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BILL MEIER GRADUATION SPEAKER; SILVEY TO GET HONORARY DEGREE

State Sen. Bill Meier of Euless, a member of the Senate Education Committee, will deliver the address at TCOM's seventh commencement Saturday, May 17.

TCOM will confer 71 D.O. degrees and one honorary degree at the 2 p.m. ceremony in the Tarrant County Convention Center Theater. The honorary Doctor of Science degree will go to Dr. J.K.G. Silvey, a biologist who served TCOM and NTSU for 42 years and had a major role in the affiliation of the two.

The Class of 1980 will be presented by Dr. Ralph Willard, vice president for medical affairs and dean, and NTSU Acting President John Carter Jr. will confer the degrees. Dean Willard, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Mike Budd and Acting Registrar Betty Belton will present diplomas.

The candidates will be hooded by the marshals, Dr. Charles Ogilvie of Medical Humanities, Dr. Raymond Conn of Psychiatry and Dr. Earle Starkey of Pathology. Dean Willard will administer the osteopathic oath to the class.

Degree to Silvey

Dr. Silvey was chairman of NTSU's biological sciences department when he made the first contact with the AOA about the affiliation of TCOM and NTSU in November 1971. He was named distinguished professor emeritus upon his retirement in 1977 after serving as TCOM's first associate dean of basic health sciences. As an expert in the field of limnology (the study of bodies of fresh water), he contributed to four books and scores of articles for national journals.

Holder of three degrees from SMU and the University of Michigan, the popular teacher was named Outstanding Professor in the 1963 NTSU yearbook and Favorite Professor there in 1973.

The NTSU Alumni Association, which made him an honorary member last year, presented him its Distinguished Teaching Award. Several years ago, his former students formed the J.K.G. Silvey Society in his honor.

During his career as a prolific researcher, Dr. Silvey has worked with the EPA, the National Academy of Sciences, the National Institutes of Health, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, among others, on such problems as water quality and pollution control. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi and other national honorary societies.

Reception After

The traditional President's Reception, honoring the new osteopathic physicians, will follow commencement.

Class of 1980

The following students will receive their D.O. degrees May 17:

Michael Adamo, Frank Adams, Bryan Beck, Melody Bellinghausen, Thomas Bennett, Larry Birdwell, Kendrick Blais, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Dale Brancel, Dennis Breed, Alfred Brem, John Brenner, Gerald Brenton, Bradley Burns and James Caddell.

Jack Cohen, Michael Cooke, Morris Creedon-McVean, Stephen Derdak, Gilberto Diaz, Dralves Edwards, Daniel Farmer, Daniel Foster, Michael Gaynier, Charles Gordon, Dennis Graham, Kevin Grieder, Marion Groff III, Virginia Grossman and David Haman.

Walter Hardin, Robert Henderson II, Scott Hopkins, Thomas Hyatt, John Jermyn III, Dana Johnson, Frank Kretsinger, Joseph LaManna III, Richard Layman, Melinda Ligon, Jacqueline Livingston, Gregg Lund, Melissa Martin, William Meiser and Stephen Meyers. Ingrid Muirsson-Arnold, Eddie Nixon, Jerry Owen, David Partridge, Gary Polk, Larry Price, Oscar Reichert, Billy Ringer Jr., Christine Schindler, William Schindler, Eric Simmons, V.O. Speights Jr., Peter Skarbovig Jr. and Robert Stahlman II.

Maryanne Stoeppler, Raymond Thomas Jr., Richard Turner, Anna Vasek, Stephen Vinson, Ralph Wallace, William Wallace, Mark White, Paul Worrell, John Wray and David Wright.

James Gerald Sanders Jr., who was killed in an auto accident several months ago, will receive a degree posthumously.

NEW DEPARTMENT NEAR; BOARD DEFERS BUDGET

A formal department of emergency medicine for TCOM moved one step closer to reality April 25, when the NTSU Board of Regents approved the program. The request now will be submitted to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

A division of emergency medicine, with four fulltime faculty physicians and headed by Dr. James Grate, has been operating under General and Family Practice for the last year. A fifth faculty member will be added this summer.

