



Dr. Philip McAllister - Adds his work at the games to his growing list of accomplishments.

by Allan Ferris (the Guelph Mercury)

Forgive Dr. Philip McAllister if he breathes a sigh of relief that August is here. The Guelph chiropractor was so busy in July, he has to be grateful that a new month has arrived.

On July 16, he opened 'Back To Basics' in Hartsland Plaza on Kortright Road. It is listed as a chiropractic and rehabilitation centre that has the ability to treat all kinds of problems and injuries.

Two weeks after the opening, he was on a plane to

McAllister ends busy month with *'working vacation'*

Winnipeg as a member of the CAIR (Clinical Athletic Injury Rehabilitation) team for the Pan Am Games. The team is a pool of specialists in sports injuries working under one roof to treat the athletes and get them back in their competition as quickly as possible.

McAllister also learned that his alma mater, Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, had named him as the first Canadian doctor to have "preceptorship" in his clinic, meaning Canadian graduates from that college will spend time with him after their internship learning about Ontario laws and practices.

"Unfortunately for Canadians, there were no places to go (after their internship)," he said. "They chose me

because I run a multi-function facility. I've been lecturing on Canadian practices at the college. I'm glad to have this chance to give something back to the school."

Being part of the official Pan Am medical team is a different challenge from those he faces in his regular practice.

McAllister was chosen from a pool of chiropractors to take part in what he is calling "a working vacation."

"The stakes are high because you're under a deadline. These athletes are trying to get rehabilitated in hours, not weeks," he said.

"It's a very exciting experience to see an athlete feeling better after their treatment and go on to win a medal."