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DR. M. E. COY NAMED CHIEF OFFICER

TCOM TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE DURING TOMA CONVENTION

TOMA conventioners will have an opportunity to inspect the facilities of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, during the three day meeting in Fort Worth.

Visitors can determine for themselves the amount of progress the school has achieved in two years of operation. They will be afforded an opportunity to evaluate the physical growth, curriculum, student body and the teaching profession of the college.

These are reflections of the new executive administrative dean, Marion E. Coy, D.O., who himself witnessed the development on prior visits before assuming the responsibilities as chief administrative officer. Dr. Coy performed his first official act as president of AOA when he spoke to the first class of student-doctors and faculty in April, 1971.

TCOM is ahead of its time-table in several ways, according to Director of Development Ray Stokes. "Two main sustaining factors give the college a 'firm foundation' even though we have no immediate plans that include 'brick and mortar,'" Stokes said.

"Financial assistance from the State of Texas for operational purposes and the recent working agreement with North Texas State University are noteworthy examples of TCOM's achievements toward its ultimate goals," he concluded.

An agreement has been signed by both institutions calling for NTSU to furnish basic science facilities and additional faculty to teach the Freshman Class of TCOM on the Denton Campus beginning in September, 1972.

If this program proves satisfactory to both schools, it is the belief of Dr. Henry B. Hardt, dean of the College who in part was responsible for the pact, that the Basic Science curriculum for TCOM will be taught entirely at NTSU, with the clinical curriculum continuing at the college's present location.

During the Open House on Friday, May 12, the Student-Wives Auxiliary will act as official hostesses.

A meeting of the TCOM Sustainers (TCOM 1000) will be held during the latter part of the special occasion honoring delegates and visitors to the State convention.



IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE - The "show-off" during a student-body picnic is Student-doctor Welford E. (Gene) Bond, TCOM sophomore. Admiring his "T" shirt are, (left) Mrs. Shelley Howell and his wife, Michelle. Mrs. Howell (Sharon) is president of the Student Wives Auxiliary. P. S. Gene is looking for someone to buy the franchise for his new "line."

DR. WOLFE SPEAKS TO BASIC SCIENCE FACULTY OF NTSU AND TCOM

A. Hollis Wolfe, D.O., F.A.A.O., Colorado Springs, Colo., was the featured speaker during a reception-dinner meeting honoring faculty members of the basic science department, North Texas State University.

Catherine Carlton, D.O., F.A.A.O., chairman of the department of osteopathic theory and technique which sponsored the meeting between the two institutions, was in charge of the program.

Dr. Wolfe spoke on the subject of the osteopathic approach to medicine, the philosophy and scientific principles involved.

Purpose of the meeting was to acquaint both faculties with each other and to introduce the NTSU faculty with the tenets of osteopathy.

NEW EXECUTIVE DEAN HAS ASSUMED DUTIES

*Dr. Henry B. Hardt
Named College Dean*

Dr. Marion E. Coy, president of the American Osteopathic Association, has been named executive administrative dean of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The announcement was made by Dr. George J. Luibel, chairman of the school's board of directors.

Dr. Luibel also said that Dr. Henry B. Hardt, who has been acting chief administrative officer of the college, was named dean of the college during a recent board meeting.

Dr. Hardt, appointed associate dean in October, 1969, and elevated to dean when the college opened in October, 1970, will be responsible for the school's basic science curriculum, faculty



Dr. Coy speaks to TCOM faculty.

and student services.

Dr. Coy, a general practitioner and anesthesiologist in Jackson, Tennessee since 1938, will divide his time between AOA and TCOM duties until his present term of office expires in July. He will assume fulltime administrative duties on August 1, the chairman said.

The new dean has been a member of the National Board for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons for 18 years, serving as vice-president of that group for eight years. He is also an active member of the American Academy of Osteopathy.

Dr. Coy was born in Mattoon, Ill., on April 8, 1910. He was graduated from the Springfield (Ill.) High School in 1928, and received his B.S. degree from Eureka (Ill.) College in 1932.

He earned his D.O. degree at Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery in 1938, then interned at KCOS and at Laughlin hospitals in Kirksville.

The Tennessee G.P. has been active in community and military affairs, serving as president of the Madison County (Tenn.) Heart Association, president of the local Exchange Club and district commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary for six terms. He is presently assistant chief of the Madison County Civil Defense rescue division and custodian of a 200-bed civil defense hospital.

Dr. Coy served two terms as president of the Tennessee Osteopathic Association and 25 years as secretary of the state board of osteopathic examiners.

Dr. Coy's wife, Martha, is also active in community and osteopathic affairs. She is the immediate past-president of the Auxiliary to the AOA.

The Coys have three children, a married son, Philip; a married daughter, Mrs. Bob J. Martin; and a 17-year old daughter, Rene Ann.

