

# DateLine

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## Clinic serves NTSU/TCOM 'Family' members

A reminder from Dr. Stephen F. Urban, Jr., director of Central Clinic: Free medical services are available to all NTSU/TCOM students, faculty and staff and their immediate families in the General Practice area of Central Clinic in Med Ed 1.

Clinic patients are treated by student-doctors under the supervision of a D.O. The "no-charge" policy stimulates a large volume of patients, which improves the educational experience of the student-doctors, Dr. Urban explained.

There are some instances in which an NTSU/TCOM patient will be charged, though. Laboratory services or other procedures which are provided to the clinic at a charge will have to be paid for by the patient, Dr. Urban said. In addition, if a patient makes an appointment with a private physician in the clinic, it is up to the discretion of the physician whether he charges the patient.

"We are not trying to step on the toes of any private practitioners already treating TCOM people — we just don't want to bypass the educational experience," Dr. Urban added.

Although student-doctors subscribe to the same standards of confidentiality physicians do, some NTSU/TCOM patients feel uncomfortable being treated by students they know, Dr. Urban said.

In these cases, he suggests the patient make an appointment with a private physician. "This is most common with females having pelvic exams," he said. Dr. Urban said that a patient may request the supervising physician perform the exam and allow the student to remain in the room during the procedure.

If you decide to take advantage of the clinic services, Bernadette Wright, clinic supervisor, warns that you must follow regular clinic procedures. "The medical staff must go through and make up a chart, for medical and legal reasons, no matter how minor the illness," she said.

Ms. Wright said NTSU/TCOM students, faculty and staff and their immediate families should call the clinic between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday to make an appointment. "You can usually get in within one or two days, or sooner if you need immediate treatment," she said. Patients are seen from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ms. Wright asks that you come to the waiting room of the clinic on time for your appointment. Remember to identify yourself as an NTSU/TCOM patient.

To make an appointment at the clinic, call 735-2228. After hours call 731-2747 in case of emergency. A physician is on call 24 hours a day. For more information, contact Bernadette Wright, 735-2245.

## Register now for art show

The department of medical humanities will sponsor a faculty/staff art show May 7-11 in the Atrium of Med Ed I, as part of the cultural series "The Many Faces of Man."

Artistic faculty and staff members are urged to call Sandie Ragle, 338-1058, to register for the show. "Any kind of paintings or sketches can be entered," Sandie said. "There won't be any judging — it's just for fun."

Space is somewhat limited, so participants should register as soon as possible, she said. The deadline for registration is Monday, April 2.

## New Horizons over lunch

Students, faculty and staff members are invited to attend "Horizons in Human Values," an informal discussion group which meets Fridays. Participants bring brown-bag lunches to eat while student-doctors lead discussions on their favorite topics.

"The idea is to give the students in particular a broader perspective on life," explained Dr. Charles Ogilvie, chairman of the department of medical humanities. "We need more students to lead discussions. Any topic is fine— anything they want to share with the group," he said.

"Horizons in Human Values" meets every Friday at noon in Room 507, Med Ed I. For more information, or to sign up as a discussion leader, call Sandie Ragle, department of medical humanities, 338-1058.

## How about volunteering?

Volunteer subjects are hard to find, yet without them, medical research is impossible. Make a valuable contribution to the future of health care by volunteering for one of these NTSU/TCOM research programs:

**Hypertension Study** - Persons with hypertension are needed to participate in a 10-12 week controlled study. Medication to be used in the study is **NOT** experimental. Dr. L.L. Bunnell, chairman of the department of general and family practice, is the project director. For more information, call 735-2433 or 735-2228.

**Pulmonary Function Study** - Male subjects over 18 years old, both smokers and non-smokers, are needed for a study requiring three 1-2 hour visits to the lab. Tests will be performed with and without the subject wearing an industrial respirator. Participants will receive free stress tests, pulmonary function evaluations and physical exams. Dr. Peter B. Raven, associate professor of physiology,

is project director. For more information, call Cynda Favors, 735-2301, or Dr. Carl Rau, 735-2306.

