

NEWSLETTER

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DALLAS

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SPECIAL APPEAL MADE FOR UNITED FUND THIS YEAR

In letters to faculty and staff of UTSMS, Dean Charles Sprague has strongly urged greater participation in the United Fund appeal this year. Of the faculty solicited last year, total gift was \$9,566 or a per capita average of \$34.41. Only 30 of the 921 member staff contributed a total of \$494 last year. This averages out 53 cents per person for the whole staff. This year the United Fund of Metropolitan Dallas has set a goal of \$8,814,720. This is only a little more than the \$8,400,000 this single institution will receive from the medical foundation's fund drive. Dr. Sprague has asked for an all-out effort in

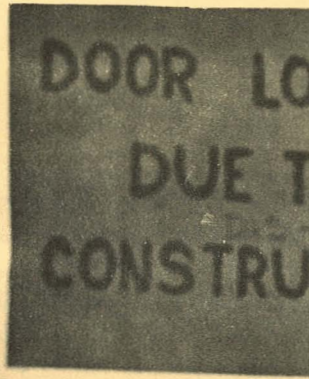
behalf of the United Fund for 1972. "I earnestly ask each person associated with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School to give his fair share this year to the United Fund," said the dean. For those persons with incomes up to \$6,000, one hour's pay per month or 0.6% of annual income is considered a fair share. Graduated amounts to two per cent are considered fair with higher incomes. This year Dr. Don Wiggans, professor of Biochemistry, is in charge of the faculty solicitation. Dave Purcell, director of Development, and Bob Fenley, director of Information, are co-chairmen of the staff drive.

PHASE ONE BUILDINGS ON SCHEDULE

Actual construction work has begun on two buildings in the UTSMS Phase One construction project. After pouring footings for the 12-story Academic and Administration Building, the contractor started up with basement walls. This is the project nearest Hines by the entrance drive. Further west, a giant augur was drilling footings for the Basic Sciences Teaching Building. Some of the footings had been poured. Les Braun, architect and construction coordinator for the UT System's Facilities Planning Office, says that the contractor, Robert McKee, is just about on schedule. Work was begun May 10 and there are 1,200 calendar days allotted to the project. Completion date is Aug. 21, 1974 for the \$23.3 million project.

The \$7 million Basic Sciences Research Building may be ready for occupancy around May. The new one-story Ophthalmology Building on the west side of the campus is about ready for occupancy. This department is now housed in the Callier Hearing and Speech Center. Other construction associated with the building expansion include the \$4.5 million Lone Star Energy Co. plant along Medical Center Dr. which is rising at a rapid rate.

CONSTRUCTION COLLAGE



Three viewpoints of the construction program now underway at UTSMS.

LARGEST FRESHMAN CLASS ENROLLS

A class of 120 first-year students, largest in Southwestern's history, has begun its rigorous four-year trek toward the MD degree. This represents an increase from the 108 accepted last year, bringing the number of medical students enrolled for the 1971-72 academic year to 446--compared to 424 last year.

The larger class has been accommodated in existing facilities, by adding to freshman laboratory and lecture hall seating capacity in the Cary building. The extra teaching load also has been assumed without additions to Basic Sciences faculty. The freshman class increase represents the first incremental step toward a doubled medical enrollment, with the acceptance of 200 first-year students targeted for fall of 1975.

As part of Dallas Day orientation activities, freshmen students toured points of interest including a South Dally community center, where they "rapped" with spokesmen for poor minority-group citizens, and Fair Park's Museum of Fine Arts, where they lunched and heard of the city's varied cultural menu.

Southwestern's minority student enrollment now is at a new high. The freshman count includes two Negroes, six Mexican-Americans and two Orientals. Combined with the four blacks, two Orientals and three Mexican-Americans in the sophomore, junior and senior classes, this brings the minority medical student total to 19.

A pair of "firsts" this year for freshmen are a new counseling program in aspects of clinical medicine, conducted by 20 faculty members of the clinical teaching departments, and a lecture in physical fitness designed to help the students learn how to stay in shape during their years of confining study.

GRADUATE, ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS BEGIN

At last count, graduate student enrollment for the new school year stood at 65, with six or eight late registrants expected by Registrar Anne Rucker. Last fall's graduate enrollment was 71, she said. Southwestern's School of Allied Health Professions posted an approximate 50 per cent increase in enrollment as it began its second academic year, with 65 signed up in its four programs of training in health service specialties. The school began life a year ago with 46 enrolled.

NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NAMED FOR PHYSICAL PLANT

Delbert C. Overstreet, formerly with Baylor College of Medicine, has been appointed assistant director of the physical plant at UTSMS. The new employee received his degree in mechanical engineering from The University of Texas at Austin. He was superintendent of buildings and grounds at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston. A native of San Marcos, he is a member of the Central State Regional Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges. Overstreet is married with two children. His interests include hunting and fishing.

STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM HELD

The 1971 Cardiopulmonary Student Research Forum was held on Aug. 31 with Dr. James K. Alexander, professor of Internal Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, as guest lecturer. Dr. Alexander's subject was "Obesity and Circulatory Function."

After a welcome by Dr. Stephen Leshin, student papers included: "Cardiovascular Response During Exercise in Chronically Instrumented Dogs," by James O. Wright; "Effects of Glucose and Octanoate on the Heart During Conditions of High and Low Oxygen," by J. Stanley Crie; "Prolongation of the Pressor Response to Isometric Exercise by Muscle Group Rotation," by Robert P. Burpo; "Influence of Ethanol on the Metabolism of Fetal Mouse Hearts in Organ Culture," by James A. Farmer; "Comparison of Methods for Determination of Pulmonary Capillary Blood Volume in the Dog," by David R. Buck; "Acute Hemodynamic Effects of Hyperosmotic Mannitol," by David L. Sadler; "Influence of Temperature on the Dynamic Stiffness of the Left Ventricle," by William C. Reardon; and "The 'diving reflex' in Man During Dynamic and Isometric Exercise," by John K. Campbell.

The guest lecturer was sponsored by the Merck, Sharp & Dohme postgraduate program.

DCHD ELECTS DR. ADAMS PRESIDENT OF ATTENDING STAFF

Dr. Reuben H. Adams, professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UTSMS and chief of Ob-Gyn at Baylor Medical Center, has been elected president of the Dallas County Hospital District's attending medical staff. Dr. Adams, former associate dean for student affairs at the medical school, has been associated with the hospital district since 1953 when he served a straight medical internship.

Also elected officers were Dr. Elgin W. Ware Jr., president-elect; Dr. Terry D. Allen, vice president; and Dr. Albert D. Roberts, secretary, according to the DCHD publication, Hospital Highlights.

Those of the attending staff chosen to be on the 1971-72 Medical Advisory Council were Drs. Donald S. Brown, Jerome L. Byers, George H. Carman, Ronald F. Garvey, Oran V. Prejean, Harry M. Spence and Paul J. Thomas. Automatic appointments to the council were Dr. Donald Seldin, chief of internal medicine; Dr. G. Tom Shires, chief of surgery; and Dr. Paul MacDonald, chief of obstetrics and gynecology.

INSTRUCTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS ADDS BABICK

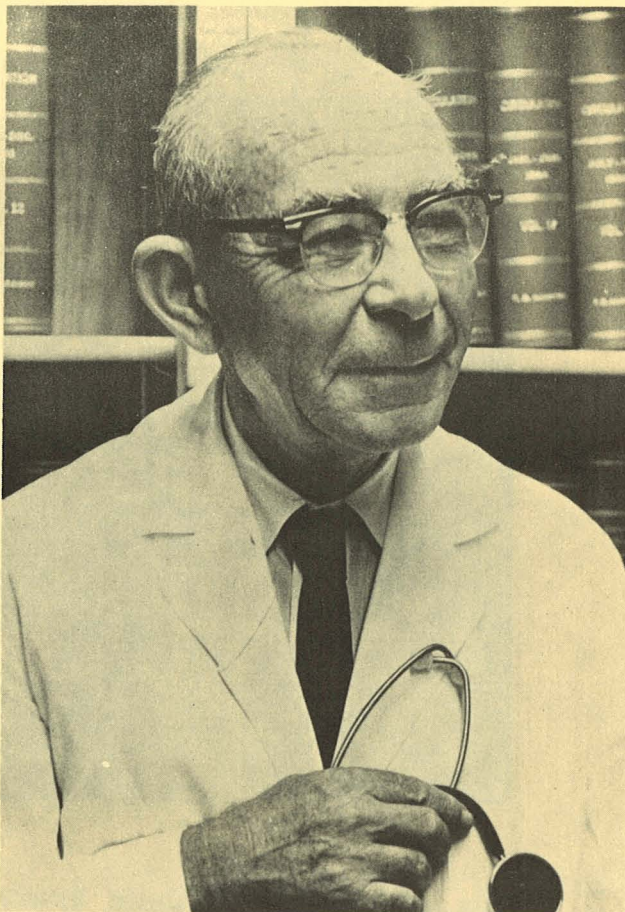
Arthur Babick has joined UTSMS as assistant professor of instructional communications. Holder of a Ph.D. in instructional communications from Syracuse University, Babick came to Southwestern from Indiana University, where he was assistant professor of education and research associate in the Division of Instructional Systems Technology. In addition to research and consultation work in programmed learning and instructional systems, he also writes for professional journals and produces instructional media.

