

# NEWSLETTER

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DALLAS

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## SOME IMPROVEMENT POSSIBLE IN AIR CONDITIONING SITUATION

Working conditions have been miserable for many employees as the air conditioning equipment suffered one failure after another. Some real hardships have occurred, especially in the Hoblitzelle Building.

Now it's possible there may be a measure of improvement. The engineering firm of Gaynor and Sirmen, Inc., has been retained to advise on the problem, both on a short term and a long term basis. In turn, Certified Service Air Conditioning has been retained on a day-to-day basis. Some personnel changes have been made.

Physical Plant Director James Cooper reports non-functioning equipment such as solenoid units and controls is being replaced. Broken spray nozzles on the cooling tower have been replaced with the result that the cooling water temperature has dropped. There have been many leaks in the absorption units causing loss of coolant. At that, the recent work has resulted in lowering of the refrigerant temperature by 10 degrees, Mr. Cooper reports. He adds the hope that these measures will show appreciably in a week or so.

In the meantime, window tinting will be done on more of the Cary Building and an air conditioning firm has been asked for a bid on checking each individual thermostat unit. Large portable equipment is being looked at but the cost appears prohibitive at this time. The initial Gaynor & Sirmen estimate was that it would take \$1,000,000 to cure the problem with installation of a new permanent system.

A long-range report is being prepared. Around November, Lone Star Energy Co. is expected to be able to deliver steam and chilled water. This plus other planned changes will largely alleviate the situation next summer until a total permanent solution can be achieved.

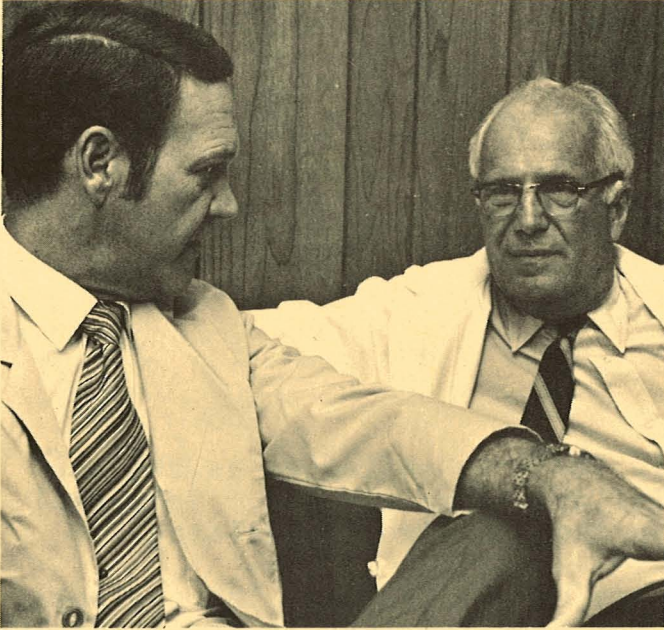
## HEW'S DR. HELLMAN LAUDS FAMILY PLANNING

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's Family Planning Project received plaudits from the deputy assistant secretary of Health, Education and Welfare for Population and Family Planning during a recent Dallas visit.

Dr. Louis Hellman, former chairman of Ob-Gyn at State University of New York's Downstate Medical Center now serving in the federal post, toured Family Planning facilities and lectured freshmen medical students while in Dallas as guest of UTSMS' Dr. Paul MacDonald, chairman of obstetrics

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*Visiting HEW official Dr. Louis Hellman, right, confers with his Dallas host, Dr. Paul MacDonald, professor and chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology.*

and gynecology.

"I am very impressed with the devotion of the people out there," Dr. Hellman said after visiting a FP clinic in South Dallas.

He said he talked to several patients, and found the efficiency of the operation impressive. One young mother told him she has had only one baby, and was "not gonna have any more"--thanks to Family Planning's assistance.

"Whole opportunities are open to this woman that would not have been possible five or 10 years ago," Dr. Hellman noted.

Programs such as Family Planning generate their own momentum, he said, creating the need for more funds than are available. A doubled national appropriation for 1972--from \$55 million to \$107 million--will permit additional clinic startups plus expansion of existing facilities, he said. "We can

spend every cent of that," he commented.

Dr. Hellman praised the work of Dr. Jack Pritchard, UTSMS' longtime Ob-Gyn chairman who began the Family Planning effort and continues to oversee it.

