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## NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

On December 7, 1982, Western States Chiropractic College was officially recognized as a "Candidate for Accreditation" by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, the northwest regional accrediting agency. While Western States is not the first chiropractic college to gain regional status, it naturally is the first chiropractic college granted such status by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. All members of the campus community should feel proud of this accomplishment, for status with a regional accrediting agency comes as a result of an institutional effort, not as a result of a few people.

Candidate for Accreditation status is good for six years, with updates and inspections every two years. The College was encouraged by members of the Visitation Team to seek full accreditation at the end of two years rather than wait the full six years.

Western States Chiropractic College, as a Candidate for Accreditation, will be listed in the next issue of Accredited Institutions of Higher Education published by the American Council on Education for the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation. For students transferring to other institutions, the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges recommends that their transcripts be evaluated as if from fully accredited institutions.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The three-year capital campaign to retire the mortgage was launched on December 3, 1982 by means of a 2100 item mailing. The campaign has as its goal the collection of \$750,000 in pledges over the next three years, culminating in the total payoff of the mortgage on February 15, 1986. While it is naturally too early to accurately assess the success of the campaign, returns within the first week have been excellent. Pledges ranging from \$1500 to \$3000 have been received. All funds are being deposited in a special bank account and can be used only for mortgage retirement.

Students who wish to assist in the capital campaign by contacting prospective donors may obtain brochures, pledge cards, and envelopes from Dr. Tolar's office. (The College naturally does not expect individual students to contribute...although the College naturally would not turn down such contributions!!) Students may know people who are strong chiropractic supporters who would like to participate in the campaign.

## ATTENDANCE

From comments seen and heard on campus during recent weeks, there seems to be a misconception regarding the attendance sheets now being used in classes. Required attendance of classes in chiropractic colleges

is something like income taxes: no one likes it but it's the law! Certainly no faculty member or administrator at WSCC is naive enough to think that compulsory attendance leads directly to learning. The problem is not in convincing WSCC but rather in convincing the various state licensing boards. California, for example, requires ninety (90) percent attendance; Vermont requires an exact accounting of the number of days attended by a license applicant; and numerous other states adhere to an attendance record of between eighty (80) and ninety (90) percent.

At the June 1982 meeting of CCE, the Association of Chiropractic College Presidents accepted a resolution which had been prepared and submitted by the chiropractic college deans. The resolution in essence urged CCE to take necessary action to get the FCLB (Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards) to drop all "clock hour" requirements and replace them with "credit hour" requirements. The Chairman of the ACCP, Dr. Jerry McAndrews, then named a committee of deans to recommend a plan of action for CCE to follow in attempting to convince the FCLB of the wisdom of such a change. The committee is chaired by Dr. Tolar and is made up of Dr. Jacob Fisher, Dean of National; Dr. William Ramsey, Dean of Logan; and Dr. Robert Sauter, Dean of LACC. The committee has met once, carried on correspondence, and will meet again in February prior to the CCE meeting. Since a plan of action has not been finally approved by the committee, it would be perhaps misleading to give too much information at this time. However, some points are worth mentioning. Dr. Sauter has recommended that the committee's name be changed from "Credit Hour vs. Clock Hour" to "Learning Time vs. Seat Time." Dr. Tolar has pointed out that the clock hour requirement of licensing boards negates all advancements in the field of education for the past twenty years -- e.g., directed study, programmed learning, competency-based instruction, etc.

Even if the committee and CCE are successful in their attempts to get the FCLB to change, it will take several years for each of the states to make necessary changes in their administrative rules. Until such time as the changes are made, WSCC (and all chiropractic colleges) must live by the rules and regulations of the states for which they are preparing students.

The administration of the College is aware that sign-in sheets are anything but desirable. Recommendations from students or faculty on how the attendance problem can better be addressed are welcome. Please see either Dr. Plamondon or Dr. Tolar with your suggestions.

#### STUDENT HEALTH CENTER EXPANSION

The WSCC Board of Trustees have voted to construct a 1600 square feet addition to the present Student Health Center on campus. The addition will extend southward to the retaining wall and slightly eastward. Construction of the addition is considered Phase One of a three-phase plan to combine junior and senior clinic operations on campus.

There have been many comments made regarding the belated decision to expand the SHC rather than construct temporary treatment rooms in the gymnasium. There are several reasons for this, not the least of which is MONEY! The addition will cost approximately \$45,000, an amount which must come from an account used by the College as collateral for summer borrowing. Until such time as arrangements could be made to ensure an adequate borrowing capability for the College during summer months, it was impossible to release the \$45,000. In addition, because the College does not hold title to the property, any changes, additions, or general alterations to the buildings and grounds must be approved by the Dominican Sisters, the official holders of title. The administration apologizes for the delay in construction but feels any earlier decision would have been premature.

The following two phases of the clinic plan have not as yet received final approval of the Board of Trustees. They are: Phase Two - construction of a building immediately behind the present Science Building to house a diagnostic center -- lab, x-ray, and electrodiagnosis; and Phase Three - renovation of the white house (Maintenance Staff Quarters) for use as a reception area and business office. Students will be informed of decisions on these phases as they are made.

#### TUITION

There will be no increase in tuition next year for students who are now enrolled at the College. Tuition for entering students in the fall of 1983 will be \$1650.00 per quarter. The College cannot assure students that tuition will not increase in the fall of 1984, but every effort is being made to move to a guaranteed tuition program -- i.e., an entering student would know exactly what tuition costs would be for four consecutive years.

