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PRESIDENT PRAISES GOALS, WARNS OF STATE BUDGET CUTS

NTSU President Frank Vandiver, speaking to the TCOM faculty and staff March 12, praised the school's new goals statement and warned of a troubled decade ahead for higher education.

The new TCOM-NTSU chief executive, whose scholastic expertise is in Confederate history, admitted that he knew little of osteopathy before assuming his current title. "But I was particularly skeptical," he quipped, "when I was told that the science was founded by a Union Army surgeon."

Dr. Vandiver told the crowd that he was particularly impressed by the plan for the curriculum (goals statement), calling it "translatable into human terms, into human results....It's the kind of product the whole country ought to be looking for to come out of medical schools," he said.

"If it can be sold far beyond the confines of this college, far beyond the confines of Texas, there is a possibility that this kind of curriculum installed in medical colleges everywhere might lead--I said might lead--to solving the problem of mass family health care in a democracy. And if TCOM can produce something like that, your national future is assured. Your regional future is already assured."

With this "good news" side of his talk came a "bad news" side in the form of a prediction of a troubled decade ahead for both private and public higher education. "I wish I could tell you that I expect to have all kinds of resources available, that the great public cornucopia is going to turn on again. Turn off it may well do."

Dr. Vandiver explained that the state "expects all public educational institutions to participate in extinguishing themselves." The governor and the Legislative Budget Board, he said, expect colleges to examine programs and decide which are marginal and which should be supported.

Grateful that the state is so far putting the decision into the hands of the colleges themselves, he added, "Let me remind you that if we don't do self-analysis it's going to be done for us, by people who I expect won't be so merciful."

He warned that state medical schools are in for special examination because of the cost factor involved, noting one statistic that caught legislators' eyes was the \$38 million budget for TCOM with its 300 students versus the \$58 million budget for NTSU with its 17,500.

"One of the arguments that TCOM ought to make," he continued, "is that we can produce something that I would like to call a return on the dollar. We will produce here family practitioners, more than other medical schools do. This is what the state is really interested in."

"Cutting costs at the expense of good family practitioners is penny wise and pound foolish. We ought to be an exception to the general cutback in enrollment because of our basic product if not for other defensible reasons."

Talking to the largely faculty audience, he voiced his belief that faculty "enhance the reputation of this school better than any other vehicle." And he urged them to new initiatives in research. "There has to be an increasing emphasis on scientific research, not to the point of producing great numbers of specialists, but basic research is important in stimulating both faculty and students."

He ended his short remarks before an open coffee with a promise of increased ties between NTSU and TCOM. "I am determined to use the separate strengths of these two schools to achieve a united excellence," he concluded.

NEW PROGRAM AIMS AT ALCOHOLIC REHAB

A nine-month pilot program to study the effects of exercise in rehabilitation of the recovering alcoholic has begun at TCOM's Institute for Human Fitness, funded by Contemporary Health Inc., a private hospital management corporation.

Hector Ortiz, frequent winner of local runs who has qualified for the Olympic marathon trials, will work with the program fulltime beginning April 1. Guy Owen of Contemporary Health in Houston will be part-time as director of the project while studying for his Ph.D. in exercise physiology at NTSU. College and area professionals will make up an advisory council to develop long-term funding for the program.

The project has two objectives, according to Bob Kaman, Ph.D., acting director of the institute. "In addition to determining the effects of exercise on the alcoholic," he said, "we want to introduce doctors to alcoholism as a disease entity early in their education and focus on appropriate diagnosis, treatment and referral procedures that the recovering alcoholic requires."

The program, he said, seeks to answer certain questions:

- Will exercise make the alcoholic develop a stronger record of sobriety?
- Can the positive addiction of exercise be substituted for negative addiction of alcohol?
- Will an increased level of health improve the participants' ability to respond to other components of the recovery program such as psychological and sociological counseling?

Ortiz will direct the exercise sessions with residents of Fort Worth's Star House Alcohol Recovery Center and measure their progress. Assessment will be made on the basis of stronger heart rate, better muscle tone and strength, ability to run longer and faster, improved flexibility, postural and structural correction and change in lean body weight.

MATERNITY ED MOVES TO TCOM

The maternity education program begun in 1964 at Fort Worth Children's Hospital is settling into new facilities at TCOM.

