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MEIER TELLS GRADS OF ENERGY FUTURE

State Sen. Bill Meier of Euless told the TCOM Class of 1980 Saturday, May 17, that there is no energy crisis.

"By definition a crisis is something that will change," the speaker at TCOM's seventh commencement told the 70 graduates. "Dwindling energy resources and rising energy prices are here to stay. Not only is the energy mess a continuing front page story, it underlies the other major headlines that demand national attention."

Meier warned of new alliances among nations that could come from what he repeatedly referred to as the "energy mess." "So like the proverbial helpless giant, America is subject to the whims of the oil exporting nations," he said.

"The madness which has engulfed Iran and the effect it is having on American lives is symptomatic -- and it is only the beginning. A new world order may well emerge, as energy-starved nations form alliances based on energy availability."

Meier, a member of the Texas Legislature since 1973 and president pro tem of the Senate in the last session, spoke to the Class of 1980, at TCOM and elsewhere, as the people who will "sire and raise the first generation of Americans since the technological revolution who will live without a sense of plenty regarding our energy resources."

In addition to the 70 new physicians who received their medical degrees, Dr. J.K.G. Silvey of Denton was presented the honorary Doctor of Science (Osteopathic Medicine) degree. Dr. Silvey, TCOM's first associate dean of basic health sciences, was instrumental in the affiliation of TCOM with NTSU. He was chairman of NTSU's biological sciences department when cooperative programs began eight years ago.

The NTSU distinguished professor

emeritus was honored by TCOM for his "contributions to medical education -- as teacher, researcher and pre-med adviser -- and to science in general."

MAYOR PROCLAIMS SPECIAL WEEK

Mayor Woodie Woods, at a City Council meeting Tuesday, May 20, proclaimed June 1-7 Osteopathic Medicine Week in Fort Worth, a designation that will go along with the national observance of the week.

TCOM Dean Ralph Willard, Claude Rainey, executive vice president of Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, and Tex Roberts, executive director of TOMA, attended the meeting to accept the written proclamation on behalf of the local osteopathic community. Councilman Jeff Davis read and presented the certificate.

MONDAY HOLIDAY; LIBRARY HOURS VARY

In case you haven't realized it by now, Monday, May 26, is a holiday. The state is celebrating Memorial Day early. The Library will have special hours since the holiday occurs during final exams: Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 2-10 p.m.; Monday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

'MISINTERPRETED,' EDWARDS SAYS

Draives Edwards, who graduated last week, says that he was misinterpreted in a newspaper article that has caused considerable comment on campus. The story ran in Sunday's (May 18) Fort Worth Star-Telegram under the headline "'Truck'" says med school has been a long, hard haul."

"What I said was misinterpreted and taken out of context," he said. "It made me sound two-faced."

Among other quotes in the long article is a comment by Dr. Edwards that he "doubts that he would attend TCOM if he had it to do over again." "What I meant," he explained later, "was that, as the only black in the class, I was feeling

lonesome sometimes. So sometimes I would have liked to be at Meharry (a predominantly black medical school in Tennessee) so that I would be around more black students.

"But if I had it to do again, I would come to TCOM--without reservation."

The Star-Telegram reporter who wrote the story, Pam Dunlop, agreed with that explanation. She said that in tightening the story, her editor had changed the context. "He said that TCOM had offered him everything a school could offer a student," she said. "He just would not recommend that a black go there by himself."

As for the story's statement that some professors at TCOM were racist, Dr. Edwards said, "You're going to run into that anywhere. The statement was not directed at anyone."

The article also refers to "one professor who told a mutual friend that Edwards would never make it at TCOM." According to Dr. Edwards that person was not a professor, but an outside physician.

"If I'd felt about TCOM the way the article indicates, you'd have known it before now," he concluded.

TWO ART SHOWS SET FOR ATRIUM

Two artists have scheduled shows for the Med Ed I atrium.

Beverly Randolph Shelley, who recently received her master's degree in art from Texas Woman's University in Denton, has a show on display through Tuesday, May 27. The exhibit of portraits and mixed media paintings is in partial fulfillment of the requirements for her degree. Ms. Shelley will be teaching at TCJC-South this fall.

Michael Tichansky will present the following show of selected works from May 29 through June 27. A graduate of Sul Ross University and Stephen F. Austin State University, he has exhibited in several states and many shows.

Both exhibitions are part of "The Many Faces of Man" series sponsored by the department of medical humanities.