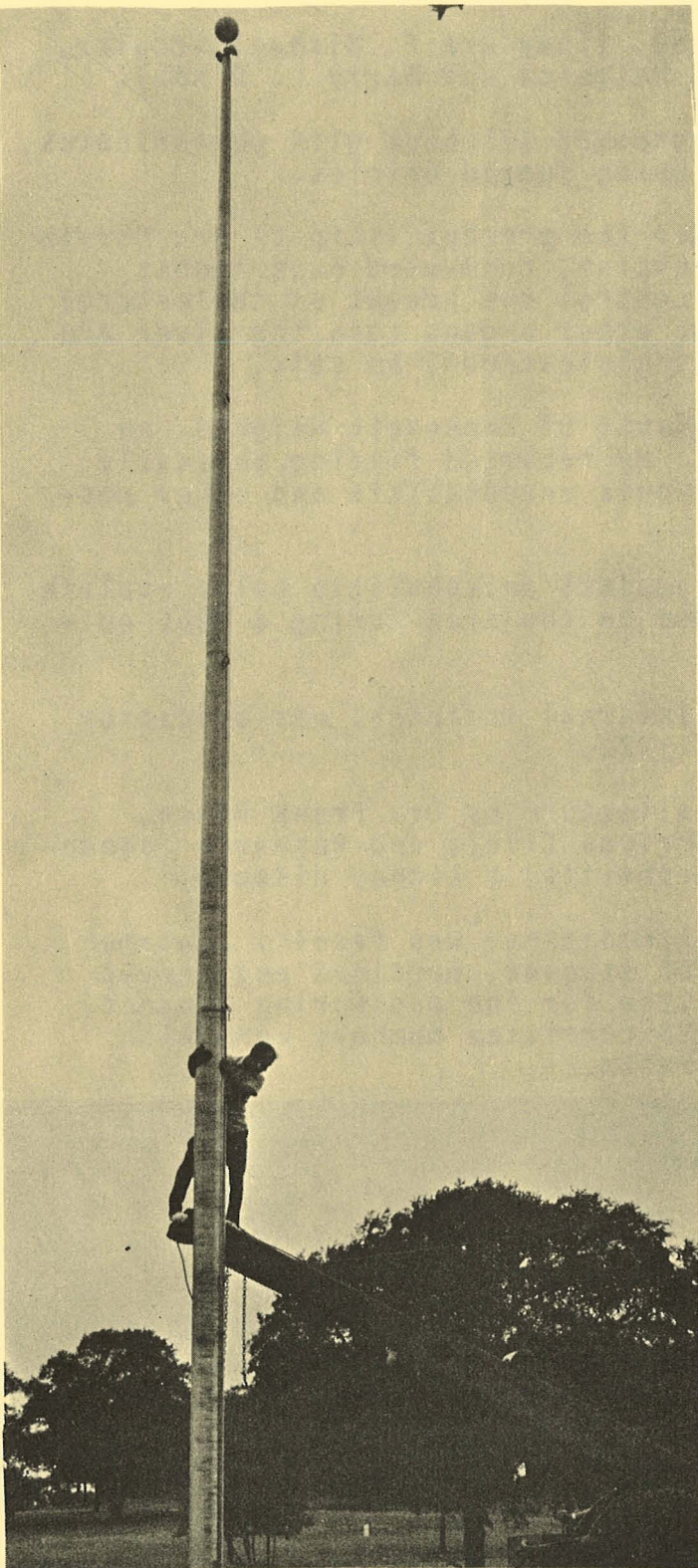
"Dr. Pritchard deserves a great deal of credit for the energy he put into this program," he said. "It's no easy task getting everyone to work together, and going in the same direction, on such an undertaking."

Dr. Hellman and Dr. Pritchard are collaborators on a new edition just published of "Williams' Textbook of Obstetrics," described as the basic medical text on the subject.

While Family Planning has "some bearing" on the population problem in this country, he said, it is by and large a public health effort. Care rendered in clinics improves the health of mothers and their children, both of whom benefit medically from better spacing and reduced numbers of offspring. Consequently, he said, the social health of the family is vastly improved, as well.

The visiting official was among three prominent lecturers here during a week of the Freshman Elective series on reproductive biology, originated by Dr. Pentti Siiteri of the obstetrics and gynecology and biochemistry faculties. Students also heard Dr. Sheldon Segal of the Population Council of New York City, and Dr. Samuel Yen of the University of California School of Medicine at La Jolla.





