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TCOM-NTSU Merger Goes to Legislature

With the blessings of the Texas College Coordinating Board behind them, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM) and North Texas State University (NTSU) will submit their proposed merger of the two institutions to the Texas Legislature when it convenes in January.

The Coordinating Board unanimously endorsed the proposed merger Dec. 6 and recommended legislative approval of a quality state supported osteopathic medical school.

If approved by the legislators, Texas will become the third state to provide full support of an osteopathic medical college. Michigan and Oklahoma both have state funded osteopathic colleges.

Coordinating Board member Robert W. Baker, a Houston attorney and chairman of the finance committee, called for "continuing support for state aid" to TCOM should the legislature not approve the merger.

North Texas State President C. C. Nolen said the development of first quality facilities for medical education, to produce about 100 doctors of osteopathy annually, will require "at least" \$38 million and possibly \$40 million for land acquisition, building construction and equipment.

TCOM President Marion E. Coy, D.O., stated that the work for the merger has just begun.

"I hope each D.O. in the state will respond when called upon — particularly in the next few months. We must convince each legislator that he must vote for the full funding of this institution because

this will provide the way for the training of family physicians which are so badly needed in Texas. We expect this to be the finest osteopathic medical school in the country," he said.

The merger proposal, already agreed upon by the governing boards of both institutions, calls for NTSU to acquire the assets of the private osteopathic college.

TCOM and NTSU have been working together since 1972 when NTSU began teaching basic health sciences for first- and second-year TCOM student-doctors.



Dr. James B. Reeves
Director of Curriculum

Health Prof To Join Staff

An educator and author, James B. Reeves, Ph.D., will join Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM) Jan. 1 as Director of Curriculum and Academic Development.

Announcement of the appointment comes from Marion E. Coy, D.O., TCOM president.

Dr. Reeves is currently coordinator of health related programs and professor of biological sciences at the University of Texas at El Paso. In addition to his present position, Dr. Reeves has served as head of the Department of Biological Sciences at UT El Paso.

"Dr. Reeves will be reviewing syllabi of all departments and courses and course content to determine whether the courses contain all the material medical students should have. He will be weeding out any extraneous material, if there is any, and

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DR. T. ROBERT SHARP, chairman of the General Practice Department, TCOM, was one of 65 D.O.s. who attended the mid-October symposium in Irving.



MEDLINE SEARCH – TCOM second-year student Robert Irvin looks on while Medline Analyst Mrs. Sandy Echt formulates a search to the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Md.

Assistance Program Offered By TCOM Library

National System Aids Medical Service

Do you need help in locating information on a specific medical topic? Call the TCOM Library and ask for a Medline search.

Medline is one of 12 automated files composing the Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System (MEDLARS). MEDLARS is a bibliographic retrieval system which provides immediate searching of over 400,000 journal articles from over 3,000 bio-medical journals of worldwide scope.

MEDLARS searches are available to all members of the health and allied health professions in Tarrant County and outlying areas, according to Joan Swaim, TCOM librarian.

Over 100 searches have been completed for health professionals since the service became available the middle of October, according to Sandy Echt, MEDLARS Analyst.

TCOM's selection as a MEDLARS center was based on several qualifications, according to Dr. Donald Hendricks, director of the University of Texas Health Science

Center Library at Dallas.

One of these qualifications is the ability to provide at least 200 of the most cited journals used in the searches. "Through the consortium of Health Science Libraries of Tarrant County, TCOM has access to between 700 and 800 of the journals," Dr. Hendricks said.

"Other qualifications include placing the system where it will be used most effectively, willingness of the host institution to train a MEDLARS Analyst and the willingness of the host institution to make the services available to other institutions and to the community of health professionals," he said.

Information searches are done via a computer-connected terminal at TCOM. Data bases containing the bio-medical information are housed at the National Library of Medicine (NLM) in Bethesda, Md., and the State University of New York (SUNY) in Albany, N.Y.

Cost for each search is \$1, plus 10 cents per minute if the search requires over 10 minutes.

Mrs. Echt said the average time for a search is between 10 and 15 minutes.

NOTABLES

Charles J. RUDOLPH, Jr., Ph.D., associate professor of biochemistry, and V. L. JENNINGS, D.O., associate professor of general practice at TCOM, attended the second annual convention of the American Academy of Medical Preventives in Las Vegas. Theme of the national meeting was Preventive Medicine. Dr. Rudolph was elected to the advisory board and Dr. Jennings was presented a Charter Fellow Membership... SENIORS Sam BUCHANAN, Charles O'TOOLE, Steve PRICE and Keith WATSON are nominees for 1975 Who's Who Among College Students in America... TCOM \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS will be awarded in JANUARY to



