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vice-president for medical affairs; DR. WAYNE ENGLISH, rehabilitation medicine chairman; and DR. JOHN KEMPLIN, radiology chairman attended the Texas Osteopathic Medical Assn. governmental relations seminar Jan. 23-25 in Austin.

NEW EMPLOYEES; LINDA CHENG and JUDY HILL, accounting; RICK HOTHMAN, audio visual; Melinda Roenn, student services; and DR. GARY HAROLD WIMBISH, clinical chemist in pathology.

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## Public Health Seminar set next week

In addition to a TCOM faculty member participating in the Public Health Seminar Feb. 14 and 15 in Dallas, TCOM will have a hospitality suite and the Friends of TCOM will host a cash bar reception.

Sponsored by the Texas Osteopathic Medical Assn. and the Texas Department of Health Resources, the annual seminar will be held at the Dallas Statler-Hilton.

Dr. John H. Harakal, chairman of the department of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practices, will be one of four doctors participating in the seminar sessions. Dr. Harakal's topics will be "It hurts too much to pop it", "My neck hurts", and "My back feels better after you treat me, but it gets bad again."

The cash bar reception is planned from 5-6:30 p.m., Feb. 14, immediately following the final session for the day, according to Dr. Thomas Whittle, acting chairman of the Friends of TCOM. A special feature at the reception will be exhibits of the artist's conception of the proposed TCOM campus.

Location of the hospitality suite and reception were not available at press time. Check the seminar registration desk for the location.

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## Early Drug offers discount

Would you like a 10 per cent discount on drugs? If so, Early Drug at 3201 W. 7th has a discount program for persons with a TCOM identification card. Early Drug is offering a 10 per cent discount on all items in the their store except tobacco. Expiration date on the program is May 31, 1976. Be sure to show you ID card for a discount.

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## SWA to sell roses

Even though it will be a day early, surprise your valentine with a rose when you go home Friday, Feb. 13.

TCOM's Students' Wives Auxiliary will be selling roses beginning at noon in the TCOM lobby and the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital lobby. Roses will be \$1 each or \$10 per dozen, according to Ellen Brien, rose sale chairman. No advance orders will be taken except for a dozen roses. To order a dozen roses contact Mrs. Brien, wife of third-year student James Brien.

Proceeds from the sale will be divided between the SWA Student Scholarship Fund and the Osteopathic Progress Fund.

## Open records laws protect students

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following article is reprinted in part from the January 30 issue of *Update*, fortnightly publication of North Texas State University.

Over a year has passed since the Texas Legislature and the U.S. Congress passed the Texas Open Records Law and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, respectively. Feelings of University personnel are so multi-faceted in regard to the two laws as opinion across the nation has become about the economy.

University Custodian of Public Records C. J. Taylor is concerned about "misinformation" which seems to be circulating. One misleading rumor is that schools no longer are allowed to post grades. "You can post grades as long as you don't identify the students by name," Taylor says. "Both the state and federal laws are designed to make

student records private, not public, information. But neither state or federal law prohibits releasing student records to parents, employers, or any other person with the written consent of the student. Written consent is the key to both state and federal law."

Student records (which include transcripts, letters of recommendation, SAT or ACT scores and other items) are kept in the Registrar's Office.

"When the law was first passed, two or three students a week came in," Registrar John Brown recalls. "Now I can't remember the last time someone came in." Most students, he adds, are more interested in the information contained on their permanent record card (to which they always have had access).

He goes on to say that the most "hassle the office has is with parents who want to see their children's grades.

"They don't get them. We ask for the student's permanent address and that's where we send the grades. If a student lists his parents home as his permanent address on his information card (filled out during registration), then that's where the grades go," Brown explains. "But they are addressed to the student."

Although the laws were enacted to provide students and parents greater access to their educational records, records of students over 18 years of age are controlled by the student.

"College students have control over their records," Brown says. "For a parent to get control of the records, he (the parent) would have to certify that the student is included as a legal dependent on the parents' federal income tax."

Although the laws necessitate more paperwork (especially in the Registrar's Office), Brown says NTSU was doing many things the laws called for before the laws were passed.

"We were in the business of protecting students' records long before these laws came about," he comments.

Taylor, on the other hand, feels that most universities were neglecting the rights and privacy entitled to each student and that the laws were necessary. "And," he adds, "they (the students) were not seeing their records before the laws were enacted."

How does TCOM's admissions and registrar's office handle the question of releasing information about student

records? Earlene McElroy, acting director of admissions and registrar, said her office doesn't release anything without the written consent of the student. "We don't release any grades except to the student or someone who has obtained written consent of the student. Sometimes a wife comes in wanting to get her husband's grades and my first inclination is to release them. But you can't bend the rules. I prefer following the rules to the measure," she said.

## NTSU hosts two lectures

North Texas State University will host two national figures in separate lectures during February.

Speaking on Feb. 10 will be Martin Luther King, Sr. and on Feb. 18 will be Sam Ervin.

King, father of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., will speak at 8 p.m. in the Main Auditorium.

Ervin, former senator from North Carolina and head of the Senate Investigating Committee which looked into Watergate happenings, will also speak at 8 p.m. in the Main Auditorium.

Tickets for both lectures are general public, \$2; NTSU faculty and staff, \$1.50; and NTSU students, \$1. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information contact the NTSU Student Activities Union at 788-2611.

## People, places, things

DR. LEE J. WALKER, chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology, and DR. ROY L. FISCHER, clinical associate professor of OB-GYN will participate in the annual convention of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists Feb. 17-20 in Dallas. DR. WALKER is program chairman for the convention and will present the ACOOG Award. DR. FISCHER will participate in a panel discussion on infertility. TCOM will have a display booth set up in the exhibits area of the ACOOG meeting.

DR. STEVAN CORDAS, associate professor of medicine, had an article entitled "Petrochemical Sensitivity" published in the January issue of *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Assn.* DR. RALPH WILLARD, dean; DR. MARGARET DENNIS, consultant to the