



TCOM News



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PRIVATE GIFT ENABLES TCOM TO EXPAND



"FRIENDS" GROUP ORGANIZED

Members of the osteopathic profession in Texas have formed an organization called "Friends of TCOM," designed to promote a positive program of support for the school. Chairman of the "Friends" is Dr. C. E. Dickey, Fort Worth G.P.

The group began in February with nine physicians and within a month included more than 75 members spread across the State of Texas. The nine organizing doctors were Dr. Dickey, Dr. Tom Shittle, Dr. R. B. Beyer, Dr. Mel Johnson, Dr. W. R. Jenkins, Dr. Hugo Ranelle, Dr. W. W. Bailes, Dr. Paul Saperstein and Dr. V. L. Jennings.

The new TCOM Friends organization is identified by a lapel button which says "GO! TCOM". Members are pledged to furnish information about the school to osteopathic physicians and interested laymen. The club, by scheduling meetings in different sections of Texas, plans to have representation for the school in each of the 15 state districts.

"The past is prologue," Dr. Dickey stated. "We are going only one direction — and that is forward. Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine will one day be one of the most exciting and modern medical colleges in the nation, and every step we take, hopefully, will be in that direction."

Next year, when the first class of physicians is graduated and osteopathic medicine observes its 100th birthday, it is planned to announce a national awareness campaign.

OKLAHOMA FOUNDATION GIVES \$100,000 GRANT FOR PROPERTY PURCHASE

Mr. John Cox, Fort Worth board member of the J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, recently presented a \$100,000 check to Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine to apply on the purchase of college headquarters at 3516 Camp Bowie and property at nearby 3440 Camp Bowie.

The gift will be matched by local funds for the purchase, announced Dr. M. E. Coy, TCOM president.

The building at 3516 Camp Bowie will continue to serve as administrative offices, classrooms and medical library. The new property will be remodeled to accommodate the development and public relations office, the business office and additional labs. It will also house an out-patient clinic to be opened this summer.

"With the acquisition of these two pieces of property we have a very good start on our permanent campus located very near the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital which is being used as a teaching facility," said Ray Stokes, development director.

TITLE CHANGES ANNOUNCED

TCOM has a president and vice president by recent action of the Board of Directors.

Dr. M. E. Coy, former executive administrative dean, was named president and Dr. Henry B. Hardt was selected as vice president.

Dr. Hardt, former chairman of the TCU chemistry department until his retirement there in 1968, acted as chief administrative officer until Dr. Coy joined the college last year. He will continue to work in the realm of college administration and over-all development projects.

The office of academic dean of the college was filled in January by Dr. Edward T. Newell, former director of medical education for the Metropolitan Hospital, Philadelphia.

Dr. Newell, a native of Springfield, Mass., has a lengthy background in medical teaching. He was assistant professor of surgery at Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, where he was a '32 graduate, prior to engaging in general practice in the New England States area.



CRYING TOWEL — This device is used by Dr. M. E. Coy when placed in the "hot seat" during Friends' meetings. Dr. C. E. Dickey, chairman enjoys the action.



Edward T. Newell, D.O.
Academic Dean



Henry B. Hardt, Ph.D.
Vice President

NOTABLES

Harold S. SAITA, D.O., internationally known authority on the practice of ACUPUNCTURE, will conduct two lectures during a campus visit on May 1, 2. Dr. Saita, Vancouver, British Columbia, will be a special guest of the TCOM chapter of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association which is sponsoring his Fort Worth stay . . . The Coordinating Board, University and College System and the Texas Legislative Budget Board have recommended to the Texas Legislature that TCOM be funded 3.4 million during this biennium . . . Dr. M. E. COY, president and RAY STOKES, director of development and public relations recently attended a Washington meeting of the American College Public Relations Association . . . Some 558 applications for enrollment in the next Freshman class had been received by the Admissions Office when the February 1 deadline was reached. Forty-eight will be selected . . . Belated birth announcement: Mary and Barney BLUE are parents of daughter JENNIFER born on December 20. Barney is a member of the Freshman class in Denton . . . Sam MORGAN, D.O., team physician for Southern Methodist University, recently presented a lecture demonstration in osteopathic technique and theory.