Terry Leever



Keith Watson

Senior Keith WATSON and Terry LEEVER, third year student. These annual scholarships are made possible by GRANTS from PFIZER Laboratories and EAST TOWN Osteopathic Hospital, Dallas... Three first-year students are WINNERS of TOMA annual scholarships. They are: Mercedes DAVIS of Euless; Manuel GRIEGO, Jr., of Wichita Falls; and James D. REEVES of Lubbock... Two members of the class of '77 BOAST of new family heirs. The Fred WHITES welcomed Todd Christopher on October 9 and Bryan Dae was introduced on October 22 to parents Don SMITHS... Verlie McALISTER, assistant to director of development and public relations, attended the national meeting of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society, in Phoenix in mid-November... T. David WIMAN, D.O. member of TCOM's first graduating class, has been elected to the advisory board to the school's board of directors... The TCOM chapter of SIGMA SIGMA PHI, national honorary scholastic fraternity, has INDUCTED two fourth-year and seven third-year student-doctors. They are: Ron SEBOLD, John THOMPSON, Continued on page 4



TCOM FIRST – Captain Jesse Ramsey, D.O., class of '74, receives the initial yearbook produced by the Speculum staff. Mrs. Linda Cummins, staff secretary, makes the presentation. Dr. Ramsey is stationed at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso.



LEADERS – Officers of the class of '78 pose for photo in their NTSU setting prior to a gross anatomy lab session. They are, seated, Marcia Pehr, left, curriculum committee representative; and Vivian Ellis, class treasurer; standing, from left, Jerry Waits, student council representative; Weldon Schott, secretary; Jack McCarty, vice-president; Jerry Liles, curriculum committee representative; and Ashley (Bud) Classen, president. Not pictured: Eric Simmons, student council representative.

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Best Wishes for the New Year

Strictly Speaking

TCOM is not full-grown. . . but it is no longer the "baby" among schools of osteopathic medicine. Osteopathic education – involving more than 3200 doctors-to-be – is on the move. And the move is forward.

TCOM, for four years, boasted of being number seven and least among the osteopathic schools. That condition no longer exists. TCOM is still number seven but the number is no longer last or least.

The TCOM News joins other facets of the profession in proclaiming a superlative tribute to two infant sister schools that matriculated first year students during the current fall semester. Namely, Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Tulsa and Greenbrier College of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg, West Virginia.

No sympathy but much empathy is extended to all persons who are charged with "charter" responsibilities that are being met. Congratulations . . . and a tip of our proverbial hat.

Dr. Reeves (Continued from page 1)

determining if there is any overlapping or gaps between courses," Dr. Coy said.

The new director of curriculum and academic development has been awarded research grants from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, The Research Corporation, the University Research Institute and the Bureau of Health Manpower for medical technology.

Dr. Reeves received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from Louisiana State University in 1948 and 1949, respectively. He earned his doctor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin in 1964.

Dr. Reeves holds memberships in the American Society for Microbiology, Society of Sigma Xi, Beta Beta Beta, Phi Beta Pi, Sigma Chi and is a Fellow of the American Society for the Advancement of Science.

He is listed in the American Men of Science, Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Royal Blue Book, International Dictionary of Biography and Outstanding Educators for 1970.

Married, Dr. Reeves and his wife, Jeanne, have two children, James P. and Jeanne C.

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RECRUITERS — Planning a series of student recruitment visits to colleges and universities in Texas are, seated from left, S/D Tommy Noonan; Marvin Herring, TCOM director of admissions; S/D J. Eddie Garner, vice president of SOMA chapter; and S/D Dale Zimmermann, SOMA chapter president; standing, from left, are S/D Gary Wolf, S/D Anthony Alford, S/D Pat Thomas and S/D Pat Stenger. Zimmerman is a member of the class of '76; all others are members of the '77 class.



SUPER SALES — Janice Tilma, president of Student Wives Association, tries to negotiate a bargain with prospective buyers during a November rummage and cake bake sale at the school's north parking lot. The one-day sale netted the organization \$200.

TV System Ready In January

Ken Coffelt, director of instructional technology, has announced that the closed-circuit color television system between TCOM and Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital will be operational during January.

Coffelt said the system is a means of transmitting color television pictures from the operating room, emergency room and lecture classes. It will also be used to show Continuing Medical Education programs and for video taping programs transmitted between the two institutions. The television system will also enable the picture to be transmitted back to FWOH after it has been received at TCOM.

Notables (Continued from page 2)

Mark BAKER, Tom HEMMER, Ron JONES, Mike LE COMPTE, Terry LEEVER, Randy LOFTON and Charles WHEELER. . . The class of '79 (admitted next August) will have SIXTY-EIGHT members enrolled; more than FIFTY now have been selected by the ADMISSIONS committee, announced Marvin HERRING director. . . A Fort Worth Star-Telegram editorial in the Thursday morning, December 5 edition expressed strong approval and endorsement of the proposed merger between TCOM and NTSU. . . Dr. Anesia GARMON, with TCOM's clinic system, and Mrs. Diana RUDOLPH, wife of Dr. Charles Rudolph, Jr., have been named to the Health Advisory Committee of the Fort Worth Head Start Program.