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## PHASE ONE READY FOR BIDS OPHTHALMOLOGY BUILDING APPROVED

The University of Texas System Board of Regents has approved final plans and specifications for nearly \$34 million worth of campus construction to expand The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School at Dallas to accommodate a doubled enrollment of medical students. Meeting in Austin, the Regents authorized the UT Office of Facilities Planning and Construction to seek bids on four major structures containing more than 600,000 gross square feet of space. The buildings comprise the remainder of UTSMS' \$40 million-plus expansion program, which will enable increasing the size of annual enrolling classes from 105 medical students to 200 by the fall of 1975. Included are the Basic Sciences Teaching Building and connecting plaza with four lecture rooms; the Fred F. Florence Library and Biomedical Information Center; Academic-Administration Building; and Auditorium-Cafeteria. Contracts are scheduled to be awarded by spring of 1971, with construction to be completed within a three-year timetable, University officials said. Also approved Friday were plans for a new building to house the UTSMS Department of Ophthalmology, to cost an estimated \$247,383. The one-story stucco structure will be located west of existing school buildings and will house departmental offices, laboratories, an animal holding area and facilities for clinical teaching, clinical research and patient service. Completion of the 7,792 gross-square-foot building is expected by next fall, UTSMS officials said. Ophthalmology facilities currently are housed in leased space in the nearby Callier Speech and Hearing Center. Upon completion of the longer-range Phase One expansion, the department will move into renovated space in the Cary Building, said Dr. John R. Lynn, professor and chairman of Ophthalmology. The one-story structure then will become part of physical plant facilities.

## UTSMS TEACHING EXCELLENCE CITED

At a late October meeting of The University of Texas Board of Regents in Houston, Regent Jack Josey took particular note of the achievements of students from UTSMS. Said Josey: "Some information has come to me in recent days which I think will interest the Board. For the fifth consecutive year, The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School at Dallas has been at the top or near the top scholastically as judged by a national examination taken by senior students at approximately 71 medical schools. Certain requirements of the examining group prevent  
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public disclosure of exact ranking nationally. However, I am permitted to report to you that the students of the UT medical school in Dallas have ranked near the top for the last five years and in one year achieved that top position. The students have been particularly outstanding in pediatrics, in which they outscored the nation's other medical students five straight years, and our students have made the UT medical school at Dallas one of the best in medicine and surgery. This Board and the UT administration on many occasions have discussed teaching effectiveness and better teaching at all our institutions. I think the record of SMS is a credit to students and faculty alike. Because of our agreement with the examining group, further details cannot be made public. However, I would like for the Board of Regents to accept this statement as a matter of record and that this statement be reflected in the minutes of this meeting."

#### GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

There have been some pilferings at UTSMS lately. Among those items reported stolen was a poker chip dispenser. From Psychology. Does this confirm the theory that there's a lot of psychology to poker? Or vice versa? Seriously, Police Chief Dan Talkington says four typewriters, an adding machine and a photo dry press machine have recently disappeared. The chief urges that doors to rooms be closed and locked when employees leave. It is not necessary to leave doors open for clean-up people because they have their own keys. In addition, the door at the west end of the Cary Building may be locked after hours to tighten up security.

#### TODAY'S HEROES

Dr. Thomas K. Burnap, UTSMS professor of anesthesiology and director of the Department of Anesthesiology at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, led a group from the hospital who appeared recently as guests on NBC's "Today" show. The group demonstrated cardiopulmonary resuscitation after a simulated cardiac arrest, using an automated training mannekin, and mouth to mouth resuscitation. Appearing with Dr. Burnap were Martin Yates, certified registered nurse anesthetist, and RN's Linda Burkett, Jane Wester, Delores Axline and Karen Sheets.

