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titled "Clinical Ecology and Its Role in Preventing Disease" published in the February issue of *Osteopathic Annals*...DR. ROBERT KAMAN, assistant professor of biochemistry; DR. ANDRAS LACKO, associate professor of biochemistry; and DR. MICHAEL EMMETT-OGLESBY, assistant professor of pharmacology, will attend the annual Research Conference of the American Osteopathic Assn. Bureau of Research March 12-13 in Chicago...DR. DAVID BEYER, clinical assistant professor of general practice, will serve as chairman of a seminar on Office Dermatology from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital. All faculty and students are welcome...DR. WARREN ANDERSON, assistant to the dean, attended the Congress on Medical Education Jan. 30-31 in Chicago...VERLIE MCALISTER, coordinator of public information, attended the regional conference of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education March 22-25 in Houston.

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Sustainers honor Dr. Willard

The TCOM Sustainers were there; others in the osteopathic medical profession joined the festivities; TCOM and NTSU administrators also were there, along with Fort Worth city officials and state legislators. All were at the Shady Oaks Country Club Feb. 21 to pay tribute to the man who is guiding TCOM through one of the most important times in its short history -- its infancy as a state institution.

The man some 200 gathered to honor that evening in Fort Worth is Dr. Ralph L. Willard, dean of the medical school since Dec. 1.

Officially billed as the annual sustainers dinner, the affair brought tributes to the Sustainers and the other driving forces behind TCOM during its years as a private college.

In introducing Dr. T. Robert Sharp, who spoke on behalf of the Sustainers that evening, President C.C. Nolen called him "Mr. Dr. General Practice in this part of the country."

Dr. Sharp recalled for the audience the early years of attempting to establish an osteopathic medical school in Texas. "This group (the Sustainers) started with a show of hands and has gone on to pledge over \$900,000. The members of the group are personally responsible for almost one-half million dollars."

Calling the Sustainers a "growing, viable and interested organization," Dr. Sharp noted that the group was "134 strong and we're just starting."

In response to tributes from his fellow medical doctors and college and university administrators, Dr. Willard responded by paying tribute himself to the Sustainers. "All my life I have admired people who took on impossible dreams -- and if you are associated with osteopathic medicine you know what I mean," he told the audience.

President Nolen, who was master of ceremonies for the evening, noted that "we (TCOM) are in Fort Worth to stay and we have much to do to enhance the programs of the medical school. We plan to make this the strongest college of osteopathic medicine in the country -- and it won't take us long."



Spring Break begins March 12

For TCOM students the long awaited Spring Break is just around the corner. This year's break will begin at the end of classes Friday, March 12 and will end when classes resume Monday, March 22.

All offices will be open during the students' Spring Break.

Regents OK seventh floor plans

The North Texas State University Board of Regents, TCOM's governing body, granted approval Feb. 27 at its regular meeting for the architectural firm of Fisher and Spillman of Dallas to draw plans for the seventh floor and shell of the eight floor of Medical Education Building I.

"The cost estimate we have from Fisher and Spillman indicates we will be able to add the seventh floor," Dr. Gustave Ferre, vice-president for medical affairs, ad interim, told the regents. Original plans for the \$12.8 million construction called for six floors.

In other business the regents also approved an Advisory Council to the Dean. Members of the Council are Dr. Roy B. Fisher, chairman of the Board of Directors of Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital; Claude Rainey, executive vice-president of FWOH, Jay E. Sandelin,

vice-president of marketing sales and service of Fort Worth National Bank; Harry K. Werst, chairman of the board of Dickies Industrial Service and vice-president of Williamson-Dickie Mfg. Co.; J. B. Floyd, owner and operator of Schmitz-Floyd-Hamlett Funeral Home in Denton; Wayne O. Stockseth, a Corpus Christi businessman; Dr. Michael Calabrese of El Paso, president of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Assn. (TOMA); and Dr. David Armbruster of Pearland, president-elect of TOMA.

Faculty positions in seven clinical science departments, two administrative positions and seven clerical positions were also approved by the regents.

Administrative positions approved are an associate dean and administrative assistant in the dean's office.

Faculty positions approved are: general practice, professor and chairman, professor, associate professor, assistant professor; internal medicine, professor and chairman, professor, associate or assistant professor; surgery, professor and chairman, professor, associate or assistant professor; obstetrics, associate or assistant professor; clinical practice, professor; pediatrics, professor and chairman, professor, associate or assistant professor; osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice, assistant professor.

Clerical positions approved include an insurance clerk, senior clerk, and secretaries in internal medicine, surgery, general family practice, clinical practice and obstetrics.

Mid-term reports due March 8

Mid-term reports on TCOM students are due in the Registrar's Office by 5 p.m., Monday, March 8, according to Earlene McElroy, acting director of admissions and registrar.

Mrs. McElroy said grade forms have been mailed to professors. After receiving the reports, the registrar's office will notify students and the dean's office of any courses students are failing as of mid-term.

NTSU hosts NCAA tourney

If you are an avid basketball fan, you won't want to miss the NCAA first round regional tournament set for March 13 at the North Texas State University Coliseum.

Featured in the tournament will be champions from the Missouri Valley Conference and Southwest Conference and two at-large teams. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from the NTSU Athletic Ticket Office, 788-2202.

Starting times and conference schools participating in the tournament were not available at press time.

See Olympics at reduced rates

Even though the ABC Television Network has not begun advertising it yet, "the next scheduled meeting of the world" is set for July 16-Aug. 1 in Montreal, Canada.

A program offering reduced travel rates is being co-sponsored by the U.S. Olympic Committee, the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (AAHPER) and the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAAW). The program is open to interested persons through the women's faculties of physical education departments of U.S. colleges and universities choosing to promote the U.S. Olympic Committee's program.

Joyce Lauflin, NTSU HPER graduate assistant and Olympic coordinator, says that the program includes three packages: (1) Youth Hostel, \$193-\$386, (2) Economy, \$197-\$548 and (3) Moderate, \$318-\$1,098. Price variations depend on the number of days an individual wishes to stay, the accommodations, extra frills and whether a private room or roommates is preferred. All packages include travel, rooms and tickets to the games.

Reservations must be made with a deposit of 20 per cent of the total package price by April 1. The balance must be paid by July 1.

For information and reservations, contact Ms. Lauflin at ext. 2167.

People, places, things

DRS. JOHN HAKAKAL, EDMUND T. TYSKA and HENRY I. BENNER, all of the department of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practices, attended the Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles Feb. 6-7 in Lansing, Mich... DR. STEVAN CORDAS, clinical assistant professor of medicine, had an article