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Justin Clinic opens today

TCOM is reaching into the area town of Justin and opening the college's first rural clinic today. Located 27 miles north of Fort Worth, the Justin Clinic is the first TCOM clinic to be opened outside the City of Fort Worth and is the beginning of a rural clinic program for the college. The clinic will serve approximately a 250 square mile area and provide the community with five-day-a-week coverage for its medical needs.

Located at 310 Second St., the new clinic will be open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

In announcing the new clinic, Dr. Ralph L. Willard, dean, said that TCOM is committed to assisting in improving the health care in the State of Texas and influencing the distribution of physicians in Texas.

The clinic will be supervised by TCOM faculty who are also licensed osteopathic physicians. An average of three student-doctors at a time will deliver health care under the supervision of the faculty. The staff will include a licensed vocational nurse, business manager and secretary.

According to Louis Tate, pharmacist, it has been six years since Justin has had a fulltime physician. "The clinic was built by a corporation several years ago, but we have not been able to get a doctor out here fulltime," he said. "We are really in need of medical attention out here and are looking forward to having TCOM here."

TCOM's newest clinic will have three treatment rooms, a waiting room, business office, laboratory and physician's office.

"We are really elated about the clinic and feel you (TCOM) can offer us some good service here," Newton Knox, president of the Justin Clinic Corporation, said. "The equipment you are bringing in will be available to the community and will be a real asset. We are looking forward to the clinic."

The physician in charge of the Justin

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Clinic will be Dr. James McLaughlin of Grand Prairie, an instructor of general and family practice. He joined the TCOM faculty at the start of the current academic year. Staffing the clinic with Dr. McLaughlin will be Vivian Cockburn, LVN; Jo Ellen Ball, business manager; and Peggy Hatfield, secretary.

Blood Drive set for Oct. 12

Don't waste any time -- mark Oct. 12 on your calendar today. Why should you remember Oct. 12? It is the day that Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital and TCOM have designated as Blood Donor Day. By donating one pint of blood on Oct. 12, you automatically become a member of the FWOH-TCOM Blood Reserve Fund at Carter Blood Center which insures you and members of your immediate family of always having blood available during the next year whenever the need might arise.

Carter Blood Center will be set up in the East-West Meeting Rooms of FWOH from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. It only takes about 20 minutes to give the "Gift of Life", so plan to participate in this annual event.

A goal of 150 pints of blood has been set for this year's drive. TCOM hopes to collect 50 pints. Last year only 20 pints of blood were donated by TCOM personnel. All total last year, 192 pints were donated.

Donors do not have to make any special preparations before donating blood. But, representatives of Carter Blood Center advise that you eat a light meal or snack about 30 minutes prior to donating blood. This is not necessary, but they have found it can help lessen any possible after effects.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 65 inclusive, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health, you are eligible to give blood.

Persons who have had hepatitis, thrombophlebitis, malaria and syphilis cannot give blood.

Half the population of the United States is eligible to give blood, but only three per cent do give. If all the eligible persons would give blood just once in 16 years, it would cover all this country's foreseeable needs, according to information from Carter Blood Center.

In the United States, 10 pints of blood are used every minute and 16,000 per day. In Fort Worth alone, 125 pints of blood are used per day, 875 pints per week and 3,500 pints per month. Don't forget to mark Oct. 12 on your calendar and go by FWOH East-West Meeting Rooms to donate blood.

OPP&P schedules seminar

The TCOM Department of Osteopathic Philosophy, Principles and Practice will host a post graduate clinical symposium Oct. 16. Faculty members for the one-day seminar will be Dr. Henry I. Benner of Hurst, associate professor of OPP&P; Dr. Catherine Carlton of Fort Worth, clinical professor of OPP&P; Dr. T. Eugene Zachary of Richardson, clinical assistant professor of general and family practice; and Dr. William Ellis of Arlington. Dr. John H. Harakal, chairman of the Department of Osteopathic Philosophy, Principles and Practice, will welcome the seminar participants.

The seminar is designed to introduce techniques which have been especially valuable to the instructor and to allow time for individual proficiency in each technique. Among the areas to be covered are upper and lower thoracic somatic dysfunction, foot techniques, lumbar area, sacrum-pelvis and cranio-cervical area. Seven hours of Category I Continuing Medical Education credit have been applied for.

The seminar will be held from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the TCOM Annex, 3120 W. 7th. Registration is \$35 for physicians and \$3.50 for TCOM senior student-doctors. For more information contact the Department of Osteopathic Philosophy, Principles and Practice.

UW campaign underway

TCOM's participation in the 1976 United Way campaign is underway, according to Ray Stokes, TCOM United Way chairman. Stokes said TCOM's goal for the year is \$1,000. "The TCOM campaign, which will last through one pay day, is intended to include all employees. It is our desire to give everyone a chance to participate willingly. Please remember that the United Way works thanks to you," Stokes said. TCOM's campaign will continue through Oct. 8.

Dateline schedule set

A fall publication schedule for Dateline, TCOM's faculty/staff newsletter, has been established for persons interested in submitting information for stories. Issues will be published Oct. 15 and 29, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. No Dateline will be published on Nov. 26 and Dec. 24 because of the Thanksgiving and