

## People, places and things

DAVID BILYEA, D.O., associate professor of surgery, recently attended a two-day symposium on vascular surgery at the Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in Philadelphia. . . JOEL ALTER, D.O., associate professor of surgery, was a member of the faculty at the annual post-graduate course sponsored by the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. The week-long course was in Phoenix this year, and Dr. Alter presented sessions on gastrointestinal bleeding and the surgical management of morbid obesity. . . GARY L. JONES, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmacology, served as a judge at the 1978 American Chemical Society Meeting in Miniature April 7 in Wichita Falls.

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BOB COMBS, assistant director of learning resources, has been appointed to the Radio-TV Advisory Committee for Navarro College in Corsicana.

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JOHN HARAKAL, D.O., chairman of the department of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice, conducted several sessions on osteopathic manipulative therapy at the recent joint convention of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association and the New Mexico Osteopathic Medical Association. Dr. Harakal also recently spoke on the subject of osteopathic medicine to the Fort Worth Chapter of MENSEA, an organization whose membership is limited to those scoring in the top 2 per cent nationally on IQ tests.

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The Center for Studies in Aging at NTSU has announced a series of summer short courses. Among them is a course on "Exercise Physiology and Planning for the Elderly" to be taught by ROBERT KAMAN, Ph.D., assistant professor of biochemistry, June 12-23.

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An autograph party is scheduled April 22 at 3 p.m. at Barber Bookstore in the Westcliff Shopping Center to mark the publication of "AFTER PA WAS SHOT", a juvenile novel by Judy Alter, Ph.D., associate director of news and information services.

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ROBERT GRACY, Ph.D., chairman of the department of biochemistry, presented his findings on the changes of carbohydrate metabolism during transformation of lymphocytes to the Eighth International Symposium on Clinical Enzymology in Venice,

Italy April 11-17. . . WILLIAM HATCH, Ph.D., assistant professor of physiology, presented a paper, "Pathways of Weak Electrolyte Transport in Rat Jejunum" to the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology in Atlantic City recently. Also presenting a paper to that convention was PETER RAVEN, Ph.D., associate professor of physiology. Dr. Raven's paper was entitled "Interactions Between Surface Cooling and Central Hypovolemia." Co-authors were M. Saito, F. Gaffney and C. Blomqvist from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in Dallas. ROBERT KAMAN, Ph.D., assistant professor of biochemistry, also attended the Atlantic City convention as a representative of the NTSU Center For Studies in Aging.

## Winners of the A.T. Still Run

In contrast to last year's rain and mud, the sky was clear and the ground dry for the 2nd Annual A.T. Still Memorial-San Jacinto Day Run last Saturday. There were 115 runners, well over half of whom ran the full six-mile course.

Winner of the six mile run was KYLE HEFFNER, an NTSU graduate student who works with ROBERT KAMAN, Ph.D., assistant professor of biochemistry. In second place was PAUL ISHAM, a Denton attorney. CHARLES FONTANIER, class of '79 was the first TCOM student to finish the six mile course and MICHAEL KELLER, '78 was next. PETER KROFF was the first student to finish the three mile course. First faculty member to finish six miles was ROBERT PATTON, Ph.D., associate professor of physiology.

The husband-and-wife team with the best combined time was first-year student ROGER SESSIONS and his wife, SHERI. DR. PATTON and his wife came in second as a husband-and-wife team.

Exceptional effort awards were given to CHARLES OGILVIE, D.O., professor of radiology; NELDA CUNNIFF, D.O., a general practitioner from Burleson who was a member of TCOM's first graduating class; ROD WISEMAN, fourth-year student; and FELICIA CHENG, first-year student.

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## TOMA Convention

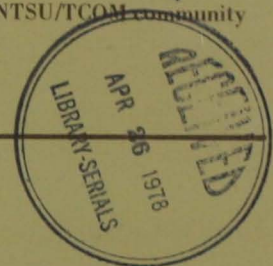
A full calendar of events is planned for May 4-7 when the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association holds its annual convention at the Sheraton-Fort Worth. Educational sessions will begin a 8 a.m. and continue to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, with a half day session planned for Saturday.

Twenty-five members of the TCOM faculty will speak during the convention. When RALPH L. WILLARD, D.O., vice-president for medical affairs and dean, addresses the convention, his topic will be "Update: TCOM 1979." Other faculty members will speak on recent advances in their areas of specialization and topics will range from "Osteopathic Medicine in a Hospital Setting" to "The Family Practitioner, Medical Examiner and the Courts of Law or a New Tale of the Three Muskateers."

