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City of Faith Prepares for NMR Unit

Research Center among nation's first to acquire sophisticated imager

Using words like "state-of-the-art" and "the next generation of imagers," the City of Faith has announced the acquisition of a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance imaging unit which will be used for research in cancer and other diseases.

Dr. Patrick D. Lester, Chief of Radiology, said the high-powered unit manufactured by the Picker Corporation will help put the City of Faith and Tulsa at the nation's forefront in imaging research. "By the year's end there will be only a handful of institutions in the United States with this new NMR technology," said Lester. "We are fortunate to be among the country's leaders in pioneering this new type of research."

The NMR scanner, which costs $1.4 million, produces images of internal organs using a giant magnet and radio waves. One of the tremendous benefits of the NMR is the high quality image obtained without the use of radiation or other apparent biological hazards.

The NMR produces images of tissue by reading the concentration of hydrogen in that particular tissue. Body tissues vary greatly in their water concentration and, therefore, in their hydrogen concentration. The NMR "sees through" bone because bone has a relatively low hydrogen concentration. With traditional x-ray examinations, including computed tomography (CT), adjacent bone often "hides" the soft tissues; however, NMR allows us to visualize these areas as if the bone barely existed.

"Tumors, even small ones, generally have a different concentration of hydrogen than the surrounding tissues and may be clearly identified by the NMR imager," said Lester. This technique opens the way for exciting new research into early detection of cancer and potentially into new methods of treating cancer at an earlier stage than is now possible. "A great deal of work is yet to be done before we really know just how far-reaching the effect of this new tool in medicine may be," said Lester.

Dr. James E. Winslow, Jr., City of Faith chief executive officer, said that the contract to purchase the NMR imager was signed on faith believing the money to pay for it would come in on time.

"At the City of Faith we operate in full faith that God will provide the resources to pay for what needs to be done," said Winslow. "We opened the

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City of Faith Open Heart Program Begins

With two successful operations, the COF open heart surgery program is now underway and Chief of Surgical Services Dr. Jasper McPhail applauded all who are taking part in this new City of Faith service.

The first surgery was a triple bypass graft with the patient going home on the fifth post-operative day. The second was a mitral valve replacement with a prosthetic. That patient left the hospital on the eighth post-operative day. Both are now enrolled in the Fitness Center's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program.

McPhail said the open heart program had been in the planning stages for months. “Our nurses in ICU had planned very carefully for the past year and the operating nurses were assisting in all of our open heart procedures performed at St. John’s the past three or four months,” said the surgical chief. He said the City of Faith program began once the anesthesia group was in place. “The whole team is doing extremely well, as I knew they would,” he commented.

McPhail said we can expect one open heart procedure a day in the near future.

Knight Runs 5th Boston Marathon

After the fifth time you might think the Boston Marathon would be old hat. But not for Dr. Peter Knight. The City of Faith cardiothoracic surgeon reports this year’s classic was just as exciting as those before and “the crowds were great, the weather was great. It just was a great time.”

Knight ran the 26-mile, 385-yard course in an unofficial 3 hours and 17 minutes. While it was a good run, Knight said he got off pace at first, causing him to slow down at the end of the grueling event. Knight’s time last year was 3:08.

To qualify for the Boston Marathon, which is considered the nation’s premier running event, the 7,000 entrants must have run a certified marathon in 3:10 or less. Last December Knight ran the Will Rogers Marathon in 3:04, and earlier he ran 3:01 in a marathon in his hometown of Tampa, Fla.

Knight said he began running seriously in 1976. At that time he weighed 275 lbs. He is now weighs 143 and regularly enters area running events. Heartly congratulations, Dr. Knight!

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CINDY ANDERSON, LPN
Neurology
From Four Seasons Nursing Center, Tulsa. LPN from Our Lady of Fatima School of Practical Nursing, Providence. R.I. Anderson and her husband Rob have three children.

CONNIE J. COLE, RN
Medical/Surgical
From Mid America Nursing Service, Grove, Okla. B.S. in Nursing from Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

WELCOME NEW PRAYER PARTNERS

MIKE McNALLY
From Bethesda Psychiatric Hospital, Denver, Colo. B.S. from Utah State University, Logan. M.Div. from Oral Roberts University. Clinical Pastoral Education, Hillcrest Hospital, Tulsa, and Bethesda Psychiatric Hospital. McNally and his wife Diane have two children.

REBA DAVID, RN
Intensive/Progressive Care
From Fairview Hospital, Port Charlotte, Fla. B.S. in Nursing from Ball State University. Munce, Ind. David has three children.

KEBA DAVID, RN
Intensive/Progressive Care
From Columbus Hospital, Chicago. B.S. in Nursing from Loyola University, Chicago.

ELEANOR D. HILLEBRAND, RN
Psychiatry
From Community Mental Health Department, Ann Arbor, Mich. Diploma Graduate of Washington University School of Nursing, St. Louis. B.S. in Nursing from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. M.S. in Nursing from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Hillebrand and her husband Herbert have four children.

