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## People, places, things

DR. STEVAN CORDAS, clinical associate professor of medicine and DR. JAMES T. HAWA, TCOM alumnus serving an internship at Mt. Clemens (Mich.) General Hospital, co-authored an article on "Trace Elements--An Introduction" in the June issue of Osteopathic Medicine. DR. R. LYNN POWELL, assistant professor of surgery, authored an article on "Hysterectomies" in the July-August issue of Health. DR. JOHN HARAKAL, chairman of the Department of Osteopathic Philosophy, Principles and Practice, authored an article on "Treatment That Begins After Surgery" for the May-June issue of Health. DR. POWELL AND HARAKAL were assisted by JUDY ALTER, acting director of public information. DR. HARAKAL participated in the Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation Annual Convocation in Des Moines, Iowa in June and more recently, he and DR. RICHARD C. WRIGHT, associate professor of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice and general and family practice, participated in the Summer Seminar of the Academy of Applied Osteopathy. Topic of the two-day meeting, held in Colorado Springs, Colo., was "How To Train Teachers To Teach More Effectively."

Speakers at the August 6-7 postgraduate clinical symposium of the Texas Society of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery included DR. RAYMOND A. CONN, professor of psychiatry, DR. WAYNE ENGLISH, professor of rehabilitation medicine, DR. JOHN HARAKAL, professor of osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice, DR. ROYCE KEILERS, clinical assistant professor of general and family practice, DR. ARTHUR KRATZ, clinical assistant professor of general and family practice, and DR. T. ROBERT SHARP, clinical professor of general and family practice. Topic of the symposium was "Practical Office Management of Behavioral, Neurologic and Musculoskeletal Dysfunctions." DR. EDMUND TYSKA, clinical associate professor in OPP&P, was program chairman.

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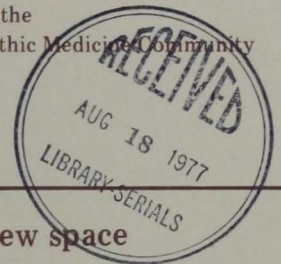
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## TCOM acquires new space

TCOM has acquired additional office space and the new campus site will be known as the River Plaza Campus Center. Announcement of the name for the new space was made by Dean Ralph L. Willard.

Located on Merrimac Circle, just off University Drive, the new space is approximately 38,000-square-feet. According to Dr. Willard, the new space will allow TCOM to move the second-year students from Denton to Fort Worth and relocate several departments housed in other college buildings.

The departments to be housed in the River Plaza Campus Center are microbiology, physiology, pharmacology, psychiatry, osteopathic philosophy, principles, and practice, radiology, rehabilitation medicine, instructional development and the library, said L.L. LaRue, associate dean for administration.

Offices to be moved to the Administration Building are the Admissions and Registrar and the Public Information Office. Relocating to the Administration Building Annex will be the Alumni Affairs Office, Physical Plant, and Medical Services, Research and Development.

"Not every office can move at the same time," LaRue explained. "The offices moving into the Administration Building cannot move until the Library is moved and the Library can't move until the space is ready in the River Plaza Building. As one area is cleared, it will be occupied by new offices."

LaRue said that even though the Library is moving to the River Plaza space, a reading room and reference library will be maintained in the Administration Building.

With the new school year almost underway, plans for expansion and renovation are moving closer to completion.



## 'Survival Course' available to First-year students

A four day "Survival Course," aimed at teaching incoming students skills needed in their four years of medical school, will precede TCOM's August 26 registration. The pilot project is being planned by Drs. Raymond Olson, chairman of the Department of Medicine, and Michael Budd, director of admissions. It will be held in the new River Plaza Campus Center, and all 72 members of the incoming Class of 1981 are invited to attend, though not required to do so.

Workshops on one day will concentrate on study skills; another session will be spent "debunking" myths about doctors in general and osteopathic physicians specifically. There will be lectures on osteopathic medicine and a tour of the the Hall of Medicine at the Fort Worth Museum of History and Natural Science. Running through all sessions will be the theme of stress reduction, and workshops will be separated by periods designated for meditation or exercise. Students will also be encouraged to pay attention to the needs of their bodies, and along with exercise, healthful eating will be stressed. Alternatives to alcohol will also be emphasized.

One afternoon session will involve the spouses of the entering students, dealing with communication in marriage and the stresses that are put on relations during school and ways to deal with them.

It is hoped that the Survival Course will develop into a year long program by which students can be helped to deal with the inevitable stresses and tensions of medical school, according to Dr. Olson.

## Registration slated for Aug. 26

Registration for the 1977-78 academic year will be held at the new River Plaza Campus Center on Friday, August 26. Sophomores will register at 8:30 a.m., juniors at 10:30 a.m. and freshman at 2:30 p.m.

An introductory program for first-year students will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a panel presentation featuring a welcoming message from Dean Ralph L. Willard, an introduction of administrative personnel and department heads, and a brief sketch of the history of TCOM. Dr. Richard Wright, associate professor of general and family practice, will speak on "Osteopathic Medicine Today."

Following a morning break, the group will reassemble to hear Dean Willard discuss the purposes of the college. Dr. C.G. Skinner, assistant dean for basic sciences, will describe the basic science program while the clinical sciences and clerkship programs will be discussed by Dr. Charles A. Kline, associate dean for clinical affairs. Dr. J. Warren Anderson, assistant dean for medical education, will discuss such technicalities as attendance, promotion, and the National Board examination. The morning session will end with a showing of the film, "Fort Worth: The Unexpected City."

Luncheon will be at the Colonial Cafeteria on Rogers Road, and the first-year students will be given a lengthy break before registration at 2:30. Following registration, values and attitude tests will be administered by Dr. Margaret Dennis.

## Diversification key to Class of '81

When the Class of 1981 officially assembles for the first time the week of Aug. 22, a diverse group of future osteopathic physicians will begin their medical education.

The 72-member entering class consists of 56 men and 16 women, all but seven of them under 30 years of age. Only one-third, or 24 students, are married. Among them are 14 who hold a master's degree and one who has a doctorate. All have at least the baccalaureate degree. They come from 33 colleges and universities, most in Texas but some as far away as New York and Pennsylvania, and they majored in everything from biomedical sciences to theology and English.

The entering class will mix a wide range of backgrounds and interests. Help make them feel at home at TCOM as they merge into one cohesive group, the TCOM Class of 1981!

## Faculty meeting set for Aug. 29

The first faculty meeting of the 1977-78 academic year will be held on Monday, August 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the River Plaza Campus Center's tiered classroom.