

Construction Underway at Life U's Costa Rican Clinic

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The carpenters are at work on Life University's outpatient clinic at the headquarters of the Costa Rican Olympic Committee in the capital city of San Jose. Construction should be completed by mid-December this year. The plan is for the clinic to be fully operational and staffed by next spring. Three to four DCs and 15-20 interns from Life will staff the clinic.

Life's agreement with the Costa Rican Olympic Committee was to not only build and staff the clinic, but also to provide chiropractic care to the Olympic-class athletes of Costa Rica. As part of that commitment, a team of Life doctors will travel to the Pan American Games in Honduras in December with the Costa Rican team.

Life founder and president, Dr. Sid Williams, paved the way for the clinic by traveling to Costa Rica in 1996, where he met with Costa Rican President Jose Maria Figueres, legislators and lawyers to take steps towards beginning to draft legislation to recognize chiropractic in Costa Rica as a profession and to establish a scope of practice. (NB: Costa Ricans go to the polls Feb. 1 to elect a new president. President Figueres cannot seek a second term, per their constitution.)

Life has also established a sports health science exchange program with the University of Costa Rica. Students in Costa Rica will have access to courses and instructors at Life via the Internet and satellite transmissions. Athletes and coaches from Costa Rica will also travel to Life University for a program that combines chiropractic with high-level physical training, mental discipline, nutrition, and sport health science.

Chiropractor Appointed to Teaching and Research Position at Oregon Health Sciences University

Dr. Michael Freeman, one of the more than 900 licensed active chiropractors in Oregon, has been named a clinical assistant professor at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. It is believed to be the first time a chiropractor has held such a position of honor at the university.

A chiropractor for the past 11 years, Dr. Freeman has authored several papers for professional journals on spinal trauma and whiplash injuries. He also recently received a PhD in traumatic epidemiology from Oregon State University.

Dr. Freeman sees his appointment at OSHU as a great opportunity to expand chiropractic research and to relate chiropractic and medical treatments. "It's extremely important for chiropractic and for medicine that we start having people crossing over between the two professions in the academic fields," he said.

Although he was hired by the university effective December 1, 1997, Dr. Freeman probably won't begin his teaching duties until the winter term of 1998. "I'm going to spend a year developing a curriculum," he said. "I'll be bringing in trauma surgeons and burn specialists and other people

experienced in trauma to help present the class."

Texas Chiropractic College Honors Dr. Harris

Dr. William Harris has been recognized with a number of awards during his long career, including being named the "Chiropractor of the Year" twice, and receiving induction into the Chiropractic Hall of Fame. Dr. Harris was also honored by Dynamic Chiropractic as one of four "Philanthropists of the Year" for 1997. This past December, Texas Chiropractic College added to the list of accolades he has received, honoring him with the "Doctor of Humanities" degree during TCC's commencement ceremonies.

The degree was bestowed upon Dr. Harris to recognize the many gifts he has bestowed on the chiropractic profession, and for his humanitarian endeavors. TCC Provost Dr. Don Ellis noted: "The honorary degree of doctor of humanities is reserved for those individuals who through their generosity demonstrate evidence of their care and concern for humanity ... It is very appropriate that a chiropractor would receive this recognition as they are in the humanity helping business."

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Life West to Host Annual AHC Conference

The 18th annual Association for the History of Chiropractic will be held this year at Life Chiropractic College West from February 20-22. The conference will feature several papers and authors who will discuss the history of chiropractic, in addition to paper awards and the presentation of the 1998 Lee Homewood award.

For any details concerning the conference, contact Annette Osenga at (510) 276-9013, ext. 290.

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