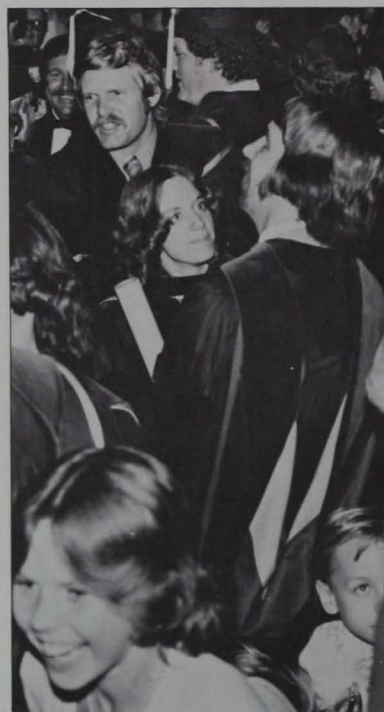
Yet the TCOM Class of '78, which in the midst of the chaos was described by one staff member as "a fun class," managed to add a light touch to the solemn commencement proceedings May 20 in Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium.

With words from U.S. Congressman Jim Wright of Fort Worth on the importance of restoring mutual faith and trust in all aspects of American life, but particularly in the physician-patient relationship, members of the Class of '78 received their D.O. degrees at the medical school's fifth annual commencement.

Graduating with honors were Michael Whiteley, Houston; Carrol Wheat, Liberal, Ks.; Thomas Halling, Houston; Ronald Jackson, Joshua; Frederick Hill, Houston; and Michael Cawthon, Fort Worth.

Champagne flowed freely at the President's Reception which followed with almost 1,000 people joining together to congratulate the new physicians.

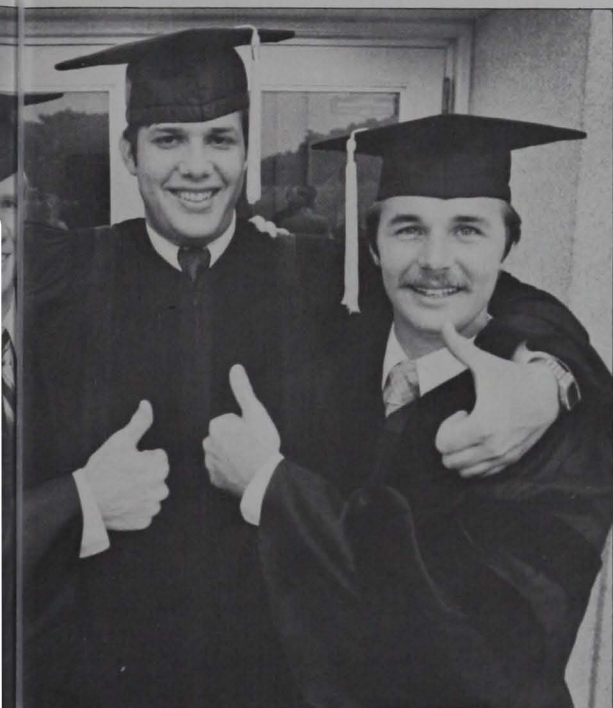
Mary Ganz continues a family tradition — father Sam is a general practitioner and past president of TOMA and brother-in-law Brent Gorman is a TCOM sophomore.



Celebrating the completion of four years of medical school and the beginning of new medical careers.







Long-time friends Steve Grayson, Weldon Schott and Dave Carpenter, from left, all became D.O.s on the same night.

Pride flowed in the Laird family as Dr. Douglas Laird, minister of Grace Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, took part in son Steve's graduation.



The Class of '78 repeats the Osteopathic Oath, administered by Dr. Charles A. Kline, associate dean of clinical affairs.



From left, U.S. Congressman Jim Wright, who delivered the commencement address; NTSU/TCOM President C. C. Nolen; NTSU Board of Regents Chairman A. M. Willis Jr. and Dr. Ralph L. Willard, TCOM vice president for medical affairs and dean.





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# Geriatric medicine

## Where does it belong in the medical curriculum?

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By Janice Odom

Ten per cent of the American population is past the age of 65, and demographers predict the number will reach 15 per cent by the turn of the century. Also, between now and the year 2000, the number of people 85 and older is expected to increase 106 per cent.

These and other statistics related to the elderly population were recently released by U.S. Rep. Mario Biaggi, chairman of a subcommittee of the House Select Committee on Aging, who expressed great concern for the lack of attention being paid geriatric medicine in this country.

That same problem was discussed earlier this summer by Charles E. Still, D.O., during a visit to the TCOM campus.