"Formation of a department is the first step in getting a residency program in emergency medicine," Dr. Grate said. Emergency medicine will be compulsory training for TCOM students, beginning with the fall third-year class.

Land purchases and the budget for a new building were also approved by the NTSU board, TCOM's governing body, but consideration of the school's operating budget for 1981-82 was postponed until June.

Nine parcels of land near the current campus will be purchased for \$964,200 to provide space for future building projects.

A budget of \$15.5 million was okayed for construction of Medical Education Building II, a six-story home for the basic health sciences.

TCOM Dean Ralph Willard told the board that construction of that building could begin as early as this fall. Its projected completion date is August 1983.

The board approved affiliation agreements with Hurst General Hospital and Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital, which will allow their use as teaching hospitals for TCOM students. TCOM currently has such agreements with eight other hospitals.

The board asked TCOM to explore the possibilities for a cooperative program between its department of rehabilitation/sports medicine and NTSU's athletic department.

BANQUET SET ON GRADUATION EVE

The Senior Awards Banquet will honor the Class of 1980 on the night before graduation, May 16, at Kahler Green Oaks Inn. The Friday evening event begins with a reception at 7, followed by dinner at 8. Guests will be invited to dance to the music of the Ron Fink Combo until midnight.

TCOM Dean Ralph Willard will welcome banquet guests, give the toast to the class and present awards. Class president Russell Thomas Jr. will respond for the class.

Tickets to the banquet, \$15 each, are available through Monday, May 12, from Laurie Wayman in Student Services.

GOALS STATEMENT BOOKLETS DUE

The long-awaited printed version of the goals statement (formally the "Design of the Medical Curriculum in Relation to the Health Needs of the Nation: A Statement on the Educational Goals of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine") will be off the press late next week.

Because of the limited number available, anyone needing copies is asked to submit a written request to the Dean's Office, specifying the number needed and the groups to whom they are to be distributed.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH TO FEATURE FILM

The every-other-Wednesday brown-bag lunch and film sponsored by the Library Learning Resource Center will be May 14 at noon in Room 756 of Med Ed I. Everyone is invited to bring a sack lunch and watch "John Baker's Last Race," a film about an Olympic-class miler who, though dying of cancer, dedicated his last months to the children he coached.

LIBRARY ACKNOWLEDGES GIFTS

The TCOM library has been the beneficiary of several gifts in the last few weeks.

Dr. T.R. Sharp of Mesquite presented 56 current medical books to the library in April. It was the second donation to the library through the gift program of the American College of General Practitioners of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery of PSG Publishing Co. publications. The initial gift under the ACGP program was presented by Dr. Sharp in August.

Margarite Peterson donated 105 volumes of older medical works from the library of Dr. R.H. Peterson of Wichita Falls. Included also were Dr. Peterson's original black bag and an old treatment chair.

Dr. Charles H. Wheeler, Class of 1976, and his family donated journals and audiovisuals in memory of Dr. Francis S. Wheeler, who was an anesthesiologist at FWOH for many years.

Dr. Steven Jonas of State University of New York-Stony Brook, who was at TCOM for several days in March, donated three volumes of an annotated bibliography entitled "Health Status, Medical Care Utilization, and Outcome: National Center for Health Services 1979."

TCOM BLOOD WELCOME AT FWOH DRIVE

Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital invites all TCOM employees with blood to come over and give a pint of it to them on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13 and 14.

Two Carter Blood Center vans will be parked at the south end of the new addition. They will be taking blood from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and 7 a.m. to noon Wednesday.

WOMEN'S CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY

The Faculty Women's Club will meet Friday, May 16, for a salad luncheon at the home of Judy Alter, 2443 Medford Ct. W., at 11:30 a.m. Karen Perkins, director of the Fort Worth Women's Center, will give the program.