The popular program of classes in Lamaze prepared childbirth, baby care, back care/exercise and a refresher course for repeat participants is under the direction of Pam Jones, a licensed physical therapist and nationally certified childbirth educator. A Caesarean section class and expanded baby care classes will be added soon.

The classes, which instruct 1,500 to 2,000 people a year, moved to TCOM when space and facilities became scarce after the merger of Fort Worth Children's and Cook Children's Hospitals.

"We were looking for a place to go that would be receptive to what we teach and could offer the space needed," Mrs. Jones said. "The college is community-oriented and liked the concept of community education."

Mrs. Jones, mother of three, heads a group of nine registered nurses and licensed physical therapists who are the only childbirth instructors in Fort Worth certified by ASPO (American Society for Psychoprophylaxis in Obstetrics). She is an ASPO Certified Childbirth Educator.

Other instructors, who are working on some level of the two-year certification, are Kitty Newbern, Barbara Kile, Jill Stancil, Clare Bryan, Linda Byrnes, Marcia Boggs, Cheryl Cowhig, Pam King and Briddy Finn.

'MEDICAL MYSTERY' MAN TO TALK

Steven Jonas, M.D., M.P.H., author of Medical Mystery, a 1978 book that is critical of and offers alternatives to the current American health care delivery system, will give a public lecture at TCOM Tuesday, March 25. The department of medical humanities is sponsoring the program.

Dr. Jonas will speak on "Health-Oriented Physician Education in Osteopathic Medicine" at 4 p.m. in Room 506, Med Ed I. He is associate professor of community medicine at the medical center at State University of New York at Stony Brook. He has written five books and dozens of articles for professional journals.

ELKO NAMED ASSISTANT DEAN

Edward Elko, Ph.D., has been named assistant dean of basic health sciences after serving as acting assistant dean since September. His appointment was approved by the Board of Regents at its last meeting.

Dr. Elko was selected outstanding basic sciences teacher by TCOM students for 1978-79. The professor of pharmacology taught at the University of Tennessee Medical Units in Memphis for 18 years before joining the TCOM faculty in 1978.

RECEPTION TO OPEN ART SHOW

An art show by Texas painter David William McCullough will open Easter Sunday, April 6, with a 2-5 reception in the atrium of Med Ed I. The show, "Stratospheric Elemental Series--Acrylic and Oil Pastel on Paper," will be on display through April 25.

The public is invited to the opening reception, hosted by Oura Gallery of Dallas. The show is McCullough's first in Fort Worth since his 1972 Fort Worth Art Museum exhibition. The 34-year-old New England-born artist, whose works are featured in several prestigious private collections, has studied at Boston Institute of the Arts, the University of Michigan, Aspen School of Contemporary Art, Kansas City Art Institute and California Institute of the Arts.

DIET SUBJECT OF BROWN BAG FILM

All faculty, staff and students are invited to bring their Twinkies, Cokes and Butterfingers to the fortnightly brown-bag lunch and film at noon Wednesday, April 2. The film is "For Tomorrow We Shall Diet."

The 24-minute film in Room 756 of Med Ed I shows a sensible no-fad approach to dieting as an on-going process under a physician's care. It includes tips on what not to do with children's eating habits.

STILL RUN, SEMINAR SET

The fourth annual A.T. Still Memorial-San Jacinto Day Run and Seminar has been set for April 25-26. The Office of Continuing Medical Education and the Atlas Club are sponsoring the evening seminar and morning run in Fort Worth.

While open to all interested runners, the activities are "aimed at drawing members of the TCOM community even closer while furthering the interaction between D.O.s and M.D.s in the area," according to Dane Johnson, co-chairman of the seminar/run. The event is named in honor of the founder of osteopathic medicine and for the Battle of San Jacinto that led to Texas' independence in 1836.

The 6-10 p.m. seminar on April 25 in Room 406 of Med Ed I will feature sessions led by John W. Robertson, M.D., co-director of the Cooper Clinic, Division of Aerobics Center, Dallas; James D. Key, M.D., founder and director of the Key Clinic, Dallas; Robert Kaman, Ph.D., acting director of the Institute for Human Fitness and an organizer of the annual Cowtown Marathon; Charles Ogilvie, D.O., chairman of medical humanities; and Joel Alter, D.O., professor of surgery and sponsor of the Atlas Club.

Deadline for registration for the free seminar is April 23. The program has been submitted for approval by the AOA for the three hours of Category 2 credit.