DRUG ABUSE WORKSHOP SET FOR JUNE 7

"Matter Over Mind: the Pharmacology of Psychoactive Drugs," a workshop especially designed for counselors, physicians, nurses and other health care professionals but open to the public, will be held Saturday, June 7, at TCOM.

Dr. Gary Wimbish of the Institute of Forensic Medicine, and Dr. Michael Emmett-Oglesby of pharmacology, will direct

the seminar for the Substance Abuse Association in Tarrant County from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 506 of Med Ed I.

Dr. Wimbish says that, in these troubled economic times, we can look for increased drug abuse as a reaction to recession. "Drug use goes up as a result of the boredom and frustration of unemployment and inflation," he said. "And we aren't talking about young people necessarily. Or even what we think of as the 'drug-abuse class' -- cocaine and heroin users. The major drug user in the country today is not that person, but the middle-aged middle class. After all, the No. 1 drug in the country is still alcohol."

Topics to be discussed at the workshop include behavioral effects of drugs, overdose treatment, the psychological disposition of alcohol, drug half life, drug screening, tolerance, physical dependence and withdrawal.

Registration is \$20 (\$25 at the door) and \$10 for students through the Tarrant Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

In addition to the council, sponsors for "Matter Over Mind" are Trinity Oaks Hospital, the Salvation Army, Schick's Shadel Hospital, Contemporary Health Systems Inc. and the Tarrant County Medical Education and Research Foundation. Technical assistance will be provided by the Drug Abuse Clearinghouse in the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

BREAKFAST

Our next TCOM faculty and staff breakfast is Monday, June 2. Start the week and the month off right with breakfast at the 01' South Pancake House at 7 a.m.

3 FROM TCOM THANKED FOR AID

A physician and two student-doctors from TCOM have received official letters of thanks from the City of Benbrook for aid they rendered at the scene of an automobile accident there on May 13.

Dr. John Kmetz and student-doctors Jerry Davis and Bob McFaul were driving through Benbrook on their way home from TCOM's Godley Clinic when they came upon the scene of a two-car accident on Highway 377.

"The police and a Benbrook ambulance were already there," recalled Davis.

"Three people were injured, so we each helped with one of them. Dr. Kmetz helped the ambulance attendant with CPR on the most seriously injured victim, a woman." McFaul was with a 7- or 8-year-old child, Davis said, while he himself aided a second woman who was later driven by police to Granbury at her request.

"Dr. Kmetz and McFaul drove with the first woman and the child in the ambulance to Peter Smith Hospital," Davis said, "and I followed in the car. They worked on both victims all the way in." He said that the woman later died but that the child was recovering after surgery for internal injuries.

The commendation letter came from Benbrook's fire chief, Bill Trammell, who wrote, "Your assistance in the emergency situation at the scene and your accompaniment in the ambulance to the hospital are greatly appreciated."

TCOM GRADUATES FIRST 17 PARAMEDICS

Seventeen students make up the first class to finish TCOM's Paramedic Program and will now go into a field internship.

The program requires a year and one summer to complete and includes 350 hours of classroom instruction plus about 200 hours of clinical work, according to program director Bryan Bledsoe. The classes are two nights a week with clinical work done on the student's own time, making it possible for rural people to hold jobs and still attend classes.

Clinical work is done mostly at Peter Smith and Harris Hospitals, but also at Fort Worth Osteopathic, Cooke Children's, Huguley, St. Joseph, Hood General in Granbury, Decatur Community and Parkland in Dallas. The program is under the division of emergency medicine with Dr. James Grate as physician coordinator.

The recent graduates are Val Grant and Phillip Jackson, Keene; Shan English, Steve Pruitt, Steve Baker and James Darden, Mansfield; Jerry Hussuns and Roger Westoff, Decatur; Terry Chester, Randy Frederick and Tony Sledge, Granbury; Pat Knight and Randy Ingram, Arlington; and Jerry Harness, Rick Castro, Mike Floyd and Mike Long, Fort Worth.

SWEDISH DOCTOR TO TALK THIS MORNING

Peter G. Reizenstein, M.D., Ph.D., director of hematology at Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm, will speak today (May 23) at 10 a.m. on "Immunological Evaluations in Adult Myeloid Leukemia." The lecture, sponsored by Bristol Laboratories, will be in Room 540 of Med Ed I.

SATURDAY HEADACHE SEMINAR STILL OPEN

A few registrations are still available to the General and Family Practice Update seminar on headache Saturday, May 24, in Dallas. Call Nancy Smith, 735-2539, in Continuing Medical Education if you are interested.