After 20 years in the Dean's office, successively serving Drs. Hart, Carl Moyer, George Aagaard, James Gill and Charles C. Sprague, Miss Schulze in 1969 was named Historian and Assistant to the Dean. She researched and wrote, in a year's time, a history and chronology that veteran department heads have hailed as containing details about Southwestern, including their own sectors, that they didn't know.

Since finishing the history, Miss Schulze had been engrossed in preparation of grant proposals for the school's upcoming Phase II expansion. At one point, she guessed there were 11,000 pages of paper spread around her office. "I only hope," she noted as she cleared her desk the last time, "that you have as productive a second 25 years as we had during the first 25."

A native Iowan, Miss Schulze came to Texas with her father and sister in 1945. The elder Schulze, by then retired, had helped found the town of Irving during a turn-of-the-century stay in the state as a railroad surveyor. Miss Schulze's sister, Mary Louise, also is a long-time member of the Southwestern family, serving as a research associate in microbiology.

Harry Sheaner's retirement marked the end of the longest career of any individual ever associated with Southwestern. He was hired, by the foundation, before there was a school. The "school" then consisted only of an empty office in a Dallas clinic and a borrowed desk, typewriter and chair, he said. After handing over command of the campus police to Chief Talkington in 1969, Sheaner returned to the Physical Plant--for the third time--and served there until retiring. Now he says he's keeping busy with his favorite pastime--fishing--and trying to keep the "War Department" (Mrs. Sheaner) happy.



FORMER DEAN HARRISON TO BE HONORED

Dr. Tinsley R. Harrison, dean and chairman of the Department of Medicine at Southwestern Medical College from 1944 to 1946, will be honored by the American College of Chest Physicians during the group's third fall scientific assembly in Philadelphia, Oct. 24-28.

Dr. Harrison, now of Birmingham, Ala., is one of four distinguished medical teachers and researchers who are being honored by the 8,500-member society for their contributions to the advancement of knowledge of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems and diseases affecting them.

Dr. Harrison, 71, retired in 1970 as professor of medicine of the Medical College of Alabama. He had served there in previous years as chairman of the Department of Medicine and division director of cardiology.

TWO STAFF VETERANS RETIRE

Two personages prominent throughout Southwestern's history have ended their active roles at the school with the retirement Sept. 1 of Miss Catharine Schulze and Harry Sheaner. Miss Schulze, secretary to five of the six deans UTSMS has had, and author of a comprehensive history of the school, thus wound up a notable 23-year career at the apex of administrative responsibility here. Sheaner, the first line employee to be hired by the hastily-organized young medical college in 1943, served energetically in numerous capacities for more than 28 years, including terms as physical plant director and chief of the security police.

Both Sheaner's and Miss Schulze's tenure dates back to the shaky shacks on Oak Lawn behind old Parkland Hospital. Sheaner remembers that to get started on short notice amid war shortages, the school "borrowed microscopes all over town." Walking around the early barracks-type buildings could prove hazardous, he recalls. "Sometimes you would go through holes in the floor."

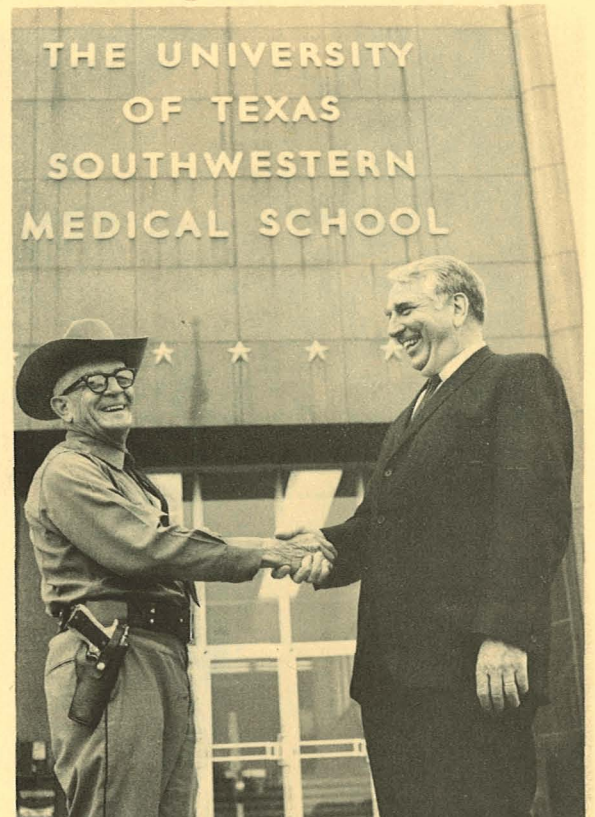
The young school was a bustling place--unbearably hot in summer, icy in winter--when she arrived in 1948 to become secretary to Dean William Lee Hart. Miss Schulze remembers. "Everybody was beginning to realize that with the war over, it was going to take a great deal more money to run a medical school," she said. Miss Schulze played a big role in drafting the presentation that led to the Legislature making Southwestern a state institution. She even drew up, in 1949, the school's first request for funds from the state.

