

HEALTH TIPS

Device speeds healing time

By WILLIAM WILSON

A.P. BEUTEL HEALTH CENTER

Here at Texas A&M, in the basement of the A.P. Beutel Health Center, is a little-known device called the hyperbaric chamber, which belongs to the College of Medicine.

The hyperbaric chamber was originally used to treat divers for "the bends" but is now being used for research and other treatments.

A hyperbaric chamber is an enclosed steel room in which the air pressure is increased and oxygen is supplied into a hood that the patient wears over their head. This increases the amount of oxygen that reaches the cellular level, thus enhancing the healing process.

The hyperbaric lab is used for both conventional and experimental treatment. Two conventional uses of hyperbaric medicine are the treatment of carbon monoxide poisoning and gas-gangrene. Hyperbaric treatment is the number one choice for gas-gangrene treatment after antibiotics. Suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning can be relieved at a rate of nearly 15 times faster with the hyperbaric chamber than with conventional treatment. In addition to the conventional uses, people suffering from migraine headaches often can have relief in less than 30 minutes. The only other option in the past has been to suffer through the migraine or treat it with narcotics, which leave the patient drowsy or asleep for up to five hours.

People suffering from post-polio syndrome are also being treated using the hyperbaric chamber. These individuals had, in their childhood, the debilitating disease polio. Now in their later years, the effects come

back with often crippling and eventually debilitating consequences. However, through the use of the hyperbaric chamber, the pain usually can be eliminated and the progression of the disease appears to have been halted.

The third area that the hyperbaric lab is researching is Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Through the use of the chamber they have relieved the patients of the effects of this disease. Approximately 50 percent of the work done in the hyperbaric chamber at A&M is experimental.

The hyperbaric lab was started in 1969 by Dr. William Fife. In 1989, the main hyperbaric lab was moved to A.P. Beutel Health Center. Dr. Donald Freeman, assistant professor of family medicine in the Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine, has been added as the interim director of the hyperbaric lab.

During the 1930s, and American (Dr. Cunningham), built a three-story "Steel Hotel" in Cleveland, which was a larger edition of the European air baths, including the same lack of effectiveness. Finally, in the 1940s, Dr. Boerema had a positive impact; he proved, scientifically, that through the use of a hyperbaric chamber, plasma could be forced to carry enough oxygen to sustain life.

Nationally, there are over 200 single place hyperbaric chambers and over 100 multi-place hyperbaric chambers. We are fortunate to have this opportunity here at Texas A&M. To become a patient at the hyperbaric lab requires a doctor's referral. Their hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week.

For general information please contact the Health Education Center at 845-1341.

Senator offers to lead GOP fundraising

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sen. Phil Gramm said Monday he's the best man to shape the Republican Party's re-election and fund-raising fortunes in the Senate as the GOP contends with a Democrat in the White House for the first time in a dozen years.

Gramm confirmed Monday he will seek reappointment as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, a position he has held since 1990. Senate Republicans will meet Tuesday to cast secret ballots for the NRSC post and a conference



Gramm

secretary. In a repeat of 1990, Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell is challenging Gramm for the job. Gramm, who has raised a record \$16 million for GOP Senate candidates over two years, defeated McConnell 26-17.

"I'm running for re-election for one and only one reason and that is I want to win control of the Senate back and I think in this job that I can maximize our chances of doing that," Gramm said.

"It's going to be very hard to raise money with a Democrat in the White House and that's another reason that I'm doing it. I think I can get the job done. I don't know if McConnell could."

Gramm's \$16 million in contributions raised far outpaces the NRSC's previous record best of \$10.8 million funneled to candidates in 1988. McConnell's office would not confirm that

he is challenging Gramm. But the Kentucky senator has been campaigning for the job since even before the Republican convention in August. Gramm's likely run for the White House in 1996 has been an unspoken issue in the campaign, with McConnell contending that Gramm improperly is using the NRSC to forge ties and build a power base.

