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MOBILE CLINIC NOW SERVES COMMUNITY

TCOM ACCREDITED BY STATE MEDICAL BOARD

Another move toward full accreditation was made December 4 in Austin when the Texas Board of Medical Examiners voted unanimously "to accept students and graduates of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine for examination toward licensure," reports Dr. L. G. Ballard, a board member from Granbury.

The board's decision will enable TCOM's first graduates to take state examinations in July, Dr. Ballard said.

In responding to the resolution, Dr. M. E. Coy, TCOM president, said, "This is something we've been anticipating. We have just reached a point in our development where we can be accredited. We're very happy about it."

A team of eight members of the medical examiners board inspected the college on November 9 during which they gave a vote of confidence to the school's administration. The members present were favorably impressed with the facilities and personnel, Dr. Ballard said.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT APPOINTED

Mr. G. A. (Jack) Robason, former special assistant to the vice-president, fiscal affairs at North Texas State University has been named special assistant to the president at TCOM. He replaces the late Eugene de Kieffer who died in September.

He also will head the personnel department, announced Dr. M. E. Coy, president.

Robason, who earned his bachelor and master's degrees at East Texas State University, taught accounting at NTSU for 17 years. At one time he was acting comptroller there.

Prior to joining TCOM in a full time capacity, he was liaison officer between the two institutions.

Robason is married and has three children; Randy, 20, a senior at UT Austin; Brad, 14, and Lou Ann, 13. His wife is a registered nurse.

NOTABLES

S/D Richard HOCHBERGER, advertising manager of the '74 SPECULUM, reports that more than 20 pages of ADS have been committed from pharmaceutical firms and friends . . . Dr. H. George GRAINGER, TCOM board member, was honored by the American Academy of Applied Osteopathy when the academy dedicated its current YEARBOOK to the Tyler physician . . . Dr. Henry B. HARDT, vice-president, and son, Dr. David Hardt of Waco, "landed" a 48 lb. CATFISH during a fishing trip to Lake Belton . . . Mrs. Joan SWAIM, TCOM librarian, is a CHARTER member of the Metroplex Council of Health Science Librarians . . . Lt. Gov. Bill HOBBY warned college officials of the energy crisis impact during a November meeting of the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, which was attended by Mr. Marvin HERRING, director of admissions and registrar. Mr. Herring states that 444 APPLICATIONS for admission to the class of '78 had been received on December 1 . . . Dr. Irvin KORR, distinguished professor of PHYSIOLOGY at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, was a December visitor to the Denton campus, where he gave special lectures to the basic science faculty and to the FRESHMAN class . . . November (Scorpio) BABIES arrived at the homes of Janet and S/D Jobey CLABORN and Kay and S/D Ron SHERBERT. Welcome to our world . . . One hundred and three pints of blood were donated during one day blood BANK, sponsored jointly by the FRESHMAN class and Chambers of Commerce of SANGER and PILOT POINT, nearby communities to the NTSU campus.

FREE HEALTH CARE OFFERED TO INDIGENTS

OUTPATIENT CLINIC MEETS A GROWING NEED

TCOM clinics went mobile in November with the introduction of a 27-ft. Winnebago fully equpped as a medical unit.

The unit, bought and equipped by the Community Action Agency, is staffed by third- and fourth-year students and by students from Harris College of Nursing. The student-doctors work under the supervision of Dr. Virginia Ellis, Associate Director of Clinics, and other osteopathic physicians. Among the participating doctors are: Drs. V. L. Jennings, Howard Jungman, Don Peterson, Ernest Phillips and Ruth Carter.

The mobile clinic was put into service November 12 at a Fort Worth multi-purpose community center on the east side. Following an hour-long open house, the clinic opened for service with its first patient already waiting. Seven other people had made appointments through the CAA for the first day.

A JOINT SERVICE – Mr. Ollie Reed, extreme right, Community Action Agency board chairman and Mrs. J. P. Zapeda, board member, inspect the mobile unit with Dr. Edward T. Newell, TCOM vice president of academic affairs, and fourth year student doctor Nelda Cunniff.

Goals of the unit are to provide prenatal care, to perform preschool examinations and to provide on-going care for geriatric patients. After a month's service Dr. Ellis explained, "The predominance of our patients have been geriatric who have been thrilled with the service. We have also been doing sickle cell testing."

The clinic currently is in operation three afternoons a week.

The Rosedale Outpatient Clinic, which is open daily from 1-5 p. m., has treated 381 patients since its July 1 opening. Several area physicians have helped Dr. William Griffith, Associate Director of Clinics, in manning the facility and providing support for the student-doctors. They are: Drs. Richard Anderson, William Baker, Edmund Tyska, Don Peterson, Jack Rice and Hartley Polasky.

Dr. Virginia Ellis also commended Dr. Polasky and Drs. Wallace Ingram, W. T. Giles and Constance Jenkins for their help with the M. G. Ellis Headstart Center Clinic, which is also used as a teaching facility.

INNOVATIVE method of health care is the topic of discussion between Dr. Newell and Dr. Virginia Ellis, associate director of clinics, while S/D Nelda Cunniff listens.