A charter member and past chairman of the Governor's Council on Aging in Arizona, Dr. Still has spent the last 10 years working to provide services for the elderly in his state. But his interest in the older population goes back several decades.

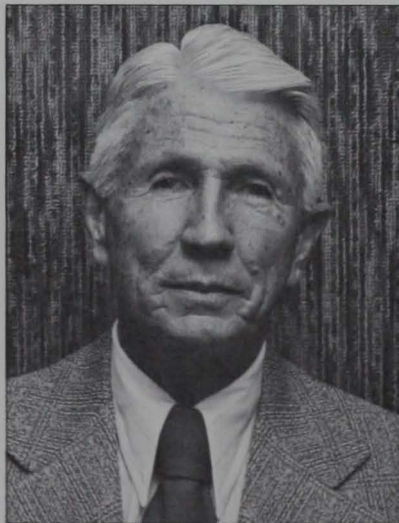
"During the war years, I worked at Still-Hildreth Sanitarium . . .," he said. "We had a tremendous number of older people, and I could see their problems, particularly when they tried to go home to a place that couldn't take care of them."

But Dr. Still, the grandson of Dr. Andrew T. Still, the father of osteopathic medicine, explained that since those days, the older population has become much more aggressive in making its plight known. "I think that the older people are organized now. They are more vocal. They are more capable of seeing the weaknesses in medicine — orthodox medicine — as it is being practiced now. They have

suggestions they feel are not being listened to," the Arizona physician noted. "I feel that if the people who are planning and executing delivery of health services would listen more accurately and really get down to the grass roots level the older people will be better satisfied. They also may get better care, but they definitely will feel that someone is listening to them."

Congressman Biaggi recently told his subcommittee that only 51 of the 120 medical schools in this country had courses in geriatrics and only three trained medical students to specialize in the field. His report also mentions that 10 chairs of geriatrics exist in Great Britain's medical schools, two in Sweden and one in the U.S. — at Cornell University.

But Dr. Charles A. Kline, TCOM associate dean for clinical affairs,



Dr. Charles E. Still

takes issue with the national call for geriatric departments per se in the medical schools. "The question is not whether to have a department but rather where do you include in the curriculum the studies peculiar to a certain age group," he noted. "For TCOM, we feel that special courses (in geriatrics) belong in our new department of medical humanities. . . . Being old is not a disease, it's a physiological progression with multiple associated problems."

Dr. Kline said that osteopathic medical students are attuned to the holistic theory which incorporates all the specialties, including geriatrics, into the overall curriculum.

Dr. Still agrees, but he calls on the osteopathic profession to go a step further. "Osteopathic medicine puts probably more emphasis on family practice and getting to the needs of people in general, and older people specifically. If the osteopathic profession sets up a mechanism for listening to the needs of the older people as they are being reported, we could maybe even further our potential in serving these people," he said.

"This has been a complaint of older people — that orthodox medicine's approach to treatment has been diagnostic and to a certain degree circumscribed. In other words, they followed the pattern. The listening, the rapport, had gone out of practice and they basically felt they were patients in a vacuum. The lines of communication were closed. The procedures had become standardized. They were not slanted for the individual patient."

That is one reason, Dr. Still said, that a call has gone out to medical

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# Central Clinic's most memorable patient



By Judy Alter

When Virginia Ellis, D.O., director of special clinics, returned from a recent three-week vacation, she found a plastic bag full of rubber bands on her desk. She knew Central Clinic's most memorable patient had been there.

We'll call her Miss B., because she requested that her picture and name not be used together. Seems she has a quarrel over a bill with an ambulance service, and she doesn't want them to know she's alive and well. She never requested the ambulance company's service and their personnel, she insists, stole from her while she was unconscious.

Miss B. has a long association with the college and its clinics. Her memory goes back to the days of the Mobile Clinic, and she will tell you in detail her treatment the time the rat scratched her or the day she was stung by a wasp. The day we visited she was on her way to the clinic for treatment of a badly bruised wrist, the result of a slight automobile accident.

"I don't think it's broken," she explained, "but they aren't going to put me in the hospital anyway!"

The rubber bands? She collects them from discarded newspapers and brings them in as her contribution to the college's economy. Miss B. is a woman who does things for others, regardless of her own circumstances. She collects old socks, darns them and gives them to a local school where they are used as foot warmers when children end up with wet shoes. She makes jellies for a local senior citizens fair, and laughs slyly about her fall plum jelly which two or three men order as an aphrodisiac. She has volunteered as a driver for a community center meals-on-wheels program. Asked why she takes on all these projects, she explains, "TV puts me to sleep." For relaxation, she reads the dictionary.