Gramm didn't reject the charge out of hand. "Being in the leadership increases your national profile," Gramm said.

"Given the choice of jobs other than (Senate Minority Leader Bob) Dole's job, I think it's likely the most influential position that a Republican will hold in the government after January."

Gramm said his chances were boosted by the GOP's better-than-expected showing in the Senate.

What's Up

TUESDAY

AG ECONOMICS/AGRI BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: Meeting with guest speaker Wynn Rosser with the Association of Former Students at 7 p.m. in 113 Kleberg.

AGGIELAND: Sophomore pictures will be taken for the AggieLand Nov. 4-Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at AR Photography, located at 707 Texas Ave. next to Taco Cabana.

AGGIE TOASTERS: Meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 510 Rudder. For more information call Charity at 823-4512.

BA/MBA HONORS SOCIETY (PROGRAM 5): Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in 231 MSC. Anyone interested with a career combining Liberal Arts and Business please attend. For more information call 764-8999.

COLLEGIATE FFA: Come sign up for the Wild West Olympics at 7 p.m. in 208 Scoates Hall. For more information call Trent Morelock at 822-5354.

JOHN BEN SHEPPERD LEADERSHIP FORUM: Unique opportunity to exchange ideas with students and prominent business, political and social leaders. If you are interested in making a positive change in our local communities, states, and nation, please attend the Second Annual John Ben Shepperd Leadership Forum. Registrar in 216 MSC in the SPO or call 845-1515 for more information. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 11.

MSC-CEPHEID VARIABLE: Meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Everyone welcome. For more information call 845-1515.

RADIO TELEVISION NEWS DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION: Meeting at 8 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's on University. Viewing of CNN tape. For more information call Kali at 268-1446.

SLAVIC ASSOCIATION: Free Czech lessons at 7 p.m. in 321 Evans Library. For more information call David at 260-1059.

TAMU SNOW SKI CLUB: Important trip info at 8:30 p.m. in 144 Student Services Building. Also, information about ski wear. For more information call Krista at 696-8186.

TAPSS: "Helpful Hints in Managing a Semi-Perfect Two Career Marriage" with Dr. Brent Paterson, Associate Director of Student Affairs-Student Life and Jan Paterson, Student Activities Adviser, at noon in 110 Student Services Building. For more information call Jan Spears at 845-3111.

TEXAS A&M HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Meeting at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

TEXAS A&M LACROSSE TEAM: Practice Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Polo Fields. Everyone welcome, no experience necessary. Come be a part of the State Championship tradition. For information call Tom Weaber at 764-7974.

TEXAS A&M SAILING TEAM: Meeting at 8 p.m. in 104 Zachry. For more information call Dean at 696-0994.

UNDERGRADUATE BIOCHEMISTRY SOCIETY: Guest lecture at 7:30 p.m. in 108 BICH with Dr. Bill Perry with "Life as a Professor." For more information call Peter at 693-5985.

SEARCH PARTY '92: Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi is seeking teams of five to participate in scavenger hunt to benefit Twin City Mission Nov. 14 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at W. end of Kyle Field. 100 free T-shirts to the first 20 teams of five. For more information contact Edith at 822-7511.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 013 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service which lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Alpha Phi and Zeta Tau Alpha present

Women's Issues Breast Cancer: A Health Concern

Margaret Shelton, M.D.
Internist
A.P. Beutel Health Center

Wednesday, November 11, 1992
7 - 8 p.m.
MSC 206

For more information call Dika 696-3057
or Michelle 693-7973

Memorial Student Center L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness

Fellows Presentation

Denise Burgos will discuss her medical preceptorship experience in the Pediatric Department of the Lozano-Blesa University Hospital in Zaragoza, Spain.

Thomas Burnett will discuss his travels and studies in China.

Tuesday, November 10, 1992
8:30 p.m.
Rudder 302
Reception Follows

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