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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DALLAS



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DALLAS -- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas will observe the 25th anniversary of its first graduating class at the annual reunion dinner for alumni, faculty and friends of the school March 17, Dr. Doyle Ferguson, alumni president, said today.

A highlight of the occasion will be presentation of an original drama, "Spectrum '69," portraying with live actors, film clips, slides and music the founding and growth of Southwestern over the past quarter century.

Written and staged by Eleanor Chappell, Dallas writer-actress, "Spectrum '69" will trace the beginnings of the school during World War II in prefabricated buildings on the grounds of old Parkland Hospital on Maple Avenue, down to the modern campus of today on Harry Hines Boulevard.

More than 2,000 physicians have graduated from Southwestern, many remaining in medical practice in North Texas.

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Ethel Glenn, head of drama at Bishop College, will be producer for the multi-media drama, with William Osburn, chairman of the department and associate professor of medical art at Southwestern, as technical director. Members of Mr. Osburn's staff of audio-visual specialists will operate technical equipment. Dr. John Chapman, assistant dean for postgraduate education, is chairman of the program committee. Violet Baird, head of Southwestern's library, is director of research for the script.

Members of the class of '44 will be honored at the dinner, to be held in the Conquistador Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel. Ten and 20-year reunions of the classes of '59 and '49 also will be a part of the occasion.

Dr. Ferguson will preside. Dr. Dewey W. Johnston of Fort Worth, president-elect of the alumni association, will take office. Invitations have been extended to North Texas physicians, officials of the University of Texas System and other friends of the school.

Dr. Charles C. Sprague, dean, will outline development plans that will add several new buildings and an expanded teaching program at Southwestern in the next four to five years.

Reservations are now being accepted for the dinner through the office of the alumni association on the Southwestern campus.

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