

Awards, honors presented

Five honor graduates were announced during the awarding of degrees Sunday afternoon. Graduating cum laude with grade point averages ranging from 3.5-3.66 were John Edward Angelo, Thomas Melville Hemmer, Michael Dennis LeCompte, John Terry Leever and Harold David Lewis.

Four of the seniors were recognized at the Senior Banquet Saturday night as recipients of the annual senior awards. Receiving the Upjohn Achievement Award and Sandoz Award for academic excellence was Leever. The Wayne O. Stockseth Award for osteopathic excellence and outstanding comprehension of osteopathic principles and concepts went to LeCompte. The T. Robert Sharp General Practitioner of the Year Award was presented to Richard Hudson and the outstanding senior award from Sigma Sigma Phi Honorary Fraternity went to James B. Beard.

Named Best Basic Health Science and Best Clinical Science Professors were Dr. James Carnes, assistant professor of anatomy, and Dr. William Neal, clinical assistant professor of pediatrics, respectively.

Commissioned first lieutenants in the United States Air Force Medical Corps Sunday afternoon were John A. Brose, Ralph W. Kelly, Arthur H. Propst, Ronald W. Sherman, Geurt Levi Tilma, Charles H. Wheeler, C. J. Whigham Jr. and LeCompte.

Dr. Ralph L. Willard, a colonel in the United State Air Force Reserve Medical Corps and dean of TCOM, administered the oath. Also on hand for the ceremony were Col. Richard Wright, chairman of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Assn. Military Affairs committee, and Capt. Steve Gleason, Air Force Institute of Technology Liaison Officer and a third-year student.

Peterson Scholarship given

Gery Smith, second-year student, was presented the first Ralph H. Peterson, D.O., Scholarship Saturday (May 29). Presented at the Senior Banquet, the \$1000 scholarship is given in memory of the late Dr. Peterson of Wichita Falls. Administered by the Texas Osteopathic Medical Assn., the scholarship will be awarded annually to a second-year student.

Prior to entering TCOM, Smith was a technical liaison for Texas Instruments (TI), in Tokyo, Japan and Dallas and an engineer for TI in Dallas and Houston. He received a bachelor of science degree in physics from Florida State University

in 1969 and an associate of arts degree in pre-engineering from Miami Dade Junior College in Miami, Fla.

Professors plan summer research

Dr. Elroy T. Cantrell, assistant professor of pharmacology, and Dr. Andras G. Lacko, associate professor of biochemistry, will be spending a portion of their summer months in research study in North Carolina and New Hampshire.

Dr. Cantrell will spend June 14-Aug. 13 at the Becton-Dickinson Research Center on a project developing new methods for cancer screening -- detection and prevention.

Dr. Lacko is one of 100 participants who have been selected to participate in the Gordon Conference on lipid metabolism. The conference will be held at Meriden, N.H., June 21-25.

People, places, things

DR. ANDRAS G. LACKO, associate professor of biochemistry, has been named to Who's Who in the South and Southwest. DR. WARREN ANDERSON, assistant to the dean, attended the joint meeting of the National Council on Measurement in Education and the American Educational Research Assn. April 20 in San Francisco where he presented a paper on "Criterion-Referenced Certification in Emergency Medicine."

NEW EMPLOYEES: CYNTHIA SWEET, admissions; LEONARDO MORENO, MILLIE BAGLEY, ANNIE TAMPLIN, RAFUS OWENS, maintenance; and KATHY BUTLER, Camp Bowie Central Clinic.

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Casa Manana tickets on sale

If you are interested in seeing any or all of the productions of Casa Manana's 1976 season, which opened May 31, you can purchase discount tickets through the TCOM Personnel Office.

Regular \$6.50 tickets for Monday through Thursday performances can be bought for \$5.75 and regular Friday and Saturday \$7.50 tickets will cost \$6.75. Tickets should be purchased in cash.

Productions for the 1976 summer season are "Mame" starring Ruta Lee, through June 19; "Applause" starring Nanette Fabray, June 21-July 3; "George M!" starring Bruce Lea, July 5-July 17; "Anything Goes" starring JoAnne Worley and Roger Perry, July 19-July 31; "Guys & Dolls" starring George Maharis, Aug. 2-Aug. 14; "Cabaret" starring Gary Collins and Mary Ann Mobley, Aug. 16-Aug. 28; "The Jack Jones Show" Aug. 30-Sept. 4; and "Jesus Christ Superstar; Sept. 6-Sept. 11.

AOA writing awards announced

Five student-doctors have received eight awards in four categories of the American Osteopathic Medical Assn. 1975-76 Medical Writing Contest.

Charles Meyers, fourth year, placed first in the Literature Review category with his paper, "Plasma Membrane Structures - A Survey with Annotated Bibliography" and third place in the Special category for his paper, "Principles of Linear Systems Analysis" Applied in the Analysis and Interpretation of Hearing-Loss Measurements."

Third-year student Robert Grayson placed third in the Essay category for his paper "Looking Ahead." Christopher Vanderzant, second year, received a second place award in the Essay category for his paper, "The Whole Man." Wan-Bang Lo, fourth year, received a third place in the Research category for his paper "Evidence of Carcinogen Hydrase

Activity in Skin", and honorable mentions in the Essay category for "The Psychodynamics of Melancholic Depression" and the Special category for "Osteopathic Manipulation Therapy and Acupuncture."

