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TCOM RECEIVES STATE SUPPORT

BASIC SCIENCE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Osteopathic education in Texas reached a new plateau when an agreement between TCOM and North Texas State University, Denton, was signed on February 18 by officials of both institutions.

The one year contract calls for NTSU to provide Basic Science facilities and additional faculty for TCOM freshmen who will be assigned to the Denton campus beginning next September. Upper classmen will remain at the Fort Worth facility.

The contract provides a cooperatively teaching arrangement in which NTSU offers facilities and additional instructors in gross anatomy, microanatomy, neuroanatomy, biochemistry, physiology and immunology.

Announcement of the agreement was made by Dr. Gus Ferre, NTSU vice-president for academic affairs, and Dr. Henry Hardt, dean and chief administrative officer for TCOM.

NTSU President C. C. (Jitter) Nolen praised the cooperative efforts of the NTSU Board of Regents and the TCOM Board of Directors and its Chairman, Dr. George J. Luibel in aiding with the agreement.

"This is just another way in which we intend to provide cooperative service for agencies and persons in the metropolitan area and the state," President Nolen said.

The four-year osteopathic medical program includes two years of clinical science instruction.

TCOM IS HOST TO EDUCATION COUNCIL

The Educational Council of Osteopathic Principles held its mid-winter meeting on January 21, 22 at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth.

Dr. Catherine Carlton, member of TCOM's clinical staff, was program chairman and official representative of the host school.

Representatives of five other osteopathic colleges attended the two day meeting. They included: Drs. Norman Larson and Robert Kapler, CCOM; Dr. Robert Connair, COM, Des Moines; Dr. Andy Berry, MSUCOM; Dr. Ira Rumney, Council Secretary, KCOM; and Drs. Fred Mitchell, Jr., Neil Pruzzo and William Hadcock, KCCOM.

Dr. Pruzzo gave a paper on the "Influence of Respiratory Movement on the Sacrum" and Dr. Mitchell presented a paper on "Technique."

The next meeting of the Educational Council will be in Chicago on April 8.

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Members of the Educational Council of Osteopathic Principles are shown during their mid-winter meeting held at TCOM, Fort Worth. They are: Front row, from left, Drs. Fred Mitchell, Jr., Kansas City; Catherine Carlton, Fort Worth; Norman Larson, Chicago; Irs Rumney, Kirksville; and Richard Baldwin, Kansas City. Second row, from left, Drs. Bill Hadcock, Kansas City; Robert Kapler, Chicago; Andy Berry, Pontiac, Michigan; Robert Connair, Des Moines; and Neil Pruzzo, Kansas City.

Benjamin Franklin said: *"It is not always easy to say the right thing at the right time but it is far more difficult to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."*

Another milestone for osteopathic medicine was passed when the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine received $150,000. financial support from the State of Texas, announced Dean Henry B. Hardt, the school's chief administrative officer.

Dean Hardt and Dr. George J. Luibel, board chairman, signed a contract with the Coordinating Board, College and University System, in Austin on Jan. 24. The Coordinating Board is designated by law as the agency to act as liaison between the State of Texas and TCOM.

This accomplishment, the dean said, greatly enhances the school's permanence and statewide image. State aid, which covers less than one-third of the annual budget, will continue to grow along with TCOM's growth, the dean believes.

The initial funding comes as a result of a bill introduced before the Texas Legislature by Senator Tom Creighton and Rep. Cordell Hull and signed into law by Governor Preston Smith on May 17, 1971.

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First for TCOM – Delightful expressions depict the happy occasion when Dr. George Luibel, center, board chairman, shares a look at a check from the State of Texas with Dean Henry B. Hardt, and Mrs. Dene Wood, secretary to the dean.

FOUNDATION GRANTS GIVE FINANCIAL AID

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine has received $69,371.00 from two Fort Worth foundations, announced Dr. George J. Luibel, board chairman. The gifts were given by the Amon G. Carter and Sid W. Richardson Foundations for operating expenses and capital improvements.

The pharmacology department and the school's library were awarded $44,371.00 by the Richardson Foundation for special lab and audio visual equipment.

The Carter grant of $25,000 will be applied to the college's leasehold expenditures at the Basic Science building, 3516 Camp Bowie Blvd., the chairman said.

A prior grant of $54,000 from the Mabee Foundation, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was received last October. This gift was earmarked for capital improvements in biochemistry and physiology departments. A major part of the grant was used to purchase physiographs.

Oscar Wilde said: *"A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing."*

STUDENTS ADVANCE TO SPRING SEMESTER

Thirty-one student-doctors of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine freshman class completed the Fall Semester and have advanced to the Spring term, reported Dean Henry B. Hardt. One freshman student withdrew, the dean announced.

