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Gov. Briscoe to attend groundbreaking ceremony

Construction on TCOM's first new building, Medical Education Building I will begin at 3 p.m., Nov. 15, when Gov. Dolph Briscoe turns the first shovel of dirt during the official ground breaking. Representing the family care aspect of osteopathic medicine, the Rev. and Mrs. Rae Thompson of Justin and their 6-year-old son Tyler will assist the governor in turning the soil.

The shovel used by Gov. Briscoe will be identified with a plaque commemorating the groundbreaking for Medical Education Building I and will be used at each groundbreaking TCOM has.

Dr. Ralph L. Willard, dean, said all TCOM classes will be dismissed at noon the day of groundbreaking to allow faculty, students and employes the opportunity to attend the ceremony. The clinics will close from 2-4 p.m. to enable clinic personnel to attend the program.

Location for the groundbreaking ceremony will be northwest of the TCOM Administration Building at the corner of Montgomery and Mattison Streets.

Joining Gov. Briscoe on the platform will be C. C. Nolen, president; Dr. Willard; A.M. Willis, Jr., chairman of the North Texas State University Board of Regents; Harry Werst, Dean's Advisory Council; Ron Jackson, Student Council president; and Dr. Richard Millsap, pastor of Central United Methodist Church.

Immediately following the ceremony the Students' Wives Auxiliary will host a reception in the lobby of the Administration Building. Each person attending the historic ceremony will receive a memento of the day's event. The memento will be ceramic coasters imprinted with the TCOM logo and information about groundbreaking.

Medical Education Building I will be an eight floor 230,000 square foot clinical science building. Housed in the structure will be a 250-seat auditorium, student center, outpatient clinic with 30 examining rooms, library and media center, 11 clinical science departments, one basic health science department and administrative offices. The exterior will be cast stone finish with bronze solar glass.

General contractor for the building will be the Frank J. Rooney Construction Company of Miami, Fla. Architects for the building are Fisher & Spillman of Dallas. Construction will begin during November with a projected completion date of July 1979.

Willard gets additional title, duties

The appointment of three vice presidents and the realignment of some top administrative responsibilities have been announced by North Texas State University President C.C. Nolen.

Effective Nov. 15, Dr. Marvin Berkeley, dean of the College of Business Administration, will become vice president for administative affairs, ad interim; Dr. Roy K. Busby, assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Regents, will assume responsibilities as vice president for university relations; and Dr. Ralph Willard, dean of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, will have the additional title of acting vice president for medical affairs.

The appointments, which are subject to approval of the NTSU Board of Regents, were made "in an effort to improve the flow of communication, clarify areas of administrative responsibility, simplify the delegation of authority and more clearly identify administrative control," President Nolen said.

Dr. Willard, dean of TCOM since fall 1975, will have the additional title of acting vice president for medical affairs and will remain the chief operatin officer for TCOM.

Before joining the Fort Worth medical school, Dr. Willard served as associate dean of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Berkeley, former director of public affairs at Texas Instruments and a past president of the Dallas School Board, has been dean of the College of Business Administration since January 1973. In his new role, he will be responsible for the Physical Plant; Police Department; and the Office of Facilities, Construction and Maintenance; University Planning and Analysis; University Legal Advisor; and Equal Opportunity.

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Noting that Dr. Berkeley had agreed to serve as vice president on an ad interim basis through May 1977, President Nolen said that a continuing evaluation will be made of the organizational relationships and the various assignments in the central administration during the interim period.

Dr. Berkeley will continue as dean of the College of Business Adminstration, with Dr. Henry Hayes serving as administrative dean, responsible for the day-to-day activities of the college.

Dr. Busby, as vice president for university relations, will be responsible for the Public Information Office, Development Office and Intercollegiate Athletics, offices which heretofore have been directly responsible to the president.

A former director of the Public Information Office, Dr. Busby has been assistant to the president since May 1973 and was elected secretary of the Board of Regents last February. He also is an assistant professor of journalism.

The three newly appointed vice presidents will join Vice President for Academic Affairs Miles Anderson, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs John Carter and Vice President for Student Affairs Jane Smith in comprising the NTSU President's Cabinet.

