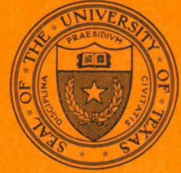


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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DALLAS



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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HOUSTON--The University of Texas System Board of Regents today (Friday, Jan. 31) authorized Southwestern Medical School at Dallas to begin detailed planning on a \$27 million building program.

Seven building projects are included as the first phase of the school's future development.

Completion of this initial phase will provide the space needed to raise entering enrollment figures almost 50 per cent--from today's 105 per class to 150 per class--with some projects designed to accommodate up to 200 medical students per class in the future.

"This is a significant step in meeting an urgent public need--the training of more physicians," commented Southwestern's Dean, Dr. Charles C. Sprague. "It also gives us tremendous impetus toward our goal of building an institution of such quality that it will be a national focal point of health education, research and community service."

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The projects will be financed by federal, state and private funds.

The plan includes:

1. The Florence Bioinformation Center, which will contain a 200,000-volume library, a bioinformation science program, audio-visual resources and computer center at an estimated cost of \$7 million.

2. A multi-purpose student laboratory and faculty space unit with four lecture rooms. The unit will provide laboratory "homes" for students in the first two basic science years of medical school, additional room for faculty and lecture rooms each seating 250. Estimated cost for the unit and lecture rooms is \$13.1 million.

3. Academic and administration unit. This unit will house expanded academic, administration and business services at an estimated \$1.9 million.

4. Renovation of the present Cary Basic Science Building for expansion of Southwestern's clinical departments (those generally concerned with teaching the medical student in the junior and senior years). Cost is estimated to be \$1.7 million.

5. Auditorium. This structure would seat 1,600 persons and would cost \$1.3 million.

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6. Physical plant expansion. This would enable the school to provide the services needed for building maintenance, security, custodial service, etc. Estimated cost is \$580,000.

7. Cafeteria. The seating area would initially accommodate 500 with flexibility for expansion with additional construction to 1,000 seats in the future. The kitchen area would contain space for expansion to accommodate 1,000 seats. Cost is estimated at \$1.4 million.

The total estimated costs of the projects add up to \$26,980,000, a figure which includes contingency and cost escalation factors.

While it would be designed for larger enrollments of medical students, the Phase One program would cure some present serious space shortages--especially in the basic science departments.

The medical school, having outgrown the present three buildings at 5323 Harry Hines, has full-time faculty quartered in rented space and in Dallas hospitals.

In addition to the \$27,000,000 program, the school expects to ask for bids this spring on the McDermott Basic Science Research Building at an estimated cost of \$6,264,000 and a Research Animal Facility at about \$1.4 million.

In addition to medical students, Southwestern has about 60 graduate students. The school's faculty provide staff for Parkland Memorial Hospital, in addition to supervision of intern and resident programs there and at other Dallas hospitals.

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