The all-day workshop begins at 7:50 a.m. with registration at the Regent Hotel, 1241 W. Mockingbird at Stemmons Fwy. Topics to be discussed include intracranial mass lesions, psychological aspects of headache management, vascular headaches, osteopathic manipulative treatment of headache, environmental aspects and case presentations.

OVER-60 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to participate in a research study concerning fitness and age to be conducted under direction of Dr. Peter Raven of physiology and the Institute for Human Fitness.

The project will involve healthy, non-smoking people over age 60 who will undergo complete non-invasive cardiovascular assessments to be done at TCOM and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dallas.

Testing will include a resting 12-lead electrocardiogram, as well as monitored graded exercise to determine fitness levels. The latter is a walking test on a treadmill, involving the collection and analysis of air expired. At the VA Hospital, echocardiograms will be performed. Three visits -- one to the VA and two to TCOM -- of two hours or less will be required to complete testing.

"We are hoping to examine how fitness distinguishes heart function and hope to provide further guidance and exercise prescription for the elderly interested in starting and continuing an exercise program," Dr. Raven said.

To participate in the project and for more information, call Kim Page at 735-2609.

BROWN-BAGGERS TO SEE SIERRAS

The fortnightly brown-baggers will meet Wednesday, May 28, to see the film "John Muir's High Sierras." The 25-minute movie is a great mood-setter for summer and the outdoors. It's a beautiful tribute to the man who spearheaded the national park movement and captures the beauty and wonder of the Sierras.

Join the group at noon in the Library Learning Resource Center, Room 756, Med Ed I. The center sponsors the film series.

COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES

Some of the upcoming committee meetings:
Student Academic Promotions Committee, to review grades for Year I and Year II students, open to faculty only, June 10, Room 810.

Admissions Committee and Student Academic Promotions Committee (joint meeting), closed, Wednesday, June 4, noon.

Curriculum Committee, Monday, June 2, Room 810, 3 p.m.

Self-Study Committee, Wednesdays, May 28 and June 4, Room 818, 1:30 p.m.

Select Group No. 4 (one of four committees working on implementation of goals), Fridays, May 23, May 30, June 6, Room 604, 1:30 p.m.

Select Group No. 3, Tuesday, May 27, Room 618, noon.

PUT ON YOUR DANCIN' SHOES

Another four-week aerobic dance session will begin Tuesday, June 3, at the River Plaza Campus Center. Conducted by the Institute for Human Fitness' Activity Center, the classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. or 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. TCOM folks get a \$5 discount on the \$20 registration fee. Call 870-5270 if you have the nerve to sign up.

SPORTS TALK

The Cadavers and the NADs may be the best teams around to watch if the pros strike as threatened. The Cadavers, the faculty-staff team, will go after the Medical Plaza team at 7:35 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, and will take on the Roentgen Raydors at 8:25 p.m., Wednesday, June 4. The Cadavers play at Hallmark Park and admission is bargain -- free. The team lost to Huguley May 21, 10-8.

NADs

The student teams, the NADs, continue to play on Friday nights at Sycamore Park, Field No. 2.

The TCOM '82 team will play the Roaches at 6:45 tonight (May 23), will be idle May 30 and will play Jimbo Mfg. at 8:45 p.m. May 30.

The TCOM '83 team takes on the Pull-Tabs May 30 at 6:45 p.m. and the Roaches June 6 at 9:15 p.m.

RACQUETBALL

Ectomorph vs Mesomorph: Everyone knows that skinny people are not athletic and couldn't possibly compete with the mesomorphs of the

world. It's also a known fact that students don't better their teachers. How then can it be explained that recent grad Dr. Morris Creedon-McVean whipped Al Faigin, D.O., in the semifinals of the B Racquetball tournament?

Creedon-McVean now awaits the winner of the consolation bracket for a match to determine overall winners. Fighting it out now in addition to Faigin to meet Creedon-McVean are local practitioner Dr. Jim Laughlin and Dr. Bob Kaman of the Institute for Human Fitness. Laughlin advanced by beating TCOM sophomore Stan Haun, and Kaman beat TCOM sophomore Greg Dott. Kaman lost his first game and came from behind in the second to win and then win the third in his match. He attributes his endurance to continued training at the Institute.