George C. Lindsey, fourth year, received an honorable mention in the Literature Review category for his paper, "Infectious Mononucleosis."

President Ford sends greetings

Editor's Note: The following telegram was received by Dr. Ralph L. Willard, dean, from President Gerald Ford. Addressed to the 1976 graduating class, the message was not received in time to be read at the Commencement Service and is reprinted in total here.

"To the 1976 college graduates: The freedom to pursue knowledge is one of the great blessings our Founding Fathers sought to bestow on the society they envisioned. You have been the beneficiaries of this great legacy. You have tasted the freedom to engage in the studies of your choice, to express your opinions and to pursue new opportunities for self fulfillment.

As I congratulate you on the accomplishments reflected in your college degrees, a proud nation looks to you to help advance the continuing realization of the dream of our Founding Fathers and the aspirations of our society. We can reflect that 200 years ago half of our population was less than 20 years of age. The author of our Declaration of Independence was 33; and of its signers 16 were in their 30s and three were in their 20s. Young or old, our Founding Fathers cherished the concepts of individual freedom and equality and were fiercely determined to direct their own destiny.

As the Bicentennial college graduating class, you are the embodiment of what America can achieve. You are both the strength and the hope of our nation. I send each of you my very best wishes for every success and personal satisfaction in your future lives."

Gerald R. Ford

Speakers challenge graduates

Graduation 1976 proved to be an event filled weekend for TCOM's first class of osteopathic physicians graduating since the College became a state supported medical college.

The graduation activities began

Saturday evening (May 29) with the annual Senior Banquet at the Hilton Inn. Excitement and anticipation of the formal Commencement Service grew throughout the banquet, through the Doctorate Service Sunday afternoon (May 30) at Ridglea Presbyterian Church, through a commissioning of Air Force first lieutenants Sunday afternoon and climaxed Sunday evening at Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium when the 48 seniors received their doctor of osteopathy degrees.

Featured speaker for the Senior Banquet was Laurance Priddy, lecturer of medical jurisprudence. Priddy told the graduates, their family and friends that they (the seniors) were over a major hurdle and everything should be easy sailing, but things are not always easy. "There are pitfalls and traps in the cold, cruel world. A lot of people see you coming and they are not entirely thinking of you as old Doc Brown in this community.

"Look out for patients because they are a new breed, greedy lawyers lurking in the wings with malpractice suits and malpractice insurance companies."

Priddy challenged the new physicians to meet the problems head on and there will be much satisfaction in store for them.

"Some of you will practice in a rural area, some in a foreign country and others in the government. You will be in one of the noblest professions of man and in the end everything will be in a position for you to do a wealth for mankind."

During the Doctorate Service Dr. Granville Walker, senior minister emeritus of University Christian Church, likened medicine to the ministry. "I have never had any doubt but medical men are as certainly called to the ministry of medicine as the parson is called to the ministry of the church," he said.

"There is a sanctity which attaches to your work no less than mine, for we are both concerned with persons, with wholeness, with health. Surely you know as well as I that the words health, hale, whole and holy come from a single Anglo-Saxon root--so that ultimately the physician and the clergyman are talking about the same thing."

Dr. Ralph L. Willard, dean, told the seniors at the Commencement Service that they are the inheritors of a great tradition. In explaining the tradition, Dr. Willard traced the tradition from Hippocrates in the fourth century, B.C. through the late 19th century and the introduction of osteopathic

medicine by Dr. Andrew Taylor Still.

"Much has been said about the way M.D. medicine and D.O. medicine have come and are coming closer together. This is good and this is appropriate. The point that I wish to make is that taking medicine as practiced in the late 19th century and osteopathic medicine as introduced by Andrew Taylor Still in the late 19th century, the things Still said about structure governing function, about treating man as a whole and as a part of his environment, about the value of manipulation and attention to the musculoskeletal system have continued and sound modern today; but the medicines in use at that time have almost all been discarded; antibiotics, the science of immunology, the use of modern surgery, have all developed since the turn of the century and properly belong to all physicians who practice medicine, whether they be M.D. or D.O.," he said.

Dean Willard went on to tell the graduates and approximately 500 guests that they (the graduates) will face challenges. "These challenges will include the problem of malpractice; that is, malpractice as viewed and interpreted by the Bar Association. You will face more governmental controls, quality assurance programs, PSRO's, national health insurance; but you will have the opportunity and joy of taking care of patients, and doing it in a way that only a small minority of physicians have learned to do.

"You have been given, but you have also earned, the opportunity to be of service in a unique way. This privilege is still shared by a relatively small number of people. Some of us have been associated with your school for only a few short months. We will work to make you proud of us, and we know that we can count on you to make us proud of you. You are our investment in the future."

Speaking at the Commencement Service, Dr. Earl A. Gabriel, president of the American Osteopathic Assn., told the new physicians to retain their osteopathic identity. "Show in your practice that osteopathic physicians are different. The AOA is displaying a constant battle to show our difference. You are the support of the AOA but you must become involved and promote the principles and practices of the AOA. Your professional identity and your professional futures are at stake. You, the class of 1976, hold the future in your hands."