TCOM FRIEND — Dr. Robert G. Haman, TOMA president, tells his audience of Friends of TCOM that the association is pledged to continue to work in behalf of the college. An ardent listener, left, is Dr. Paul Saperstein.

Strictly Speaking . . .

Editorial comments in the January issue of the Osteopathic Physician make rather precarious mention of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. For this attention we are indebted. Some observations were included, however, which make this reply appropriate. We hope, in the interest of osteopathic medicine, that the editor will see fit to publish these reflections.

The article's observation that the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine was born on the top floor of the hospital seemed to leave the impression that this is less than an ideal place of birth. On second thought, doesn't it seem to be an ideal place? Southwestern Medical School in Dallas was born in a garage, and even that, of course, is better than the back seat of a cab. It is not our purpose here to comment on the technicalities of graduating physicians taking state examinations but we assure the O.P. that the situation is the same for TCOM as it is for every other medical school and that no irregularity is present.

The past is prolog, however, and we are proud to relay the news that TCOM has a newly organized booster club composed entirely of respected osteopathic physicians who have a positive dedication to making TCOM one of the most exciting medical schools in the Lone Star State. And we have quite a few. These physicians are sharing their busy hours in the formation of state and national awareness campaigns which will be kicked off at the time the first physicians are graduated.

TCOM is now receiving all kinds of encouragement from a number of sources. We believe the good citizens of Texas and countless individuals in other states will board the bandwagon as the story of TCOM is told. There are too few osteopathic medical colleges for any one of the seven to lack the support of the entire profession. The success of TCOM will add measurably in helping to a better understanding of osteopathic medicine by opinion leaders everywhere and the citizenry at large.

Meet the Friends of TCOM in Houston . . .
"Friends" promote and publicize TCOM.



HONORED — Dr. Raymond Olson, who recently resigned as associate clinical dean to resume full-time practice, is shown holding a plaque and facsimile apple presented by the class of '74. The plaque reads: "If a man does not keep pace with his companions perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the tune he hears no matter how metered or far away."

The inscription continues: In appreciation for his diligent effort, personal sacrifice and inspiration, we the class of '74 gratefully dedicate this plaque to our attunement to a different drummer.



HEALTH SEMINAR — TCOM student doctors were guests during the February joint meeting in Dallas between the Texas Department of Health and the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association.

P. R. FORECAST

by Kitty Bates

I count it an unusual privilege to be involved in the growth of TCOM, a school sure to be one of the most exciting medical colleges in Texas. With the cooperation of the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital and state and national health groups, TCOM is making outstanding progress in all areas.

Dedication seems to be a way of operating here, I find, rather than merely a word. The faculty and administration certainly have demonstrated this; practicing physicians also have shown it by organizing into a TCOM Friends group. This group has charged itself with disseminating information concerning the school throughout Texas.

And most outstanding of all, in my mind, is the degree of dedication demonstrated by the students. These future doctors seem to count it a privilege to be allowed to sweat out four years of frequent penury and hard study in a new school in order to get their D.O. Degrees. They are bound and determined to achieve their goal.

With the tremendous professional and personal involvement of these three groups — the administration, the students and the practicing D.O.s — TCOM cannot help but steadily grow. This subjective judgment is backed up by the fact that at least seven different sources, including private, professional and governmental agencies, have provided financial backing.

TCOM, in my opinion, most definitely is destined to play an important role in the field of osteopathic medicine and education.

(Ed's. Note: Mrs. Kitty Bates, a new addition to the Development and Public Relations office, holds a bachelor's degree from American University, Washington, D.C. where she worked for the Washington Post before moving to Texas.)



OFFICERS — The undergraduate chapter of the American Academy of Applied Osteopathy has elected three TCOM sophomores to serve as officers. They are: (from left) S/D Roger Hamilton, president, Mabank; S/D Peggy Hall, secretary-treasurer, Arlington; and S/D Steven Price, vice president, Abilene.