#### DECISION PERILS PAY OF FACULTY HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE

Dean Sprague received a memorandum dated Nov. 13 from Richard Gibson of The University of Texas System Law Office which reads: Six taxpayers from College Station filed suit in State District Court to enjoin Robert Calvert, the Comptroller of Texas, from issuing warrants to pay six faculty members employed by Texas A&M University and who also serve as members of the city council of College Station. Plaintiffs contended that such payments would violate Article 16, Section 33 of the Texas Constitution. Judge Herman Jones on November 13, 1970, held that, based on the decision in Willis v. Potts, 377 S.W. 2d 622, 1964, it was clear that a person holding office as city councilman is an appointee or agent of the state, and therefore, holds a position "under this state."

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As an elective officer under the state, a city councilman who also serves as a faculty or staff member of one of the component institutions of The University of Texas System will be denied his warrant, if the conflicting positions come to the attention of the Comptroller. Although Judge Jones' decision will almost certainly be appealed, it might be advisable to warn any of your faculty members inclined to run for such an office that reversal of the District Court decision is unlikely. I shall inform you of the final disposition of the lawsuit.

#### ORAL SURGEONS ELECT WALKER

Dr. Robert V. Walker, professor of surgery and chairman of the Division of Oral Surgery at UTSMs, has been elected vice president of the American Society of Oral Surgeons at its 52nd annual meeting in Miami Beach. Dr. Walker is chairman of the oral surgery division at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

#### COMBES NAMED VP

Dr. Burton Combes has been elected vice president of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases. The action was taken at the group's annual meeting in Chicago in early November. Dr. Combes is a professor of internal medicine at UTSMs.

#### JENKINS TO HEAD ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

Dr. M.T. Jenkins of Dallas has been named President-Elect of The American Society of Anesthesiologists, which has a membership of more than 10,000. Dr. Jenkins served as First Vice President of the American Society of Anesthesiologists during 1970. In addition to heading the Anesthesiology Department at The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School, Dr. Jenkins is Chief of Anesthesiology at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, Parkland Memorial Hospital, Children's Medical Center, and Dallas Veterans Administration Hospital. He is Consultant in Anesthesiology at Baylor University Medical Center, Presbyterian Hospital, Methodist Hospital, and St. Paul Hospital, all in Dallas, and Lackland Air Force Base Hospital in San Antonio. A native Texan, Dr. Jenkins was born in Hughes Springs and attended high school there. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Jenkins completed his medical education at The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, and interned at The University of Kansas Hospitals, Kansas City. After taking an assistant residency in internal medicine at John Sealy Hospital, Galveston, Dr. Jenkins went on active duty with the U.S. Navy Reserve, serving from 1942-46, during World War II. On his release from the service, Dr. Jenkins took a residency in general surgery at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas. This was followed by an assistant residency in anesthesiology at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. On completion of his residency training, Dr. Jenkins was appointed Chief of the Department of Anesthesiology at Parkland Hospital, Dallas. Since that time he has remained in Dallas, and has been largely responsible for making the city one of the major centers of anesthesia training and research.

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In 1966, the Board of Regents of The University of Texas established the Margaret Milan McDermott Chair of Anesthesiology, and appointed Dr. Jenkins chairman. This high honor is shared by only four other anesthesiologists in the world.

#### LIBRARY REFERENCE SERVICES

The Reference Department offers a variety of services for the benefit of library patrons. Faculty members may request the preparation of subject and author bibliographies. Existing bibliographies will also be checked for accuracy and form. Members of the faculty, staff, and student body may request that MEDLARS searches be obtained from the center in Houston. These computer-prepared bibliographies covering the period from 1967 to the present are furnished free of charge. It usually takes from one to two weeks to obtain a MEDLARS bibliography. Of course, the Reference Department is always willing to help patrons locate materials in the library, and to use its "ready reference" material to find such information as addresses, vital statistics, page verification or articles, etc.

#### AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT

Audiovisual equipment may be checked out for temporary loan at Room B-413 in the new fourth floor addition to the Cary Basic Science Hall. Questions about reservations of equipment may be directed to extension 695.

