

COLLEGE ROUND-UP

Sherman College President Hardee to retire

Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic has announced the retirement of President Jerry L. Hardee, Ed.D., effective Monday, July 25, 2005.

Hardee accepted the presidency of Sherman College in July 2001 fresh out of a recent retirement after more than 40 years of service in education and administration. He expected to serve Sherman as president for about three years, committing to do everything in his power to advance and further improve the institution. Four years later, he says, retirement calls again.



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Hardee hopes to stay involved with the college in some capacity, but first he plans to take some time off with family. "I feel that I am one of the most blessed persons in the world," he says. "I am especially privileged to have accomplished many of my life's goals — and I now look forward to spending more time with my wife, parents, son and grandsons, serving my church, and, of course, spending more time on the golf course."

Thomas A. Gelardi, D.C., the college's founder and first president, has been named interim president.

Gelardi founded Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic in 1973, fulfilling a long-standing dream of advancing the chiropractic profession centered on the vertebral subluxation. He led the college's progress for nearly three decades, serving as Sherman's first president until 1997 and later as member and chair of the Board of Trustees from 1997-2002.

Gelardi said he is pleased to be able to serve Sherman as interim president. "Sherman College has a highly qualified student body, faculty, staff and administration and is guided by a clear mission and well-formulated strategic plan," he said. "Being asked to again be a part of such an organization, even for a short time, is an honor."

The Board of Trustees will conduct a national search before announcing a permanent presidential appointment.

Logan participates in "Run to Breathe" event

On May 21, St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield hosted the first-ever "Run to Breathe." The purpose of the event, held in conjunction with the "Tobacco-Free Missouri" campaign, was to inform middle school and high school students about the health dangers of tobacco.

A health fair held in conjunction with

the event provided information about many health issues, including tobacco use. As a sponsor of the event, Logan Health Centers hosted a booth at the fair with senior interns providing information and free postural screenings.

Northwestern Health Sciences University recognized for employee wellness program

Northwestern Health Sciences University's employee health and wellness program recently received the 2005 Health@Work award from Hennepin County, surpassing companies with long-established wellness programs such as Cargill Co. and Star Tribune. The award recognizes companies in Hennepin County that have developed and implemented innovative and effective approaches to promote employee health. The award is broken into two categories: focused effort and comprehensive.

Although Northwestern's program is only a year old, the University received the comprehensive award, beating seven other applicants including Cargill Co., which has more than 100,000 employees and annual revenue of \$195 million, and the Star Tribune, which has 2,400 employees and annual revenue of \$380 million. In comparison, Northwestern is a non-profit organization with fewer than 200 full-time employees and revenue of about \$20 million.

"Receiving this award is a big honor," said Rosie Ward, MPH, Northwestern's health and wellness coordinator. "To beat out companies like Cargill and Star Tribune, which have had wellness programs in place for years, is an incredible achievement."

In addition to recognition in Hennepin County's newsletter, Northwestern will receive a check for \$500. The money will be used to fund wellness scholarships on campus, said Ward.

Dr. Peter Martin named president of Palmer College Florida

The Palmer College Board of Trustees recently announced that Peter Martin, D.C., president of Palmer College of Chiropractic West (PCCW), assumed the additional duties of president of Palmer College of Chiropractic Florida on July 1. Dr. Martin will split his time between the two locations.

In his first meeting with faculty, staff and students on June 20, Dr. Martin said: "I'm very impressed with your dedication to the College and curriculum. Any time you have a new program, there will be glitches, but we're going to get in there and make it work at its very best. Considering



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New Zealand College of Chiropractic gains CCEA Accreditation

The New Zealand College of Chiropractic is the first college in Australasia to gain accreditation status from the newly formed Council on Chiropractic Education-Australasia. The news was given to New Zealand College President Dr. Brian Kelly by Council Chairman Dr. Phil Donato at the full Council's meeting held in Melbourne on April 2nd.

The accreditation process is a lengthy one that includes a written request to the Council, appointment of an accreditation consultant, preparation of a self-study, a site visit by an inspection team (this typically lasts 5 days) and then a recommendation by the Accreditation Committee to the CCEA Council.

The process for New Zealand College of Chiropractic began in May 2004. "This is a significant milestone for the College as we gain greater international recognition," said Dr. Kelly. "The staff, faculty and students who have been involved in this process are to be congratulated."



CCEA Council Chairman Dr. Phil Donato, Ms. Maria Keys, and NZCC President Dr. Brian Kelly.

The New Zealand College of Chiropractic also has accreditation from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. The accreditation has been granted for a two-year term.

It is anticipated that other chiropractic programs in Australia will apply for accreditation in the near future.

the age of the curriculum and its innovative nature, it's doing much better than many expected. That speaks well of the desire of the faculty, staff and students to make things work, identify problems, and then fix them. Each of you has good reason to congratulate yourself."

Dr. Martin said he looks forward to pitching in and "making Palmer Florida fulfill its mission, meet the expectations of the Palmer Florida community and reach its potential, which is terrific."

"Two of my main responsibilities will be to develop operational self-sufficiency at Palmer Florida and to develop leadership within this institution," Martin said. "We're going to have a very good management team, and we want to ensure people that this is a stable institution with continuity of leadership. The revolving door has stopped."

Dr. Martin is a past president of the Council on Chiropractic Education and the California Chiropractic Association, and a former board member of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges.

Parker College students begin clinic abroad program in Mexico

Seven Parker College of Chiropractic students recently began an 11-week stint with the school's Clinic Abroad program at the Universidad Estatal del Valle de Ecatepec (UNEVE), located in the northeast section of Mexico City.

With the assistance of UNEVE, Parker's Clinic Abroad program is a "total immersion" experience for the participating students. Clinic Abroad students develop their chiropractic skills by serving as interns in the public clinic. Clinic Abroad also encompasses daily language classes, and the students experience Mexican culture by visiting historical sights, attending cultural and art events, and sightseeing in areas such as the Mayan ruins and the coastal regions.

"This is a very exciting program for Parker College and for our students,"

said Dr. Fabrizio Mancini, President of Parker College. "Our Clinic Abroad program is more than just students sitting in a classroom in a foreign country. Clinic Abroad affords them the opportunity to 'experience' another culture, rather than just 'visit' a country as a tourist." The program also provides Parker College the opportunity to work cooperatively with the Mexican government on health care issues and the development of the chiropractic profession.

Participating students must be currently enrolled at Parker College and completing their last trimester of study in the Parker chiropractic degree program. During the last trimester at Parker, students typically complete their clinical requirements. Under the guidance of the Parker Clinic Abroad director, Dr. Juan Sanchez, Parker students will serve as interns at the public hospital on the UNEVE campus to complete those requirements.

Following a morning of treating patients, the students will receive Spanish instruction in the afternoon. Upon successful completion of the Clinic Abroad program, the students will have completed their required clinic hours to earn their Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Parker College and will have also completed 200 hours of Spanish instruction. The students will graduate with their class at Parker College on Saturday, August 13, on the Parker campus.

The Universidad Estatal del Valle de Ecatepec opened in September 2001 and is the first chiropractic program established in a Spanish-speaking country. Funded by the Mexican government, the UNEVE chiropractic program consists of 12 trimesters (5,900 hours), as required by the Ministry of Education in the State of Mexico. Students must have completed the equivalent of the first two years of college to be accepted into the school. Upon successful completion of the program, UNEVE students will graduate with a licenciatura, which is equivalent to a Doctor of Chiropractic degree.