The 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) and 5-kilometer runs begin at 10 a.m. April 26 at the duck pond in Fort Worth's Trinity Park. Race day registration will begin there at 9 a.m. Registration packets will be available April 21-24 in Room 110 of Med Ed I. Awards will be based on the most accurate time predictions in several age classes for male and female runners and for male-female teams.

Additional information on the seminar and run is available from Nancy Smith, in the Office of Continuing Medical Education, 735-2539.

STUDENT AUXILIARY ORGANIZES SALE

A rummage sale sponsored by the Students' Associate Auxiliary will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 29, in the parking lot of Arlington Heights United Methodist Church, 4200 Camp Bowie Blvd. Items for sale will include books, clothes, furniture, toys, baby things and small appliances.

Proceeds will be used to purchase a gift for the school.

INSTRUCTION COURSES SET BY LIBRARY

The Library will offer two instructional courses Wednesday, March 26, by Ann Marie Cunningham, representative of the Institute for Scientific Information. The 50-minute presentations are open to all in Room 540 of Med Ed I.

The 2 p.m. course is "Effective Searching Using the Science Citation Index"; the 3:30 p.m. session is "Searching the Social Sciences Literature Using Social Sciences Citation Index." Both are free.

More information is available at 735-2588.

TCOM INVITED TO BREAKFAST APRIL 7

All faculty and staff are invited to get together for breakfast following a four-day weekend on Monday, April 7, at the Ole South Pancake House near the River Plaza campus. The dutch-treat breakfast begins at 7 a.m.

NEW AEROBIC CLASSES TO BEGIN APRIL 8

The last session in the current group of aerobic dance classes held at Arlington Heights United Methodist Church, 4200 Camp Bowie, will begin Tuesday, April 8, and meet each Tuesday and Thursday for four weeks. The \$15 sessions are at 12:15 or 5:30 p.m. Register at the Institute for Human Fitness, first floor in River Plaza. Mike Fitzsimmons of the institute has more information at 870-5243.

ACTORS' THEATRE OFFERS DISCOUNTS

TCOM students may now buy Thursday night discount tickets to Actors' Theatre, 3434 W. Seventh, on a first-come basis. Tickets will be \$2, while regular tickets are for \$3.50 and \$4.50. Moliere's comedy "The Misanthrope" is the current billing.

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS

Burl Washington of Medical Arts will open his art show in Mule Alley with a preview on Saturday, March 22, from 4 to 8 p.m. Paintings from his Buffalo Soldier Series will be displayed through April 3. Hours at the Mule Alley Gallery, 131 E. Exchange Ave., are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Realistic oil paintings swept the Student, Staff and Faculty Art Show. Winners are, in order, Jane Harakal, wife of Dr. John Harakal in OPP&P, for her "Almoural Castle"; Fern Motheral in Fiscal Affairs, for an untitled work of a cabin in the woods; and Omar Clark Kesterson, medical technician in the Institute of Forensic Medicine, for his "Country Road." The show will be up through March 31, when artists are asked to pick up their pieces between 10 a.m. and noon.

Dr. Robert Wordinger of Anatomy is author of a paper entitled "The Collagen Substratum Influences In Vitro Hatching and Attachment of the Mouse Blastocyst in a Serumless Medium," which appeared in the January issue of *Experientia*....Three representatives from TCOM attended the Western Pharmacology Society meetings last month in Vancouver, B.C. Dr. Gary Jones of Pharmacology, presented the paper "Spin-Label Study of Phenothiazine Interactions with the Lipid Phase of Erythrocyte Membranes." Dr. Gary Wimbish of Pathology presented "Comparison of the Anticonvulsant Activities and Brain Concentrations of Cyheptamide and Carbamazepine" (co-authors Dr. Jones, first-year student Robert Amato and Gaylon Peyton of the Institute of Forensic Medicine). Dr. Mary Jones of Pharmacology presented "Reassessment of the Anticonvulsant Activity of α, α -Diphenylsuccinimide" (with Dr. Jones, Amato, Peyton and Dr. Wimbish).

Papers given at the March 6-8 meeting of the Texas Branch, American Society for Microbiology in Austin by Microbiology and Immunology faculty and staff were "Further Studies on the Effect of Gold Salts on the Immune Response" by Dr. John Measel Jr. and Fran Lavender, and "Chalone 'Like' Activity in SLE" by Dr. Measel, Dr. Earle Scharff and Ms. Lavender.