FOUNDATION GIVES \$10,000

The T.J. Brown & C.A. Lupton Foundation Inc., of Fort Worth has awarded a gift of \$10,000 to TCOM. "Our very sincere appreciation goes to the foundation for its support of educational programs at TCOM," said TCOM Dean Ralph Willard. "The gift will be placed in a designated account and used to support programs for the benefit of our students."

BACK PAIN JUNE SEMINAR SUBJECT

An all-day seminar on low back pain will be offered to physicians by TCOM on Saturday, June 28.

"This complaint (low back pain) has traditionally been a difficult one to diagnose and treat because the pain can arise from a number of widely divergent causes," said Dr. Dick Baldwin, TCOM assistant dean of clinical affairs and seminar chairman. "Our program will include an extensive review of the probable causes and exacerbations of low back pain."

"Problem-Based Learning for the Physician: Low Back Pain" will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 406 of Med Ed I.

Talks by TCOM faculty will cover low back pain and depression, as well as the neurologic, surgical/urologic, structural and obstetric/gynecologic aspects of the ailment. The afternoon will be devoted to a complete patient simulation.

In addition to Dr. Baldwin, the seminar faculty includes Dr. William R. Jenkins of Surgery; Dr. Neil M. Levine of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Dr. John R. Peckham of Rehabilitation/Sports Medicine; and Dr. Thomas J. Trese of Medicine.

The program has been submitted for approval by the AOA for 8 hours of Category I credit. It also meets the criteria for 8 hours' credit in Category 2 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the AMA.

Registration fee is \$50 for physicians, \$20 for interns, residents and allied health professionals and \$5 for medical students.

Contact Nancy Smith of Continuing Medical Education, 735-2539, for more information.

JUNE 9 DATE FOR 'HIGH FEVER' PARTY

The "Meet the Director" party kicking off the fourth "High Fever" production of Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital will be June 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Park Top Club, 2529 Park Ridge Ct.

Everyone at TCOM is invited to the party to sign up for jobs and roles in the production. "High Fever," several musical numbers done by osteopathic amateurs under a professional director, will be in Scott Theater June 26-28. Proceeds go to the hospital to buy special equipment.

SPEAKING OF SPORTS...

The NADs

Tonight (May 9) is the big face-off between the TCOM '82 team and the TCOM '83 team in Men's Open Slow Pitch softball at Sycamore Park No. 2. That game starts at 9:15.

TCOM '83 will meet Jimbo Mfg.'s team at 8:25 p.m. next Friday, May 16, before TCOM '82 plays the Pull-Tabs at 9:15 p.m. The freshman team will be idle the following Friday, May 23, while TCOM '82 will play the Roaches at 6:45 p.m.

The Cadavers

The faculty-staff softball team, the Cadavers, will play the Medical Plaza Preps in the Mixed Closed Slow Pitch league on Wednesday, May 14. The game at Hallmark Park starts at 6:45 p.m.

The next Wednesday, May 21, the Cadavers play the Huguley Hurricanes at 9:15 p.m.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Our radio personalities: Dr. Dick Baldwin, assistant dean of clinical sciences, and first-year student David Grisell will be interviewed on George Nolan's talk show on KFJZ-AM, 1270 khz, Monday, May 12, from 8 to 9 p.m. They will talk about osteopathic medicine and TCOM and answer call-in questions... Tom Page, also a KFJZ-AM talk show host, will interview Dr. Ray Olson about hospices and doctor-patient relationships on his 10-11 a.m. show Wednesday, May 21. That program also takes phone questions.... Dr. Peter Raven of Physiology gave a short phone interview to KERA Radio on the effects of heat on the elderly and babies. It was broadcast on news programs April 29.... John-Henry Pfifferling of Medical Humanities talked about physician impairment on a two-hour KFJZ talk show April 30.... Radio station KAAM in Dallas talked with Dr. Ray Conn on April 30 about heat's effects on tempers.... KLIF ran its phone conversation with Dr. Bob Kaman of the Institute for Human Fitness on runners' adjustment to heat May 3. The "heat" stories were a result of news releases sent out earlier by the Office of News and Information Services.