The entire sophomore class of eighteen students has completed its Fall curriculum and advanced to the second half of the '71-72 program, Dean Hardt said.

The chief administrative officer also announced the addition of a new faculty member, Thomas G. Weilepp, Jr., Ph.D., of Ann Arbor, Michigan who was expected to join the physiology department on Feb. 15 as an assistant professor.

Strictly Speaking . . .

This issue of the TCOM NEWS is a first. It will be published bi-monthly by the Development Department's P.R. section.

Its journalistic style is presented in house organ fashion. The editorial policy is simply to tell the TCOM story . . . "Tell it like it is" will be its primary aim.

Articles will include straight news coverage, student activities, feature stories, editorial comments and readers' critique . . .

The dean, with reference to the institution's growth, has said repeatedly: "No baby is born fully grown." TCOM News, like its parent entity, attests to the same reference. It plans to grow to full maturity.

NEW DIRECTORS of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine are shown with Chairman Dr. George J. Luibel (center) during the Board meeting held on January 15, 16. They are Mrs. Leo Koetting of Amarillo and Mr. Harry Werst of Fort Worth. Another layman, Mr. Eugene de Kieffer of Dallas, was elected to the Board during the meeting.

SOPHOMORE "VOICE"

By Student-doctor Nelda Cunniff

From the student body of TCOM, greetings!

May we take this opportunity to say "thanks" to all who have contributed time, money and good will toward establishing our school.

It's hard to believe, but the first class of TCOM is fast approaching the end of its second year. Sophomores are learning to use "doctor tools," worrying about board exams and looking for summer externships.

Freshmen are asking "Is the second year easier?"

We are growing fast and we invite you to visit and watch us grow.

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Christopher Morley said: *"Thinking tomorrow's thoughts today is a kind of future life."*

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STRONG SUPPORT FROM "TCOM 1000"

The benevolent dollar comes to TCOM from many sources. Yet, a strong supporting force that helps sustain the school's operating budget is called the "TCOM 1000" – a unique group of donors who have given at least $1000 to TCOM.

These members, who currently add up to 110, are referred to as TCOM SUSTAINERS, reports Ray Stokes, director of development. Approximately one third has contributed from $2,000 to $5,000. The group's total giving amounts to more than $165,000.

Two Sustainers, Russell Grace, Fort Worth and Pat Patterson, Kansas City, are laymen, stokes said.

TCOM HISTORY
1970 –

The official anniversary of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine dates from October 1, 1970, when the first class of 20 freshmen students was enrolled.

The college charter, however, was granted in June, 1966. TCOM became a working entity in April, 1969 and was given pre-accreditation in July 1970 by the AOA. Provisional accreditation for 34 freshman students was granted during the school's second year.

TCOM is legally recognized by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System; the Texas Education Agency; and the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The school has privileges, rights, courtesies duly offered to osteopathic and allopathic colleges in the United States.

TCOM is a member of the Texas Anatomical Board, with the right to accept and to use human cadavers for medical training.

The seventh osteopathic college was founded by three Fort Worth doctors after several years of study and preparation in cooperation with the AOA and the TOMA. Both organizations contributed a total of $50,000 for development purposes.

Dr. George J. Luibel, chairman; Dr. Dan D. Beyer, vice-chairman; and Dr. Carl E. Everett, secretary-treasurer, are the original officers of the non-profit corporation.

In 1968 the board of directors was enlarged to seven members. By 1972 directors, including 11 D.O.s and three laymen, numbered 14.

In addition to the three officers, other members, who are elected to three year terms, are: John H. Burnett, D.O., Dallas; Samuel B. Ganz, D.O., Corpus Christi; H. G. Grainger, D.O., Tyler; John L. Witt, D.O., Groom; Glen Kumm, D.O., Aransas Pass; James Fite, D.O., Bonham; Walters R. Russell, D.O., Dallas; Mr. Harry Werst, Fort Worth; Mrs. Leo Koetting, Amarillo; Richard L. Stratton, D.O., Arlington; and Mr. Eugene de Kieffer, Dallas.

Dr. Burnett, chairman of building and grounds committee, was elected to the executive committee when it was increased to four in 1970.

BOOKSTORE TRANSACTION – Registration for the Spring semester included the need for more medical books by these student-doctors, who are members of the Freshman Class. Otto Gutierrez, right, San Antonio, and Allan Kalich, Victoria, make purchases from Mrs. Edna Stokes, office manager and bookstore representative.

Lilly Dache said: *"Glamour is keeping the corners of your mouth turned up and smiling with your eyes."*