TCOM student-doctors will provide first-aid services at Saturday's (March 22) Spring High Run at Rockwood Park beginning at 9 a.m. and at two events Saturday, March 29--the Run for the Arts near TCU at 9 a.m. and the YMCA's Regional Fitness Event for the Elderly at 9:30 a.m.

Attending the annual convocation of the AAO in Colorado Springs recently were OPP&P faculty Dr. John Harakal, Dr. Jack Gramer and Dr. William Grimes and student-doctors George Knappe, Kerri Bartlett, Mike Samuels and Bernadette Goheen....OPP&P was represented at the Cranial Academy Course in West Virginia by Dr. Harakal, who served as a member of the teaching faculty, and Dr. Grimes. Student-doctors Ed Luke and Jeff Davis also attended the March 11-17 meeting at the West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The new secretary in General and Family Practice is Darlene Kinsey....Dr. Ron Markert of Medical Education and Dr. Charles Ogilvie of Medical Humanities have published "Returning Fourth Year-Students to the Classroom/Laboratory" in the March issue of the *Journal of Medical Education*....Dr. Markert is leaving TCOM April 18 to join the faculty of postgraduate medicine and continuing education at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Irwin Schussler of the clinical psychiatry faculty talked to the local Brandeis Alumnae on "The Maturing Married Couple and Sexuality" and will give a talk at UTA in April on "Human Sexuality Dysfunction."

Jody Sherburn of Surgery has had some special house guests this week--a team of young hockey players from Hamilton, Ontario. The boys are in town through Sunday to participate in the annual Fort Worth Spring Classic, a tournament sponsored by the Fort Worth Amateur Hockey Association, which Jody serves as treasurer....T. Cay Rowe, general news coordinator in News and Information Services, is chairman of Celebrity Breakfast Saturday, March 22, at Kahler Green Oaks Inn. Sponsored by the Fort Worth professional chapter of Women in Communications Inc., the event this year pays tribute to actress Joan Fontaine. Proceeds from the annual breakfast support journalism scholarships for area college students, said T. Cay, president of the local chapter.

Partial results in the Fort Worth Osteopathic Racquetball Tournament include three women winning first rounds and advancing in Category C: first-year student Sharon Nowotny; Marilyn Hochberger, wife of Dr. Richard Hochberger in Pediatrics; and

Stephanie Papa, wife of Dr. Frank Papa in Emergency Medicine. First-round winners advancing in B are fourth-year student Morris Creedon-McVean, Dr. Jim Laughlin, Dr. Fred Cotton, TCOM supplier Jerry Weiner, first-year student Greg Dott and Dr. Al Faigan. Men winning the first round, advancing to second in Category C, are Dr. Papa, second-year student Randy Beecham, first-year student Stan Haun and fourth-year students Joe LaManna, Walter Hardin and Dan Foster. Two other matches are pending in the first round.

At the recent AOA-Research Conference in Chicago, Dr. Trig Tollefsbol and Dr. R.W. Gracy of Biochemistry presented a paper on "Proteolytic Modification of Phosphoglycerate Dinase During Lymphoblast Transformation."

Dr. Joel Alter of Surgery will be one of three major speakers at the April 13-18 Post-graduate Course in Surgery in St. Louis. He will talk about colorectal cancer....Dr. Jerry McGill of Rehabilitation/Sports Medicine gave a talk on stress management March 20 to the Council of Administrative Women in Education at the Birdville ISD auditorium.

ROUNDBALL TILT PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY

All faculty/staff and students are invited to play--and if not play, then watch--the first-ever annual basketball game between the two groups on Wednesday, March 26, at the Downtown YMCA at 7 p.m.

Although Dr. Bob Kaman claims that roundball is not a contact sport, he and others will be attempting to hold up the faculty's respectability against the upstart students. Dr. Tom Yorio in Pharmacology has more information at 735-2334.

RAY STOKES TAKES LIBRARY POSITION

Ray Stokes, director of special services since December 1977, has taken a new position in the library as curator of special collections. In his new office in Med Ed I, Room 754, he will be working on developing special collections in osteopathic medicine, such as historical and rare materials.

Ray, the first person employed by TCOM in 1969, has also served the school as director of development, director of public relations and special services, business manager, purchasing agent, student financial aid officer and registrar. He works closely with the Lions Club Organ and Eye Bank and is active at Riverside United Methodist Church.

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