Rubber bands aren't her only donation to TCOM. She has been an education for more than one student, and she picks her favorites among them. There's the one from an early class with whom she still exchanges letters and cartoons, and there's a woman student, still in school, with whom she feels special empathy. But there's also the student she felt was too technical. This student, also a woman, resented Miss B.'s habit of prescribing for herself. Miss B., on the other hand, recognized the woman's cool skill, but she says, "I didn't want her to cudgel my brain. I told her what was wrong with her treatment." (She also told our photographer how to take her picture!)

Miss B. lives in the house in which she was born in 1906, on Fort Worth's near north side. She regales students and staff at TCOM with stories of the restaurant her father owned when she was a child. Served Irish stew, chili, and vegetable soup. The chili, she says, was a special recipe, made in 25-pound lots with cracker meal as thickener and one pound suet to four pounds beef. Add onions and garlic, of course. When a rare customer ordered steak, one of the children was sent to the market half a block away to buy fresh meat.

Her memories of earlier Fort Worth are endless — Pete Paschal, for whom Paschal High School is named, and the errands he sent her on for 50 cents a week; the Bulgarian immigrants who came to the north side; and the Greek women who taught her about herbs.

Miss B., with her remarkable vocabulary, her acute observation of people and what she calls her "Department of a Little Knowledge is a Dangerous Thing," is another example of the wide diversity of individuals who make up the TCOM community and the rare experiences in meeting people available to TCOM students.

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## Geriatric medicine

schools to develop departments of geriatric medicine, and Rep. Biaggi reportedly has proposed requiring geriatric courses as a condition for federal funding.

What the future holds for colleges of osteopathic medicine in the field of geriatric medicine is uncertain. Dr. Kline concedes that departments of geriatrics are inevitable, and Dr. Still is concerned about the type of departments that will emerge.

There are two approaches, said Dr. Still, one of few physicians in the country — and probably the only D.O. — whose experience provides both medical and organizational knowledge of the needs of the elderly.

"One way is to decide from the ivory tower that a department of geriatric medicine should be set up a certain way and should be aimed to accomplish certain things," he said. "The other way is to go to the people and say you are asking for certain things in the field of medical services delivery. 'What recommendations do you have?' They are organized. They are pretty vocal. They'll tell you."



# Around campus

**George Luibel, D.O.**, one of the college's founders, has been appointed to the Board of Managers of the Tarrant County Hospital District which governs Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. He is the first osteopathic physician to hold such an appointment.

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**C. Gordon Skinner, Ph.D.**, assistant dean for basic sciences, and **Ray Stokes**, director of alumni affairs, have been named associate members of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association. Associate membership is conferred on someone who is not a practicing osteopathic physician but whose professional activity in an osteopathic institution closely identifies him with the profession.

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**David M. Beyer, D.O.** clinical assistant professor of general and family practice and surgery, has been elected president of the Fort Worth unit of the American Cancer Society.

**David Bilyea, D.O.**, assistant professor of surgery, and **Wayne English, D.O.**, professor of rehabilitation/sports medicine, have been named to offices with the Texas Affiliate of the American Heart Association. Dr. Bilyea was elected to the board of directors, and Dr. English was named to the state medical and scientific committee.

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The college lost a good friend and strong supporter with the death in May of **Mrs. Marjorie Sharp**, wife of **T. Robert Sharp, D.O.**, clinical professor of general and family practice. The family has requested that memorials be either to the Marjorie R. Sharp Memorial of the TCOM Foundation or to St. Stephens United Methodist Church in Mesquite.

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TCOM has a new mailing address: Camp Bowie at Montgomery. In the future, all college letterhead and publications will show this address instead of 3516 Camp Bowie Boulevard.

Texas Governor **Dolph Briscoe** visited the college in May to tour Med Ed I and to receive a scrapbook which pictorially detailed the history of TCOM as a state medical school, beginning with a photograph of Gov. Briscoe signing the bill which gave state institution status to the college.

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Specialized Medical Management, Inc., an Arlington firm operated by **Ms. Pat Allison**, has been authorized by the Board of Regents to manage TCOM's Medical Services Research and Development Program. **Gus Schuman** is the representative of the firm permanently assigned to TCOM.

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TCOM received a donation of 200 shares of Pan American National Bank stock from **M. L. Coleman, D.O.**, of Dallas. The interest dividends from the stock are to be used to supplement college scholarships presented to students intending to enter family practice, said Dr. Coleman.