*BUILDING PROGRAM BEGINS--Physical Plant workman James Hendricks perches precariously as he attaches a cable to remove the flagpole from the front of the Cary Building. This was the first visible evidence of a fast-moving construction program which already has chewed a vast hole in the campus.*

## STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM WINNERS RECOGNIZED

Research exploring animals' cholesterol-regulating process and the disease immunities of residents of a flood-prone Dallas neighborhood has won prizes for two University of Texas Southwestern Medical School students.



*Student scientists Robert W. Haley, center, and Alan Swann receive UTSMS Research Forum's highest prizes of \$100 and expense-paid trips from Dean Charles Sprague, left.*

Alan Swann, junior medical student from Hurst, and Robert W. Haley, graduating senior from Dallas, received top awards at the eighth annual UTSMS Student Research Forum at the Marriott Motor Hotel. Some 125 students and faculty members attended.

Each winner received \$100 cash and expense-paid trips to the national research meeting of their choice. Dr. Charles C. Sprague, UTSMS dean, presented the awards.

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Five other finalists received \$100 prizes. They are F. Michael Schultz, Douglas Wooldridge, Alan Kohl, James E. Helgeson and Barry L. O'Neal.

A total of seventeen contestants each received \$25 book gift certificates. Faculty representatives and department heads judged entries.

Swann, whose research was conducted under the preceptorship of Dr. Marvin D. Siperstein, professor of internal medicine, conducted experiments which showed how normal animal tissues control the amount of cholesterol produced. The studies demonstrated that other organs than the liver are capable of synthesizing major amounts of cholesterol, he said.

Haley studied blood samples of 214 residents of Roosevelt Heights, an often-flooded addition in South Dallas. He reported finding unusually high amounts of antibodies against St. Louis encephalitis and other mosquito-borne viruses.

The high incidence of natural immunity against encephalitis helps explain why no cases of the disease were recorded in the area during a 1966 epidemic, Haley said.

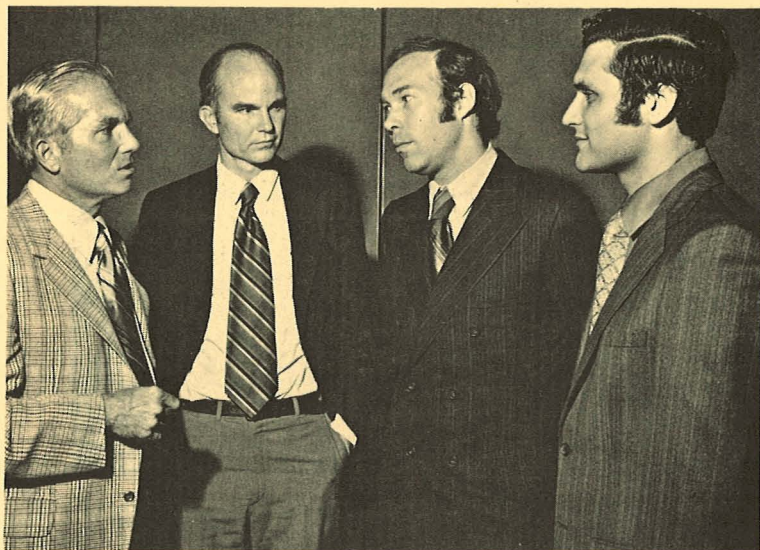
Dr. James Luby, assistant professor of internal medicine, was preceptor for Haley's project, conducted in July, 1970.

The research forum audience also heard a lecture by Dr. Frank Dixon, chairman of experimental pathology at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, Calif., on glomerulonephritis, a kidney disease.

Dr. John Fordtran, professor of internal medicine, was faculty chairman of the forum. Allan Metz, senior medical student, presided and served as chairman of the research forum committee for the sponsoring Student American Medical Association. Other SAMA committee members were Alan Swann, William Harford and Stanley Pomarantz.



*Key participants in Student Research Forum gather informally at Dallas' Marriott Motor Hotel. From left are finalists Alan Swann, Douglas Wooldridge, Alan Kohl, Barry Lee O'Neal, and James E. Helgeson, and Allan Metz, student chairman of research forum committee.*



*Research Forum speaker Dr. Frank Dixon, left, and Dr. John Fordtran, faculty chairman, chat with forum finalists Robert W. Haley and F. Michael Schultz.*



DEAN NAMES ASA WILLIAM DELOACH  
INTERIM CHAIRMAN OF PSYCHIATRY

Dr. Asa W. (Bill) DeLoach, chief of Psychiatry Service at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas since 1966, will become interim chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School on July 1.