## Some reminders from Personnel

Reminders from Dr. Walter L. Brake, director of personnel:

- \* Time card forms which may be used to keep records for hourly employees are now available in the Personnel Office.

- \* All employees are covered by Workers Compensation. In order to receive reimbursement, injured employees must notify Personnel immediately when an accident occurs.

- \* All changes in enrollment or dependent status should be reported to Personnel for insurance purposes. These include changing a name, marriage, birth, adoption, attainment of age 26 and death.

- \* Representatives of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas will be available to assist employees who have insurance claims problems or questions about their policies the second Tuesday of each month from 1-2 p.m. in personnel.

## Cigarette sparks grass fire

More than hearts were aflame at NTSU/TCOM on Valentine's Day. During the noon hour, a major grass fire occurred on the south side of the parking lot east of Med Ed I.

Don Beeson, chief of police, said a burning cigarette apparently caused burlap matting on the grass to catch fire. The Fort Worth Fire Department was called and extinguished the blaze by 1 p.m.

The grass fire was the second fire on campus since Med Ed I opened, Beeson said. The first was a small fire in a janitor's closet, also caused by a burning cigarette. Beeson urged all NTSU/TCOM employees to use precaution with matches and cigarettes. "It's not uncommon for us to find cigarettes on the floors in the hallways, still burning," he said.

Fire safety is a major concern for John Peveto, physical plant director. Peveto is in the process of installing six fire extinguishers on each floor of Med Ed I.

The extinguishers are meant to supplement the elaborate fire safety system already in the building, Peveto said.

Med Ed I is equipped with a motorized sensing system which closes airducts to isolate fire. "When the sensors 'smell smoke,' the ducts are shut off and the red lights in the hallways come on to indicate fire," Peveto said.

The building also has a sprinkler system which is set off by heat. "If there's a fire in the room, and the fire is hot enough, sprinklers come on," he said. The fire alarm system reacts to both smoke and heat. When activated, it automatically rings all the bells in the building, closes the double doors in the hallways, shuts off the air systems and closes the air ducts, Peveto said.

The fire alarms have rung erroneously several times,

Peveto said. "People have been pretty responsive to it. But we're afraid that people are going to stop paying attention to the bells," he added. Peveto said he and Chief Beeson have discussed setting up a signal system, so after the alarms ring, they can signal whether or not a fire actually exists. "Sort of like when you were in school," he said.

In the meantime, Peveto asked that employees respond to the alarms as if there is a fire. Employees should leave the building by the stairwells, which are isolated from the rest of the structure and fireproofed, he said.

## Library hours change

Library hours have been changed in response to the recent survey of students and faculty, according to Marilyn Johnson, reference librarian. New library hours are:

Monday – Thursday	7:30 a.m. – midnight
Friday	7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday	2 a.m. – 10 p.m.

## Message from the Dean

This college has done it again! The first annual Cowtown Marathon last Saturday was an outstanding success in spite of the bad weather. As I visited with workers at the Cowtown Coliseum headquarters and along the course, I was impressed and made proud by the esprit de corps among those who volunteered their free time to help at aid and time stations, run errands and do whatever was needed.

I particularly wish to congratulate those who organized the race: Dr. Joel Alter, who originated the idea of a marathon in Fort Worth; Dr. Robert Kaman who, as director of the institute, bore the burden of responsibility for the race; and the college's good friend, Jim Gilliland, who served as race director, a task fraught with more details and headaches than most of us can imagine.

We are grateful for the cooperation of The Fort Worth National Bank in joining the institute as co-sponsors of the race, and we look forward to working with them again next year on the 1980 Cowtown Marathon.

My personal thanks to each and every one of you who helped make yet another success for TCOM.

*Ralph Stillard DO*



## Runners brave the elements

More than 180 runners finished the 26.2-mile Cowtown Marathon February 17, in spite of sleet and snow that made footing hazardous and slowed the runners. Bill Parmelee, a 25-year old Fort Worth resident, came in first, finishing the race in 2 hours, 27 minutes. Hector Ortiz, the pre-race favorite, was second with a time of 2:38. Former NTSU student Kyle Heffner came in third at 2:42.