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TCOM offered its first community service course this spring, a class in Applied Environmental Public Health taught by the faculty of the department of microbiology along with guest lecturers. **Elizabeth Harris, Ph.D.**, chairman of the Department, said the course was aimed specifically at public health sanitarians. The course, which offered three hours of graduate or undergraduate credit through NTSU, represents a new phase of education and community service for TCOM.

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**J. Thomas O'Shea, D.O.**, chairman of the department of pathology, has been named a Fellow in the College of American Pathologists.

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Nine TCOM students were named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" during the past academic year. Selected on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities and future potential were **Betsy Schenck, Ron Jackson** and **Bruce Hayward**, fourth-year students; **Christian Roenn, Christopher Hull, Darrell Youngman, Gerhart Smith** and **Elizabeth Connelly**, third-year students; and second-year student **Larry Price**.

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Seventeen original papers by TCOM students and faculty were presented to the 22nd Annual American Osteopathic Association Research Conference in Chicago. **John F. Gaugl, Ph.D.**, chairman and associate professor of the department of physiology, was general chairman of the conference, and **Robert L. Kaman, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of biochemistry, served as vice-chairman.

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**Charles Gordon Skinner, Ph.D.**, assistant dean for basic sciences, received \$38,138 from the National Cancer Institute for the continuation of a research project on oxapteridine analogs of folic acid. Now in its third year of study, the project is a continuing attempt to make new compounds which will supplement the present therapy in the treatment of leukemia.

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The department of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice last spring semester offered a series of manipulative review seminars for faculty and alumni. Sessions dealt with thoracic manipulation, lumbosacral and cervical manipulation.

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A new information brochure is available from the Office of News and Information Services at the college. The letter-sized brochure has brief descriptions of the college, osteopathic medicine and the osteopathic profession today.



# And other news



**Pat Patterson**



**Dr. George Luibel**

## Dean's council grows by two

George J. Luibel, D.O., of Fort Worth and Lewis T. (Pat) Patterson of Kansas City, Mo., have been named to three-year terms on the Dean's Advisory Council by the NTSU Board of Regents.

Dr. Luibel, president of the American Osteopathic Association in 1976-77, was one of three Fort Worth osteopathic physicians who founded TCOM as a private medical college in 1966. He served as chairman of the college's board of directors until it became a state-supported institution in 1975.

Patterson, who served on the TCOM advisory board when it was a private school, is vice president for marketing at Marion Laboratories in Kansas City. He is a past member of the board of the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine and currently serves on the board of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in California.

## '8th Semester' a hit

A newly designed curriculum for the eighth and final semester of study was implemented this spring at TCOM. Referred to as "8th Semester," the program offered a mix of clinical and classroom sessions to draw together the students' varied educational experience during the four-year medical curriculum.

Classroom activities were scheduled two to three days each week for two months. Two-day short courses covered human sexuality, government and the physician, the stewardship of medical practice, the medical emergency, communication skills, dermatology and nutrition, and singular aspects of clinical practice.

A variety of educational methods were used by the 8th Semester faculty. For example, the course on the stewardship of medical practice focused on medical malpractice one day and proceedings included a mock trial. The course on communication skills broke up into workshops on marital counseling, adolescent counseling, genetic counseling and caring for the terminally ill child. The American Heart Association Heart Advanced Life Support course was included in the medical emergency sessions.

Warren Anderson, Ed.D., asso-

ciate dean for academic affairs, said the course is a departure from tradition in that it returns fourth-year students to the campus prior to graduation. In most medical schools today, students are assigned to clinical rotations at the end of the second year and never return to the central campus.

## New faces

## Faculty, staff keep growing

**Ronald J. Markert**, Ph.D., formerly of Michigan State University, joined the faculty as assistant professor of medical education and director of evaluation...**Scott C. Taylor**, D.O., is assistant professor of general and family practice and associate director of the Justin Clinic. Dr. Taylor served three years with the United States Public Health Service.

The new director of the Office of News and Information Services is **Janice Odom**, who directed the NTSU public information office for five years.

**Bobby R. Carter**, C.A., director of library services and associate professor of medical education, was most recently medical center li-

brarian at Dahlgren Memorial Library, Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D.C. ...joining Carter's staff are **Stephen L. Sowell**, reference librarian; **Tim Mason**, technical services librarian; **John S. Taber**, serials librarian; **Craig Elam**, associate director of technical services; and **Moir Evans**, audio-visual librarian. Sowell, Taber and Evans hold appointments as instructors in medical education, while Elam is assistant professor of medical education.