The general information brochure, which comes in handy in student and faculty recruitment as well as serving as a compact picture of the school, is now available in News and Information, Med Ed I, Room 816.

The March of Dimes-B'nai B'rith Women's fair on having and rearing babies, "A Family Affair," continues today at Hulen Mall. Maternity Education has a booth there. Drop by between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Timothy Mason, cataloging librarian, recently attended the meeting of the Health Sciences OCLC Users Group in Richmond, Va., where developments in on-line automated cataloging of health science library materials were discussed.... Bobby Carter, Library director, and Craig Elam, associate director of technical services, attended a meeting of the TALON Regional Medical Library Advisory Council in Dallas. The TALON RML program is a major network of health science libraries in the Southwest.

Dr. John-Henry Pfifferling of Medical Humanities gave the keynote address on physician well-being to the national meeting of the SOMA/AMSA associations. He also conducted programs on stress management, problem-solving skills and the Humanistic Medical Education Task Force. May 1 he ran a four-hour CME workshop on physician satisfaction for the annual meeting of the Kansas Medical Society and later co-directed

a research conference with the department of epidemiology at the University of Maryland Medical Center on Physician Impairment.

A representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be in the Personnel Office on May 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. to answer questions any employees have. Call Kathy Meredith in Personnel to schedule an appointment.... Some 36 pre-med students from the University of Texas at El Paso will be touring TCOM facilities and attending graduation ceremonies on May 17.

Dr. I.M. Korr of Medical Education gave four programs at the Osteopathy in Three Continents conference in London April 17-19... Lida Beckwith, who recently left Pharmacy, wants to thank everyone for the lovely dinner and money tree she was given on April 29. She says she takes "fond memories of TCOM" with her to Germany, where she is joining her husband.

Bob Catana and other second-year students thank Smith, Kline and French and E.R. Squidd for sponsoring the beer and chili party April 25 after the sophomore boards.

Paula Babineaux has moved from OPP&P to General and Family Practice as clinical supervisor.... Dr. James Tyler of Surgery attended the American Association of Neurological Surgeons meeting April 20-24 in New York.

Dr. David Barker of Physiology presented a poster entitled "An Inexpensive Microcomputer Data Acquisition and Analysis System for Neurophysiology" at the annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in Anaheim, Calif. April 14-18. Co-author of the poster was Paul Shepard of Physiology.

Earlene McElroy, director of admissions, gave a talk on the educational requirements to enter osteopathic medical school to 51 pre-med students from Arizona's three major state universities on April 12. The meeting was coordinated by TCOM, the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association and Phoenix General Hospital, site of the conference.

New officers in the Undergraduate Academy of Osteopathy are Gregory Dott, president; Robert Stark, vice president; and Jeanne Brufke, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Jim Caffrey of Physiology has been elected to membership in the American Physiological Society.

Attending the April 30 workshop on office game-playing sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education at the Airport Marina were Nancy Fisher, Terrie Thompson and Zoe Owens of Obstetrics

and Gynecology; Cheryl Tryon, Jan Wiltsie and Burl Washington of Medical Arts; Peggy Sims, Development; Jean Scott, Institute for Human Fitness; Gene Willman, Print Shop; Mary Spijkerman, Biochemistry; Rebecca Stevens, Anatomy; Paula Babineaux, General and Family Practice; Fern Motheral, Fiscal Affairs; and Suzanne Mansfield, Microbiology. Janice Odom of News and Information Services coordinated the meeting.

Richard Wood, coordinator of instructional services in the library, has taken on a second title as adjunct instructor in Medical Education....Dr. Thomas D. Miale and Dr. Anthony G. Nasrallah have been approved by the Board of Regents as adjunct professor and adjunct assistant professor, respectively, in Microbiology and ImmunologyThe board also approved Dr. Frank Lawlis as adjunct associate professor in Rehabilitation/ Sports Medicine. He is associate professor of psychology at NTSU.

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