

Professor wins medical award

TEMPLE — Dr. G. Valter Brindley Jr., professor of surgery in Texas A&M University's College of Medicine and a senior consultant for surgery at Scott and White Hospital in Temple, recently was selected outstanding surgeon for 1982 by the James F. Mitchell Foundation for Medical Education and Research.

The Washington-based organization established the award 6 years ago to honor outstanding surgeons. The first such honor went to heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBaakey of Houston.

Brindley is immediate past president of Scott and White Clinic's board of directors and a former vice president of Scott and White Memorial Hospital's board of trustees.

He also is a member of the board of trustees of the American Hospital Association and chairman of the AHA region 7 advisory board which covers our southwestern states.

Brindley is a former president of the Texas Medical Association and serves as a TMA delegate to the American Medical Association. He also is consultant to the TMA Council on Medical Education.

He is a member of more than 20 medical associations and societies including the American College of Surgeons, the American Surgical Association, the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, the Southern Sur-

gical Association and the Western Surgical Association.

He has been president of the Texas Surgical Society, the Southern Surgical Association, the Southern Society of Clinical Surgeons as well as the TMA.

Following service in the Medical Corps, Brindley joined the staff of Scott and White in 1946.

He obtained his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical School in 1939 and a master of science degree in surgery from the University of Minnesota in 1944. Brindley attended Rice Institute and obtained his bachelor of arts degree in 1936 from the University of Texas.

The Mitchell Foundation award joins a list of other outstanding accomplishments by Brindley in recent years, including Outstanding Citizen of Temple in 1976, a TMA Distinguished Service Award in 1980, the Ashbel Smith Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 1976, and a Distinguished Service Award from Scott and White in 1971.

The Texas A&M College of Medicine operates on a two-campus system and many staff members of both Scott and White and the Teague Veterans Center in Temple hold joint appointments as Texas A&M faculty members.

Prof says posture linked to attitude

One of the best ways to come out of a slump may be to go into one — a slump, that is.

A psychologist at Texas A&M University has found that test subjects who were placed in a slumped posture after failing to complete a task tried harder on a second task. They also reported less depression in the slumped position than when they were placed in an upright position following a failure.

"Our physical posture is something many of us give little thought to and yet it may have a substantial effect on our mental state and how we respond," said Dr. John Riskind, assistant professor of psychology.

Riskind said he became interested in the effects of posture on mood and performance because early psychologists such as William James believed that bodily responses, like facial expression and posture, have a role in determining how people feel.

In one study, Riskind tested 41 undergraduate men, randomly assigning them to one of four conditions: success/upright

posture, success/slumped posture, failure/upright posture and failure/slumped posture.

He found that subjects did better on subsequent tasks when they were placed in what he calls a "situationally appropriate" posture — slumped after a failure and upright after a success.

"Slumping is ordinarily associated with the psychological withdrawal found in depression and may be maladaptive in the context of success," Riskind said. "However, a slumped body posture might protect subjects from feelings of depression after failure. It may give a person a primitive way of having or maintaining a feeling of control in bad circumstances."

Riskind, who has conducted about 10 studies in the area of the effects of posture, said he would like to explore therapeutic applications of his results with depressed patients.

"Although body postures may partially be a response to emotion-inducing events and mood, that does not exclude the possibility that body posture can have feedback effects," he said.

Information sought in Dec. 5 burglary

Burglars stole more than \$3,000 in cash and caused more than \$1,700 worth of damage on Dec. 5 to Tommy's Drive-in at 1500 West 28th St. in Bryan.

Information on the person responsible for this burglary can be reported by calling Crime Stoppers this week at 775-TIPS. A cash reward of \$1,000 will be awarded for information leading to an arrest and a grand jury indictment of offenders.

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Dying boy meets superstar heroes Redford, White

DALLAS — Thanks to the mayor of Salt Lake City, actor Robert Redford, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Danny White, and a host of others, Travon Ray, 8, who hasn't many days left had an especially good one Sunday.

The Salt Lake City boy suffers from terminal brain cancer. Even after surgery, radiation treatments and chemotherapy that have scarred the boy and left him bald and wheelchair-bound, doctors give little Travon a 1 percent chance of surviving.

"It could be months, or even weeks," said the boy's mother, Larri Kolan.

tiny football buff was the first beneficiary of the Salt Lake City-based Tomorrow Today Foundation. He was made an honorary policeman by the mayor of his hometown, flown with his mother and step-father Paul Kolan, to Dallas aboard a Western Airlines flight — where he met Redford — and put up in a Marriott Hotel.

On Sunday, he watched the Cowboys beat the Green Bay Packers 37-26, and then got to meet the team in its locker room.

He most wanted to meet Danny White, "a good Mormon boy," his mother said.

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