High point of the school's busy years of constant planning and growth came, she said, when Southwestern finally received funds for construction of its first permanent home, the Cary building. "Then, when the bids were received, the lowest one was for \$100,000 more than we had," she recalled. Southwestern Medical Foundation, founder and early benefactor of the school, came to the rescue with the extra funds.

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Miss Schulze



Mr. Sheaner

Dean Sprague

FACULTY WIVES FETE FRESHMEN IN FINE, FROTHY FASHION

It was standing room only at the Skillern Student Union building on Friday, Sept. 17th, as the Faculty Wives Club hosted a get-together so that students and faculty could meet the new freshman class. A tasteful round of cheeses accented the malt. One of those very appropriate things which people hope will happen again. Credit is due Mrs. Ron Estabrook, who was chairman of the fete.

COOPER HEADS PHOTOGRAPHY

Robert A. Cooper, formerly of Varo, Inc., of Garland, has joined the staff of the Department of Medical Art and Visual Education as director of medical photography. Cooper received his M.F.A. in photographic science and technology from Ohio University in 1958. He worked as a photographic scientist for the Elliott Co. and Thomas Ramo Wooldridge Co. prior to joining the Ohio State University Department of Photography, where he was active in teaching, medical photography and a variety of other areas including research in pollution studies, infrared photography, aerial photography and photographic instrumentation. At Varo, he was associate scientist and manager of the photographic lab engaged in classified research, laser photography and aerial surveillance studies.

BUS RECEIVED FAVORABLY

First runs of the new bus from the parking lots to the Danciger entrance have brought favorable reaction. The 44-seat vehicle will continue its present route until construction is complete on Lot 1 south of the Hoblitzelle building. When this lot is once again open, the bus will discharge passengers at the west entrance of the Danciger building.

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION QUARTERED IN CARY

Library Director Donald D. Hendricks has moved his office from 2600 Stemmons to Room B1-AB in the Library quarters in the basement of the Cary building. Mrs. Virginia Surber, administrative secretary, also is in this office. Miss Maryann Duggan of the Regional Medical Library Program remains in Suite 188 at 2600 Stemmons. Telephone numbers are 631-1813, 631-1563 or Extension 559 off the regular medical school number, 631-3220.

OFFICER SMILEY DIES

Frank P. Smiley, who was employed by UTSMS in May, 1964, as a security officer, died Sept. 6 of a heart attack. He had received his peace officers commission in August of 1968 and had been promoted to sergeant in July of 1969 and captain on Sept. 1. While at UTSMS, he completed a number of courses and seminars, ranging from human relations for supervisors to dangerous drugs and narcotics. Smiley, of Duncanville, is survived by his wife, two sons, two brothers and a sister. Burial was at Laurel Land Memorial Park.

With Labor Day past and the fall here, another look at the vacation Schedule for the rest of the fiscal year might be in order:

Nov. 25	Thursday.....	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 26	Friday.....	Thanksgiving*
Dec. 23	Thursday.....	Christmas
Dec. 24	Friday.....	Christmas
Dec. 27	Monday.....	Christmas*
Dec. 28	Tuesday.....	Christmas*
May 29	Monday.....	Memorial Day
July 3	Monday.....	Independence holiday*
July 4	Tuesday.....	Independence Day

The days marked with an * are in return for state legal holidays not observed by university employees. Two additional state legal holidays not observed by the university are added to the statutory allowance to provide a total of 12 working days annual leave (or vacation) for 1971-72. Employees with 15 years state employment get 17 working days annual leave and employees with 20 years state employment get 22 working days annual leave.

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