A Special Letter Received at the City

I would like to acknowledge the following nurses:
Polly Stokes, Lanette Bauer, Trish Cleek, and Leron Friday (Alcove 2625) for their outstanding professional care. Their genuine Christ-like love, concern, and compassion is not only an asset to their profession, but equally so to the Body of Christ.

In His Precious Name,
CYNTHIA KIRKPATRICK

This, and only this, the Lord God asks of you: to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.

--- Micah 6:8
Already Many Requests — COF Speakers Bureaus Established

"I'm from the Brookside Lions Club and we just received your Speakers Bureau brochure. Could you provide a speaker to talk about Whole Person Medicine at our next monthly meeting?"

The Public Relations Department has been receiving several such calls in the past month since the three City of Faith Speakers Bureaus were established and promoted.

Norvell Cited for Medical Faculty Service

For his "excellent and devoted service," Dr. John E. Norvell has been cited as the charter president of the ORU School of Medicine's Medical Faculty Assembly. He also served as chairman of the Medical Faculty Steering Committee in 1981 and 1982.

Norvell, who is chairman of the Anatomy Department, was the first faculty member hired by then medical school Dean Dr. James E. Winslow, Jr. Norvell has served on the medical school faculty for the past seven years and has played a key role in hiring most of the basic science faculty members.

Dr. David Schrum, chief of Pediatrics and second president of the Medical Faculty Assembly, presented Norvell with a certificate of appreciation, with thanks from the Assembly, which is composed of all medical school faculty members.

Norvell received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University. He served on the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia for 10 years before coming to ORU. Among his accomplishments, Norvell served in overseas missions, including a sabbatical as visiting professor at the University of Nairobi School of Medicine. While there, his family survived an attempted coup of the Kenyan government.

Norvell and his wife Sid have two sons. Sid is active in the City of Faith's Volunteer Services where she serves on the Advisory Board and is Hospital Floor Host and Hostess chairman.

And Jesus said: "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's will ... Fear not, therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows."

— Matthew 10:29-31

Cynthia Belch, Accounts Payable, from Tulsa
Martin Villarreal, Environmental Services, from Tulsa
Sharon O'Dwyer, Environmental Services, from Oakhurst, N.J.
Nera Tarhuni, Respiratory Therapy, from Tulsa
Laura Rennie, Surgery, from Tulsa
Deena Jones, Executive Office, from Tulsa
Peggy Amielton, Word Processing, from Tulsa
Steven Brown, Purchasing, from Pryor
Elizabeth Jackson, Hospital Nursing, from Leesburg, Fla.
Jeanne Magee, Medical Records, from Sapulpa
Hollye Slaughter, Patient Care, from Ardmore
Becky Strube, Admitting, from Broken Arrow
Steven Wildman, Patient Support, from Tulsa
Sharon Kennington, Clinic, from York, Maine
Caroline Beason, Patient Care, from Tulsa
Malcolm Jacobs, Purchasing, from Tulsa
Pam Oldham, ER Registration, from Tulsa
Phyllis Butler, Patient Support, from Tulsa
Iva Stalvey, Patient Support, from Tulsa
Sara Zambrana, Patient Care, from Broken Arrow
Diana Priest, Employment, from Newark, Ohio
Stacia McFarland, Hospital Nursing, from Davis, Calif.
Richard Gadway, Patient Support, from Tulsa
Sue McConnell, Patient Support, from Broken Arrow
Brenda Power, Gift Shop, North Vernon, Ind.
Jackie Clements, Patient Support, Newhope, Ariz.

Policy, Procedure Update on Schedule

Administrative Coordinator Bob Elliott reports the drive to "gather, analyze, coordinate, and update" standard medical center procedures and policies is moving right on schedule.

Elliott announced the hiring of Lynn Griffin and Jerry Zelinka, both of whom have extensive experience in technical writing. The two new COF policy and procedure writers are now gathering information on existing operations, department by department throughout the complex. Once this task is completed, new operating procedure publications will be written.

"This officially begins a central office for policy and procedure for the whole complex," said Elliott. He reminded department managers that initiating new procedures begins with them. "While Lynn and Jerry are available to help each department write procedures, the department manager should first prepare a draft copy and submit it to the Policy and Procedure Office on Clinic 55.

Griffin and Zelinka, who report to Elliott, can be reached at ext. 7110.

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Calendar Events

Saturday, April 24, 7:00 pm—Evangelistic Service Featuring Mr. Robert H. Schmoker, Jr.
Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 pm—First Baptist Church Annual Meeting, 2100 S. Lewis Ave.
Sunday, April 25, 11:00 am—Open Every Sunday 11 am to 2 pm—Adults $5.95 •Children $2.95
The City of Faith again participated in Health Fair, the city-wide free health screening clinics sponsored by the American Red Cross, Getty, and KTUL-TV. The City of Faith Health Fair was reported to be one of Tulsa's busiest sites this year, with 232 participants being checked for height/weight, blood pressure, anemia, blood chemistry, oral screening, and visual acuity. Over 60 volunteers made Health Fair '83 possible, and to all of you the City of Faith is indebted.