#### PETERS' LOAN FUND

In 1974, Dr. H.H. Peters, a chiropractor from Eugene, Oregon, bequeathed the College \$20,000 with the stipulation that it be used "for short-term loans to students in their last two years of chiropractic college at WSCC." The bequest was made prior to WSCC becoming eligible for federal financial aid programs and helped keep many third and fourth year students in school. With the advent of NDSL, GSL, CWSP, etc., the first and second year students who did not qualify for BEOG (Pell Grants) became the ones who had need of short-term loans. On December 13, Dr. Peters' daughter graciously consented to allow the College to make short-term loans to first and second year students as well as third and fourth year students. Short-term emergency loan monies are now available to all students in need. Students should see Mr. Don Fales in the Business Office for the appropriate application forms.

### GRANTS COMMITTEE

Now that WSCC holds status with one of the six regional accrediting agencies in the U.S., it does become eligible to apply for grants from some of the major philanthropic foundations -- e.g., Ford, Kellogg, Carnegie, Kresge. As a result, the WSCC Grants Committee plans to be very active in identifying areas in which grant support will be useful and possible, developing and submitting those grants, and in general becoming more familiar with grantsmanship. Students, faculty, and staff who have suggestions for grant applications should consult one or more of the committee members. The committee is chaired by Ms. Ann Griffith and is made up of Dr. Joanne Nyiendo, Dr. Fred Colley, Dr. Byron Wills, and Ms. Kay Irvine. Dr. Tolar is an ex officio member.

### LIBRARY STUDY CARRELS

Twenty new study carrels will be constructed in the North Wing of the Library during the Christmas vacation. The project is a cooperative effort between the College and the Student Government. All members of the student government and certain other students are to be commended for their work and support in the project, and special thanks should go to Mr. Jim Carollo and Mr. Marshall Lubin.

### CURRICULUM AND ELECTIVES

It is gratifying to now and then remember that not all students have the lackadaisical manner of searching out the truth practiced by some who would have us believe that chiropractic colleges (or students, for that matter) dictate to licensing boards what shall or shall not constitute "chiropractic education." While it is true that chiropractic colleges may award a Doctor of Chiropractic degree for successful completion of a curriculum which does not meet a particular state's requirements, it is equally true that the graduate will not be allowed to sit for licensure examinations in that particular state. Graduation from a chiropractic college does not legally allow one to see a single patient! It is licensure within a state or province which allows one to practice chiropractic! As a result, it is incumbent upon chiropractic colleges to provide a curriculum which meets at least the minimum requirements of all states from which it accepts students. Developing and offering such a curriculum is not as easy as some members of this college community would have you believe. For example, on December 7 of this year the Washington State Board of Chiropractic Examiner's amended their rules so that 120 hours of the 200 hour requirement in principles of chiropractic MUST BE IN CHIROPRACTIC PHILOSOPHY, must be so designated in college catalogs, and must not include history of chiropractic, ethics, interprofessional relationships or subjects other than "chiropractic philosophy." Every chiropractic college protested this amendment except Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic. The Board nevertheless passed the amendment. (The WSCC letter of protest is posted outside the Executive Offices.) The WSCC Curriculum Committee must now determine exactly how students at WSCC who wish to practice in Washington can best meet this new requirement.

Graduates of Western States Chiropractic College are now eligible to sit for licensure examinations in any state in the union, any province of Canada, and any country in the world where chiropractic is recognized. Not all colleges can make that claim, by the way. The primary reason WSCC graduates have such latitude is the curriculum offered at the College. We did not gain this recognition because of our student body, or an administrator, or a board member. We gained it because of our curriculum and our faculty!

It used to be said that the easiest job in the world was being a substitute teacher -- you didn't have to stay around to see the mistakes you made the previous day! Perhaps the easiest job today is that of "would-be administrator of a chiropractic college." It is very easy to criticize administrative actions, faculty experience, or the curriculum when you don't have to answer to licensing boards, accrediting agencies, and students in general. It is obvious to all associated with chiropractic education that changes need to be made to make the process of acquiring a D.C. degree more meaningful, to allow greater flexibility to the individual colleges and therefore to faculty, and to allow for various learning styles and capabilities of students. Let's not get the cart before the horse, though, by graduating students who are ineligible to sit for licensure. (See the item on pp. 1 and 2 regarding attendance.)

Electives offered at Western States are approved by the Curriculum Committee. Anyone associated with the College may propose electives by following proper procedures. Proposals should be submitted to the appropriate division chairperson (who is a member of the Curriculum Committee). The chairperson, in consultation with members of his/her division faculty, will determine whether or not the proposal can be supported at the Curriculum Committee. All proposals are taken to the Committee, although not all proposals will necessarily have the support of the division to which it was originally presented.

The reason the Gonstead elective is offered free of charge and a fee is assessed for the SOT elective is quite simple: the College has received a grant from the Gonstead Trust which pays for instructional expenses. Such is not the case with SOT.

A "Small Business Management" elective will be offered on campus during winter and spring quarters. The course is offered in cooperation with Mount Hood Community College and will have limited enrollment. Further information, including fees and enrollment prerequisites, will be posted as soon as possible.

#### PARKING

The College will (eventually) enforce parking regulations. Students are not to park in areas marked for faculty or staff. Seniors only in areas so marked. Commencing January 3, 1983, violations will carry the maximum fine.

THE WESTERN STATESment is an attempt to clarify, inform, and stop rumors. It is published quarterly (or whenever Dr. Tolar gets around to it). Comments, criticism, or general complaints are accepted. (They aren't welcomed but they are accepted!!)