

Dr. Edward Fritsch Appointed to VA Hospital

Editorial Staff

Texas Chiropractic College (TCC) radiology, bone pathology, and x-ray physics instructor Edward Fritsch, DC, was appointed as research assistant to the Radiology Department at the Houston Veteran's Affairs Medical Center (VMAC). Dr. Fritsch will be creating and implementing several new programs to collect and publish research data. He will be responsible for coordinating and collecting data on interesting cases that come through the radiology department at the VMAC. These cases are placed into a database, which Dr. Fritsch has been working on for the last three years, to be used for research and future publications. The database has developed into a radiology teaching/research library training residents and students of both TCC and Baylor College of Medicine.

Currently, Dr. Fritsch is heading a pilot study with Martin Lidsky, MD, of the Rheumatology Service on the effectiveness of MRI in early detection of rheumatoid arthritis. This is the first of many research projects arising from Dr. Fritsch's association with the VAMC.

New Dean at TCC

Braden (Brad) Alan McKechnie, DC, DACAN, whose column on neurology appears each month in "DC," was recently appointed the new dean of the division of postgraduate studies at TCC.

Dr. McKechnie earned a BS in business administration from the University of Alabama in Huntsville (1978) and graduated cum laude from TCC in 1985. He is a member of the American Chiropractic Association, the Texas Chiropractic Association, and the American Chiropractic Association Council on Neurology.

For the past two years, Dr. McKechnie has been the chiropractic representative on the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission's Medical Advisory Committee, a group that recommends changes to the state's workers' comp. system.

Congressman Gephardt Sends Rep. to National College

Jill Eynon, legislative assistant for Representative Richard A. Gephardt (D-Missouri) visited National College of Chiropractic in March on an information gathering mission tied in with national health care reform.

Accompanying Ms. Eynon were J. Michael Hogan, director of the ACA's Political Action Committee, and Steven Dixon, attorney for the Kansas and Missouri State Chiropractic Associations.

Following a tour of NCC, the guests were invited to a luncheon attending by Mr. Jack Groves, vice president of administration and finance; Dr. David Wickes, chief of the clinical staff; Dr. Dennis Skogsbergh, chairman of the diagnostic imaging and clinical orthopedics departments; Dr. Randy

Swenson, academic dean; Dr. Patricia Brennan, dean of research; Dr. Gregory Cramer, chairman of the anatomy department; Mr. Marty Walder, student council president; and Ms. Teri Monte of the Student American Chiropractic Association (SACA).

NWCC Vice Pres. for Research Appointed to CCE Board

Charles E. Sawyer, DC, vice president for research affairs at Northwestern College of Chiropractic (NWCC), was recently appointed as an institutional member to the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) board of directors, and its Commission on Accreditation (COA). As a member of the Commission, Dr. Sawyer will also serve on the board of directors of the Council. His is one of two Commission members elected by the college presidents for a term which will extend through the CCE's 1996 annual meeting. "I welcome the opportunity to work with the Commission and the Council," said Dr. Sawyer. "There is certainly no shortage of important issues and challenges facing the profession, and many have major implications for chiropractic education."

Logan College to Divide Incoming Class

Logan President George Goodman, DC, announced the incoming class of Sept. 1993 will for the first time in the school's 58-year history be divided into two sections. The decision was made to meet the increase of qualified applicants -- a record class of more than 150 is expected -- while maintaining the academic quality and low student to faculty ratio.

Director of Admissions Robyn Wilkerson said teaching such a large incoming class in one section would be "assembly-line education that would not be in keeping with Logan standards."

Drs. Triano and Winterstein Meet New Challenges

Dr. John J. Triano, director of the NCC spinal ergonomics and joint research laboratory, will be a featured speaker at the National Workers' Compensation and Occupational Medicine seminar in Cape Cod, Hyannis, Massachusetts in July. He will speak on "Mercy Guidelines: Impact on Workers' Compensation and Occupational Medicine."

NCC President Dr. James F. Winterstein has been named to the Board of Trustees for the West Suburban Regional Academic Consortium (WSRAC). The WSRAC, formed by a group of college presidents, seeks to share limited educational resources and avoid wasteful duplication that occurs from competition. This organization offers programs, courses, and customized training to professionals and corporations in the western Chicago suburbs.

Japanese Students Study at CCCLA

A group of students and doctors from the International Chiropractic College (ICC) in Osaka, Japan are studying human dissection at Cleveland Chiropractic College of Los Angeles (CCCLA) from May 30th to June 9th. Because human dissection courses are not taught to chiropractic students in Japan, the students are opting to complete coursework in those subjects in American chiropractic colleges.

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