Business manager **Jere Pederson** has been appointed acting chief fiscal officer of the college. The appointment came when **L. L. LaRue**, associate dean of administration, took administrative leave.



# A profile:

## Dr. Pamela Pratt Hillmer



She might be putting together an invitation list of important dinner guests or flying to West Texas to meet with alumni and other friends of the college.

Or she could well be arranging a jazz and symphony concert for Fort Worth's Water Gardens, a Willie Nelson performance in Denton, a reception at the Kennedy Center in Washington, a formal dinner for 300 or a small luncheon for three.

A social secretary? Maybe a public relations representative, or a dedicated civic volunteer? Dr. Pamela Pratt Hillmer, TCOM's director of development, is a little of all three.

Her job as the chief fund raiser for Texas' only college of osteopathic medicine draws her into an assortment of responsibilities, from planning dedication ceremonies later this year for Medical Education Building I or entertaining campus visitors to mulling over IRS regulations governing charitably charged corporations.

The common thread that runs through all of Dr. Hillmer's activities is a desire to draw interest and support to TCOM, a task which she says will go much smoother now that the State of Texas has chartered the TCOM Foundation, Inc. to generate a flow of private financial support for the institution.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine Foundation, Inc. were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State in April, and by early summer, Dr. Hillmer reported that the Foundation was "doing business now, and we hope to be fully operational by September."

As stated in the incorporation document, the TCOM Foundation was organized for the following purposes:

1. To advance education through financial support of the Health Sciences Center of North Texas State University, and the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine by the improvement of its research, teaching, scholarship and facilities.

2. To receive, hold, manage and control property, whether real, personal or mixed, acquired by the Corporation by donation, gift, grant, devise, bequest, purchase or other means.

3. To transfer or use all or any part of the corpus or income for the benefit of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Health Sciences Center of North Texas State University in accordance with the general or specific purposes stipulated by the donors, grantors or testators, or, in the absence of such stipulations, for such uses as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Though TCOM for the last several years has received annual appropriations from the State Legislature, restrictions on the expenditure of state funds make necessary the gathering of private gifts to support scholarships, faculty recruitment and a myriad of other programs important to the preparation of well-trained osteopathic physicians.

For Dr. Hillmer, a prime concern since she joined the TCOM staff in January has been to build an endowment which will perpetually provide income to benefit such programs for which state funds are unavailable.

A native of Bradford, Vermont, who holds degrees from the University of Vermont, the University of Northern Iowa and NTSU, the TCOM development director has set five major short-range goals for herself and her staff: to establish Foundation membership, to develop Alumni Association membership and support, to seek funding from private foundations, to develop special interest groups, such as a friends of the library organization, and to promote community relations.

A personal goal, Dr. Hillmer added, is to visit all 16 districts of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association within the year to keep the profession attuned to what is happening on the TCOM campus.



# Memorials/contributions

## Memorials

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**EXPENSIVE DESSERT** — Wayne Stockseth (right) auctioned a chocolate éclair to high bidder David Armbruster, D.O., at the annual TOMA banquet in May to raise the first funds for the TCOM Foundation. Development Director Pamelia Hillmer collects the \$200 from the two Dean's Advisory Council members.



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# Alumni

## Ron Sherbert takes office

**Clinton L. Burns**, D.O., '75, was named president-elect when the TCOM Alumni Association met in conjunction with the annual convention of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association in Fort Worth last May. It was the fourth annual assembly of the alumni association.

**Ronald D. Sherbert**, D.O., '74, assumed the office of president of the group, and announced that the association's membership would total 204 with the addition of the Class of '78, 45 of whom attended the assembly. Forty-six Texas osteopathic physicians who have made significant financial contributions to TCOM are honorary members, said Sherbert.

Other new officers elected at the business meeting include: **Melinda A. Duncan**, D.O., '76, first vice president; **Ronald W. Sherman**, D.O., '76, second vice president; **Ronald L. Daniels**, D.O., '74, director;

and **Nelda Cuniff**, D.O., '74, director. Immediate past president **Paul Livingston**, D.O., '74, completes the list of board members.

Preceding the business session, some 75 alumni and their guests heard Texas State Representative **Gibson D. (Gib) Lewis** speak on government's impact upon medical education. "You must stay involved, know what is happening," said Lewis, who is chairman of the Tarrant County legislative delegation.

NTSU/TCOM **President C. C. Nolen** and **Dean Ralph L. Willard** reported on the growth of the college, and miniature diplomas were presented to the members of the Class of '78.

The alumni will assemble again in Honolulu on Monday, October 30, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel during the annual meeting of the American Osteopathic Association.