"We never reach a solution: we only come to a conclusion that this solution is better than any other" . . .

Dr. Norman Hackerman

Strictly Speaking . . .

Notice of financial help from the State of Texas appeared in the first issue of TCOM News. This was such good news that it appeared as the lead story.

There was one word, however, that drew particular attention. That word was "support."

Possibly it's just a matter of semantics but it seems — after close examination of the word — that the wrong word was used. The word might have been "assistance."

"Support" has more depth and wider concept than "assistance." If in doubt, just ask any parent, who supports a child until that offspring reaches a decision to become self sustaining. The parent usually stops "support" but occasional "assistance" is often required by the child.

TCOM, on the threshold of becoming a great osteopathic medical school, is eligible and deserving — not only of State assistance but entitled to State support . . .

In the interim between "assistance" and "support", the college is deserving of both means from the osteopathic profession in Texas . . . Regardless of how the reader defines the term, continued financial aid is a factor that must be reckoned with. "Support" or "assistance" is your choice . . . but please make one!



FIRST VISIT — These young visitors to the campus got their first glimpse at medical education when their mothers stopped by enroute for "check-ups." Baby Hudson, left, and Baby Gutierrez both "discovered America" during their fathers' freshman year.

"Truth changes in the light of new understanding."

Dr. Norman Hackerman

BUSINESS OF PRACTICE SEMINARS AT TCOM

A series of six seminars on the "Business of Practice" was attended by Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine faculty, staff, student-doctors and wives during weekly sessions which ended in mid-April. The meetings were sponsored by a group of professional consultants under the direction of Dr. T. Robert Sharp, president, American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.

Those participating in the program — designed to assist the doctor with personal affairs — were: Eugene de Kieffer, vice president and trust officer, Exchange Bank and Trust Company, Dallas; John Garvey, C.P.A., Richardson, Texas; Jerry Hobbs, C.L.U., and Gordon Van Goys, Hobbs-Van Goys and Associates, Dallas. Mr. de Kieffer is a member of the TCOM board of directors.

Topics discussed included Locations, Practice Types, Economic Considerations, Office Protections and Office Procedure.

COORDINATING BOARD DELAYS APPROVAL OF TCOM'S REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN OPERATING FUNDS

The Coordinating Board has delayed action to recommend a request from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine for \$929,840 from the State of Texas until it holds a special meeting set for June 9.

Immediately before delaying the decision, the Coordinating Board voted unanimously to recommend \$5,500,000 for Baylor Medical School, the only other private medical school in the state. These were the only requests on the agenda for an increase in funding.

Members of the osteopathic profession present during the hearing were puzzled as to why the board would approve one medical school's request and not endorse the request of the other, since both were recommended by the board's staff.

Decision to review the TCOM proposal at the call-meeting came after a motion to table the TCOM proposal until the next regular meeting in July. However, at the suggestion of the chairman, the motion was withdrawn when the special meeting was announced.

A second on-site inspection of TCOM facilities prior to the June meeting has been set for the latter part of May, announced the Coordinating Board's chairman.

The TCOM request for financial support is based on 80 Texas resident-students at an average cost of \$11,623 for annual state tax support for undergraduate medical students enrolled in Texas schools.

Action to recommend Baylor Medical School's increase of funds was decided without debate. The Houston based school was funded \$2,500,000 by the Legislature during the first half of the current biennium. TCOM was funded \$150,000, about one-seventh, during the same period.

The June 9 hearing before the Coordinating Board will enable TCOM to qualify for endorsement from the board before the special session. The ultimate decision, however, will be made by the Legislature. It will, therefore, behoove the Texas D.O. profession to acquaint their legislators now with the facts about TCOM's financial request for increased funding.

A good diplomat is one who can keep his shirt on while getting something off his chest.

SOPHOMORE "VOICE"

By Student-doctor Nelda Cunniff

TCOM Sophs are moving right along with world and national events. About the time President Nixon was engaged in diplomatic chores in China, our class prexy, Jobey Claborn, was in Chicago representing our chapter of SOMA at HEW's National Student Interdisciplinary Health Convention.

He, too, was involved in diplomatic interchange as he fulfilled his assignment to explain osteopathic medical education and the role of the osteopathic physician in providing health care. While most of those who inquired about the profession had had little acquaintance with it, Jobey felt that they were open-minded and receptive.

He was elected as SOMA's representative on the Planning Commission — National Health Manpower Conference.

In line with the busing issue, TCOM will also be involved this summer as the Sophs travel to Terrell State Hospital for 6-week psychiatric clerkships. This promises to be an exceptional opportunity for us.

Other arrangements for clerkships and externships for individual class members are being made with Bethesda Naval Hospital and Brooke General Army Hospital courtesy of Uncle Sam; Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital; Mid-Cities Hospital, Arlington; East Town Hospital, Dallas; Hillcrest Hospital, Oklahoma City.