Dr. Kaman researches effect of exercise on enzymes

Does chronic exercise have any effect on the serum enzymes in a person's body? This is what Dr. Robert Kaman, assistant professor of biochemistry, and Dr. Robert Patton of the North Texas State University physical education faculty, are attempting to determine.

"We are experimenting to determine the elevation of various types of enzymes found in a person's system depending on the amount of exercise and stress exerted by the individual," Dr. Kaman said. Supported by the TCOM Faculty Research Fund, the study was begun after finding high contents of the enzyme creatine phosphokinase (CPK) in the blood stream following extensive exercise.

Twenty-five male volunteers, 10 in a control group and 15 in a test group, are participating in the program which is being done in conjunction with the Institute of Aerobic Research in Dallas. "The 15 volunteers in the experimental program are doubling the miles they run while the control group continues at their regular pace. Blood analysis is done on each group to detail the changes in enzyme patterns following their exercise period. The enzymes found will then be compared to the enzymes present following a heart attack. We have found that the same enzymes are evident following exercise and heart attacks," Dr. Dr. Kaman said.

Among the 10 control members are five TCOM and NTSU faculty and staff. TCOM personnel are Dr. John Gaugle, associate professor of physiology, Dr. Myron Jacobson, adjunct assistant professor of biochemistry, and Dr. Kaman. Representatives from NTSU are Dr. Dale Odom, history; and Dr. Roger Dunham, personnel.

The reserach program began Sept. 20 and will continue until Nov. 29.

Thanksgiving holidays set

TCOM will observe Thanksgiving with holidays scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26. All offices will be closed and classes wil be dismissed both days. The Medical Library and outpatient clinics will also close Thursday and Friday.

AOA meeting opens Nov. 14

The American Osteopathic Association's 81st annual convention and scientific seminar will convene Nov. 14 in San Francisco and continue through Nov. 18 in the Civic Auditorium.

Among the various events scheduled for the week-long event will be meetings of the alumni associations of the colleges of osteopathic medicine. The TCOM Alumni Association will hold its first meeting at an AOA convention with a luncheon scheduled for Nov. 15, according to Dr. Shelley Howell of Temple, Alumni Association president. Approximately 18 members of 91-member association are expected to attend. Representing Dr. Ralph L. Willard, acting vice-president for medical affairs and dean, at the noon meeting will be Dr. Marion E. Coy, professor of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice. Dr. Willard will be in Fort Worth during the alumni meeting attending groundbreaking ceremonies for Medical Education Building I.

Other TCOM faculty and staff planning to attend the AOA meeting are Dr. Raymond Conn, clinical professor of psychiatry; Dr. Paul Q. Proffitt, assistant professor of general and family practice; Dr. Edmund Tyska, associate professor of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice; Dr. John H. Harakal, chairman of the Department of Osteopathic Philosophy, Principles and Practice; Dr. Wayne English, chairman of the Department of Rehabilatative Medicine and Ray Stokes, director of development and alumni affairs.

During the San Francisco meeting, Dr. Conn will also attend the convention of the American College of Neuro-psychiatrists (ACN) and will speak to the Auxiliary to the ACN on "What Does Your Husband Do When He Goes to the Office?"

1977 yearbooks now on sale

The 1977 Speculum, TCOM's yearbook, is now on sale, according to Dale Chisum, editor. The fourth edition of the yearbook sells for $12.50 through Dec. 1 and $17.50 thereafter. Persons interested in ordering a copy of the yearbook, should contact Chisum, Ashley Classen, business manager; or the TCOM Public Information Office. The 1977 Speculum will be distributed next September, Chisum said.

People, places, things

DRS. EDMUND TYSKA, associate professor of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice; STEVAN CORDAS, clinical associate professor of medicine; and ARTHUR KRATZ, clinical assistant professor of general and family practice, will serve as faculty members for an allergy symposia Dec. 12-19 during a Caribbean cruise. The seminar is sponsored by the Texas College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. DR. ARTHUR KRATZ has been named a fellow in the American College of Allergists....DR. WALTER BRAKE, director of student services, attended the annual conference of the Texas Association of Universities and Colleges Student Personnel Administrators Oct. 24-26.