Winner of the six-mile minimarathon was Steve Baker, a native of Nottingham, England, who attends school in Arkansas. Baker's time was just over 32 minutes. About 150 runners participated in the minimarathon.

Runners came from as far away as Minnesota, Maryland and California to compete in the race, which was jointly sponsored by NTSU/TCOM's Institute for Human Fitness and The Fort Worth National Bank.

Several people from NTSU/TCOM participated in the marathon. Among the runners was Dr. Charles Ogilvie, chairman of the department of medical humanities, who took first place in his age group. Also competing were students Greg Lund, Chris Hull and Stephen Derdak.

Dr. Joel Alter, associate professor, of surgery, called out the names and numbers of runners as they crossed

the finish line and led a small but vocal cheering squad for six hours to encourage the runners across the line.

Marathon finishers were met by medical aid personnel who wrapped them in blankets and escorted them to the aid station where warm soup, yogurt and lots of comforting concern waited. Dr. Scott Taylor, assistant professor of general and family practice, was medical coordinator for the race.

At an awards ceremony held later in the day, Dean Ralph Willard and FWNB President Joseph Grant presented trophies to the first three finishers in the marathon, the first three male and female finishers in the six-mile minimarathon and the first three finishers in each of 14 marathon classes. Parmelee accepted the grand prize offered by the bank, a trip to the Boston Marathon, and said he plans to run that race in April.

Planning for the Cowtown Marathon began early last fall and entailed long hours on the part of many NTSU/TCOM personnel. Serving on the board of directors for the race were Dr. Alter, race chairman; Jim Gilliland, race director; Elmer Brown, Robert Kaman, Ph.D., and Charles Ogilvie, D.O. Mrs. Phyllis Van Aken represented The Fort Worth National Bank.

Other NTSU/TCOM Personnel who held key positions of responsibility in the race were Peggy Weiss, athletic trainer for the institute, who organized and staffed the fluid stations; Police Chief Don Beeson, who arranged traffic control and course safety; Chris Foster, building maintenance foreman, who coordinated the use of college vehicles to mark and patrol the course; Roger Huckaby, utilities operation supervisor, who set up and maintained an elaborate communication system with the help of volunteers from a local ham radio club; and Judy Alter, who was in charge of publicity. Dr. Charles Ogilvie was in charge of timing. The college's photographers, Tommy Hawkes and Mike Scott, were on hand to get pictures of the race in general and individual pictures of the finishers.



Bill Parmelee of Fort Worth, right, winner of the first annual Cowtown Marathon with a time of 2:27, is congratulated by, from left, Dean Ralph Willard, race director Jim Gilliland and Fort Worth National Bank President Joseph Grant.

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## People, places and things

Dr. C. G. SKINNER, assistant dean of basic sciences, has been named an associate member of both the Joint Board-Council Committee on Environmental Improvement and the Council Committee on Chemical Safety of the American Chemical Society.

HARRIETTE O'CONNOR, second-year student, has been appointed to the Alumni Advisory Council of Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Georgia.... AARON DAVID, second-year student, recently spoke to students at Castleberry High School's Career Day.

DR. R. W. GRACY, chairman of the biochemistry department, attended the Chairmen's Meeting of the Association of Medical School Departments of Biochemistry in Hawaii this month.

DR. ROBERT L. KAMAN, acting director of the Institute for Human Fitness, and JIM GILLILAND, race director of the Cowtown Marathon, discussed the institute and the marathon at a meeting of the downtown chapter of the Sertoma Club February 9.

PETE DAVIDSON and HAROLD NICOLETTE, second-year student-doctors, recently treated the Paschal High School Science Club to a tour of Med Ed I.

DR. GEORGE ESSELMAN of the clinical affairs staff spoke to the Granbury Rotary Club about NTSU/TCOM February 7.... DR. ELROY CANTRELL, pharmacology chairman, and DR. GARY JONES, assistant professor of pharmacology, attended the Western Pharmacology Meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado, January 22-25. Dr. Cantrell presented "Secondary Metabolism of Benz (a) pyrene in Human Cells," and Dr. Jones presented "Spin-label Study of Hemoglobin Interactions in Normal and Sickle Erythrocytes."

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