Haun beat Dott to win the winners bracket of the C Category. Still in contention in the consolation bracket are recent grads Drs. Dan Foster and Joe LaManna, Dott, Dr. Frank Papa of emergency medicine at TCOM supplier Jerry Weiner. One of those five will meet Haun for the overall C winner.

RUNNERS

Dr. Peter Raven of physiology will talk to the Long Distance Runners Club about "Running in the Heat" Wednesday, June 4, at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public at the River Plaza Campus Center.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Dr. Verney Sallee of physiology has received a two-year grant of \$40,480 from the American Heart Association to study intestinal absorption of cholesterol ... Dr. Bob Kaman of the Institute for Human Fitness was invited to speak to the faculty of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine May 16 on "The Effect of Exercise on the Cardiac Enzymes." He also spoke to the first-year class on "Exercise as Preventive Medicine."

Jim Fairey in biomedical communications has completed three years of study toward an associate degree in applied science in media technology at TCJC-Northeast. He'll graduate in August....The Women Students' Organization has elected Ann Hunt president and Alicia Monroe vice president. Outgoing officers are Ruth Lampkin, Carla Murphy and Mackie Snebold.

Nila Alexander of medical arts is one of the artists whose work is included in an exhibit called "Memories of

Yesteryear" at the First City Savings, 600 Eighth Ave. The show will be on view through May 30 during business hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dr. Robert Wordinger of anatomy presented a paper entitled "Oviductal Changes Associated with the Continuous Feeding of Diethylstilbestrol to Mice" at the annual meeting of the American Association of Anatomists....Dr. Elizabeth Harris of Microbiology and Immunology has been chosen president-elect of the Texas Wesleyan College Alumni Association.

Dr. William Jenkins has been elected vice president of TOMA....The new vice president in charge of scholarships for the local Women in Communications chapter is Janice Odom of News and Information Services....Kathy Ferguson in development is marrying Kenneth Nowotny, a second-year student, on June 1.

Awards made at Friday night's (May 16) banquet at Kahler Green Oaks were: Earlene McElroy of admissions, the 1980 Speculum dedication; Dr. Vernon Hayes of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Clinical Science Teaching Award; Dr. David Barker of physiology, Basic Science Teaching Award; Dr. Stephen Derdak, who graduated at the top of his class, the Upjohn Award and the Sigma Sigma Phi Outstanding Senior Award; Dr. Rick Layman, Sandoz Inc. Award; Dr. Eric Simmons and Dr. Larry Price, co-winners of the T. Robert Sharp Award; Dr. Gerald Brenton, Stockseth Award; and Dr. Virginia Grossman, Lemmon Pharmacal Co. Award.

Dr. Pam Hillmer of development and L.L. LaRue of fiscal affairs spoke to the District VI meeting of TOMA recently. The district voted \$5,000 to the TCOM Foundation in unrestricted funds. The district gave the foundation its first gift in 1978, \$3,000 for legal and accounting fees to set up the foundation.

Dr. T. Eugene Zachary has joined the faculty of general and family practice as assistant director of the Riverside Clinic. He has been in private practice in Richardson for the last 20 years and has served as speaker of the TOMA House of Delegates for four years.

Dr. Hsin-Hsiung Tai of biochemistry has been notified by the American Heart Association of the continuation of his grant for one year. The award, for \$18,480, is for the project entitled "Biosynthesis of Thrombozanes."

Mary Brooks of accounting has left her job to have a baby....Dr. John Measel of microbiology and immunology is one of only 70 persons from North America and Europe invited to participate in the American Association of Immunologists seminar in Immunopathology June 16-27 in Frederick, Md.

Dr. Bob Patton of the Institute for Human Fitness and physiology was invited to speak on "The Role of Exercise in Preventive Medicine: Selected Psychological Aspects" before the International Conference of Behavioral Medicine at ITESCO University in Guadalajara, Mexico....Second-year students Mark Gleba and Jim Jones were winners in the May 9 Sigma Sigma Phi book raffle.

Richard Wood of the library staff was elected chairman of the Metroplex Council of Health Science Librarians, composed of librarians from health science institutions in Dallas and Tarrant counties, on May 9....Steven Sowell of the library was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Northeast Texas Online Users Group, whose purpose is to facilitate continuing education for and the free exchange of information among search analysts.

Apologies to S/D Dick Carter for not mentioning in the last Dateline his contributions to the Arizona conference for pre-med students April 12. Dick originated the idea of an osteopathic information program in his home state and spent several months coordinating the efforts. S/D Jim Pettit also assisted at the conference.

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