The President's Reception and Dinner Dance will be held Friday evening in honor of incoming president GERALD P. FLANAGAN, D.O., of Denton. Saturday afternoon, TCOM will host a picnic at River Plaza and then will tour guests through Med Ed I. (see following item) An old-fashioned jamboree is scheduled for Saturday night, with a western barbecue and country music.

Both tennis and golf tournaments are scheduled for Friday morning at Shady Oaks Country Club. Buses will leave the hotel at 9:30 a.m. and the tournaments will begin at 10 a.m. Other individual activities during the convention will include the annual dinner of the Texas Academy of Osteopathy, breakfast alumni meetings for several osteopathic colleges, the annual Sustainers Party, a meeting of the Patriarchal Order of Past Presidents and a breakfast in honor of AOA President-elect Donald Siehl, D.O.

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All during the convention auxiliary members will be wearing a Money Hat covered with some \$400 in \$1 bills. Each bill represents an ATOMA member, and for a \$1 donation to the auxiliary, you can have a chance to win the hat. On the auxiliary schedule is a Ladies Brunch at the Century II Club and the annual luncheon with the installation of officers.

The TOMA Convention--there's something for everybody!

## TCOM to host picnic

An old-fashioned picnic is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, on the banks of the Trinity River when TCOM welcomes the TOMA conventioners. The menu will be hot dogs and beer, and the atmosphere will be informal.

Buses will pick up conventioners at the Sheraton-Fort Worth at noon and bring them to the River Plaza Campus Center where guests will have a chance to wander through the college building either before or after their lunch. Members of the various departments in River Plaza have been asked to be on hand to serve as guides and to answer questions.

When everyone's had their fill of hot dogs and seen every corner of River Plaza, buses will take them to Med Ed I for guided tours of the first three floors.

## Board of Regents

The Board of Regents of North Texas State University will meet in regular session on the NTSU campus Thursday and Friday, April 27-28. Executive sessions of the Role and Scope, Budget and Finance and Facilities Committees are scheduled for Thursday, and the open meeting of the Board is set for 9 a.m. Friday. All sessions will be in the Board Room of the NTSU Administration Building.

## Orientation meeting re-scheduled

The next orientation meeting for new employees will be held on May 11 rather than May 4 because of the state osteopathic association convention. Future meetings will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in River Plaza 211.

## Message from the dean . . .

Medical Education Building I continues to take on the appearance of an edifice nearing completion--and so it is. Predictions still hold for occupancy late this summer. It is a facility to which we can look with pride.

However, we must constantly be vigilant lest we fall into the trap of believing that buildings make an institution. TCOM started in very modest quarters and has continued to educate and train fine, well-qualified physicians in less than satisfactory quarters only because of dedication of numerous fine part-time and volunteer faculty and a limited number of fulltime personnel.

As class size has increased, however and demands on the College for a myriad of new services and activities, many new faculty/staff have joined the college and have provided for expanded, enhanced college programs. We must not forget that regardless of the grand new buildings which we will be constructing in the future, it is the people (faculty/staff/students) and the programs planned for and participated in by them that are the essence of the college.

Big is beautiful, but the essence of a college is people and programs.

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## SGA Elections

The Student Government Association has elected the following officers for 1978:  
President: Larry Price, '80  
Vice-president: Ed Luke, '81  
Secretary: Bill Schindler, '80  
Treasurer: Eric Simmons, '80

Chosen to serve on the TCOM Curriculum Committee were Frank Adams and Gregg Lund from the Class of '80 and Darrell Youngman, '79.

## OkCOM-TCOM Picnic

There'll be food, games and fun at the second annual OkCOM-TCOM picnic April 29 at Arbuckle Lake in the Chickasaw National Wildlife Preserve (near Sulphur, Oklahoma). The picnic will begin at noon on Saturday and last until about noon on Sunday, according to Chris Hull who is coordinating plans with OkCOM representatives. Sponsors of the joint picnic are the Atlas Club at TCOM and the Student Government Association at OkCOM.



## "High Fever" coming

Mark your calendar now! Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital has set June 29-July 1 for its second annual "High Fever" production, according to Carol White, FWOH's director of community relations. The Meet-the-Director Party will be June 12.

## Coming events

- April 28: Board of Regents meeting
- April 29: Second Annual OkCOM/TCOM Picnic Arbuckle Lake, Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge. Begins at 12 noon.
- May 4-7: Texas Osteopathic Medical Association Convention Sheraton-Fort Worth
- May 11: Orientation meeting for new employees River Plaza 211, 9:30 a.m.
- May 19: Senior Banquet, Kahler Green Oaks Inn Reception 7:30, Banquet 8:30 p.m.
- May 20: Commencement, Will Rogers Auditorium 8 p.m. Reception following, Roundup Inn.