#### NEW STAFF/STUDENT STORE OPENS

To those who have long endured the lunchtime scrimmage sessions at the sandwich boxes, the formal opening of the new Staff and Student Store Dec. 2 was a welcome event. A beaming Ralph Dial, who even has an office in the expanded store quarters in the basement of the Hoblitzelle Bldg., presided over coffee and cookies. Aided by Dean Sprague and Associate Dean Weeks, Ralph bestowed some door prizes in a morning drawing. Sophomore Med Student William Charles O'Donnell won a Cross pen and pencil set; Barbara Strother, from Pediatrics, was given a watch; Joan Kailey from Physiology got a billfold, Anna Nicolaisen from Pediatrics, a cigarette lighter; Sophomore Med Student Noble Doss, a box of cigars; and John West of the Animal Hospital, a cigarette lighter. In the afternoon, Larry Felts of the Animal Hospital won a 7-Up Lamp; then Billie Fooshee of Surgery won a chain necklace; Fred Griffin, a freshman medical student, got a cufflink set; Jessie Green of Engineering won a necklace.



*Dean Sprague, left, congratulates Ralph Dial as Associate Dean Weeks looks on.*





THE PUMPKIN CAPERS--It started as kind of a joke. Then Medical Art student, Lane LaRue, carved an elaborate pumpkin which proclaimed "First Annual Southwestern Medical School Pumpkin Sculpture Competition" and it grew into a real thing. Maybe 50 people came to the flagpole in front of the medical school to enter 20 pumpkins in competition a few days before Halloween. Everyone won first prize. Four Dallas and Fort Worth television stations covered the affair. The entries were later taken to the Tuatara center for a children's Halloween party.





## DR. BURK HONORED BY COLLEAGUES

Dr. Richard D. Burk, departing Dec. 31 as dean of the School of Allied Health Professions and chairman of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, was honored along with Mrs. Burk at a reception in the Skillern Student Union on Nov. 8. Some 200 persons attended the Sunday afternoon event, co-sponsored by the two organizations Dr. Burk headed at UTSMS. A plaque recognizing his leadership at the school was presented to the medical educator by Dr. Alexander D. Raptou, assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation. Arrangements for the reception were coordinated by Dr. Harry Parker, associate dean of the School of Allied Health Professions. Dr. Burk, chairman of physical medicine at UTSMS since 1966, was the guiding force behind the formation of the new School of Allied Health Professions, which began functioning last fall with 47 students enrolled in four health-career educational programs. Dr. Burk and his family are moving to Dayton, Ohio, where he will enter private practice of physical medicine and rehabilitation after the first of the year. He was on the faculty of Ohio State University for 14 years before joining UTSMS, and holds the distinction of having been named "Physician of the Year" in two states--in Ohio in 1963 and in Texas in 1966.



*Mrs. Burk approves beamingly as Dr. Raptou, standing, presents plaque of appreciation to Dr. Richard Burk.*

## ACCIDENT INSURANCE ENROLLMENT

The annual enrollment period for group accident insurance (accidental death and dismemberment insurance) will be held December 14-23, 1970. During this annual enrollment period, eligible employees not covered may enroll in the plan, and those employees now covered who desire to do so may change their coverage. The effective date of new coverage or changes in coverage will be February 1, 1971, the anniversary date of the plan, with the deduction to be made from the January 1971 paycheck. Any eligible employee who does not have coverage and desires to enroll in the program, or any employee presently covered who wishes to change coverage, should contact the Personnel Office.



# HAPPY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 24, 1970	Thursday	Christmas Holiday
December 25, 1970	Friday	Christmas Day
December 28, 1970	Monday	***
December 29, 1970	Tuesday	***
December 30, 1970	Wednesday	***
December 31, 1970	Thursday	***
January 1, 1971	Friday	New Year's Day

\*\*\*In lieu of State Legal Holidays not observed by University employees.

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