

ICA Reps Discuss National Health Care at Life College

Dynamic Chiropractic Staff

Dr. James Gregg, ICA president and chairman of the Michigan Chiropractic Board of Examiners, ICA Executive Director Ronald Hendrickson, and Dr. Bob Braile, chairman of the ICA Representatives Assembly all visited Life College to discuss chiropractic's status in the impending national health care plan.

Dr. Gregg, a Logan graduate with 20 years of experience as a practitioner, advised, "The ultimate key to success is, one, tell the chiropractic story; and, two, make the care financially feasible for people. Do that and you'll never have to worry about national health care."

Mr. Ron Hendrickson spoke to the students about the measures the ICA is currently taking to ensure chiropractic's inclusion in the new health care reform plan. He was traveling to Washington, D.C., the same day to talk to government officials about the role chiropractic will play in the health care system.

Mr. Hendrickson outlined the ICA's two-step grassroots program designed to alert the Clinton administration to the needs of the millions of people seeking regular chiropractic care: educate the Clinton administration and legislators about chiropractic, and a letter writing campaign involving students, DCs, and chiropractic patients. The letter coalition will inform President Clinton, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, and the health care task force about the importance and prominence of chiropractic care.

"Your future depends on the next 12 months legislatively. But the outcome is in your own hands," Mr. Hendrickson told the Life students. "People want what chiropractors do and the Clinton administration is well aware of this. This profession has everything it needs to guarantee its right in health care reform, as long as you do your part."

Dr. Bob Braile said that America lacks a health care system, and has what he called a "disease-care" system. He cited the Wall Street Journal article on the "dangers" of pediatric chiropractic care (see the April 9th issue of "DC") as proof that allopathic medicine is becoming obsolete. "As B.J. Palmer and other chiropractic pioneers predicted, the medical system is beginning to collapse. We offer something different. We don't fit into their system. The best situation would be for all Americans to lose their insurance. If people had to pay for health care, our offices would be overflowing. Would people give thousands to go to the hospital or go to a chiropractor?"

Life Introduces Pediatric Certification Seminars

On April 17-18, Life College's department of continuing education welcomed over 70 DCs and chiropractic students to a pediatrics seminar which was the first of a new 12-module, two-year certification program in chiropractic pediatrics. This advanced program, a joint venture with the International Chiropractic Pediatrics Association (ICPA), will run every other month through

February 18-19, 1995.

The program's emphasis is on the evaluation of the pediatric patient and the effects of the vertebral subluxation complex on the potential of the child. In addition, four hours of each weekend program are being devoted to a specific chiropractic technique, with nine different adjusting techniques being offered.

Chiropractic pediatric lecturers Drs. Larry Webster and Eddy Cohen instructed the first module, an introduction to the pediatrics program. The next module will be held June 19-20, featuring noted chiropractic lecturer Dr. Joe Flesia and chiropractic veterans Drs. Helen and Nelson Peet. The August 14-15 module will be conducted by Dr. Claudia Anrig-Howe.

Additional faculty members who will be conducting programs include Christopher Kent, DC; Patrick Gentempo, DC; Jay Holder, DC, MD, PhD; Ian Grassam, DC; Fred Barge, DC; Henry Rubenstein, DC; Peter Kevorkian, DC; Jennifer Peet, DC; and Palmer Peet, DC.

Aussie Athletes Train at Life

Two of Australia's top runners, Olympic hopefuls Julian Paynter and Carolyn Schuwalow from the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, prepared for international competition at Life College as part of an exchange program between the Australian Institute and Life, sponsored by the Italian company Diadora. The Aussie runners arrived May 17th and spent over a month at Life training.

"Diadora is sending the two athletes here in a pilot project for further international exchanges that we are developing with other European and Latin American countries," said Life's Director of International Sports Mike Spino. Carolyn Schuwalow was kind enough to speak to Coach Spino's community running class on May 25th.

The Australian runners used Life's five-mile running trail and sand dunes to work out and train for international competition.

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