Dr. DeLoach also receives an appointment as professor of psychiatry and becomes chief of psychiatry at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Southwestern's primary teaching hospital, on that date, announced Dr. Charles Sprague, UTSMS dean.

The new chairman succeeds Dr. Robert L. Stubblefield, who resigned in April after 14 years as head of the department and assumed full time teaching duties.

Dr. DeLoach had been a member of the full time faculty from 1962 to 1965. He has served part time as a clinical associate professor of psychiatry since 1965.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Sprague expressed gratification at Dr. DeLoach's willingness to assume the post. "He is an ideal choice to meet our needs, particularly in areas of teaching and patient care," he said, noting that Dr. DeLoach was the unanimous selection of a faculty committee searching for a successor to Dr. Stubblefield.

The appointment will strengthen the medical school's relationship with Presbyterian Hospital, Dr. Sprague said, with the affiliated institution playing "an even more important role" in the UTSMS teaching program in psychiatry.

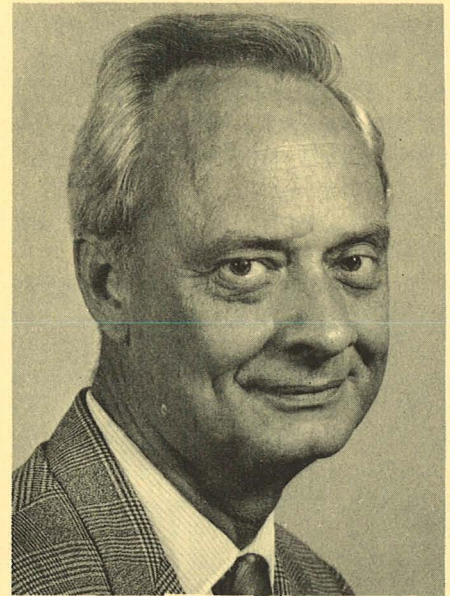
Dr. DeLoach said psychiatry training activities for medical students will be intensified at Presbyterian, where he will continue to direct the Psychiatry Service. That service will become an organized part of the medical school teaching program, he said.

With the planned growth of the medical school, he noted, access to more patients will be needed to properly teach psychiatry to increasing numbers of medical students, interns and residents.

Dr. DeLoach also said he plans to strengthen psychiatry patient care and teaching programs at Parkland, primarily through the stepped-up active participation of senior medical school staff members.

A physician for a quarter of a century, Dr. DeLoach combines an unusual background in general practice and surgery with the specialty of psychiatry.

He received his M.D. degree from the University of Georgia School of Medicine, Augusta, in 1946 and served an internship and surgery residencies at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. He was a medical officer in the U.S. Air Force in 1948-50.





After several years of private medical practice, mostly in Cairo, Ga., Dr. DeLoach returned to academic medicine in 1957. He served a three-year residency in psychiatry at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Perry Point, Md., and then was on the staff of the VA Hospital in Waco from 1960 until joining the Dallas medical school in 1962.

Dr. DeLoach, his wife and two children reside at 6329 Prestonsire Lane in Dallas.



#### THE BRUMLEYS RETIRE

John Harold Brumley and his wife, Margaret Sadie, were honored May 31 with a reception given by the Office of Accounting. The occasion was the retirement of the well-liked couple from UTSMS. Mr. Brumley came to work at the medical school on April 5, 1965, and, at the time of his retirement, was a senior clerk in charge of inventory under the office of accounting. He was born in Lewisville, Texas, Jan. 19, 1906. Mrs. Brumley, who came to the school Aug. 15, 1966, did clerical work for the library, both in the library proper and in the student union building. She was born in Weinert, Texas.

#### TRAYS MISSING

The Dietary Department at Parkland Memorial Hospital has lost a number of serving trays from the cafeteria. We have been asked to look around for stray trays which might have been forgotten in offices and laboratories and return them to the cafeteria.

#### CANCER DRIVE A SUCCESS

Again this year, the cancer drive went over its goal. Total amount collected was \$441.45, according to Barbara Billings in the Personnel Office. Barbara gives a word of thanks to those who contributed and those who worked to make the drive meet its goal.



## IMPROVEMENTS IN STATE TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The governor has signed a bill liberalizing teacher retirement benefits through the Texas Retirement System. The formula for calculating a retirement annuity has been changed to use the "best-5-years-average compensation" instead of the "best-10-years-average compensation". Also the percentage credit for each year of service has been changed from 1.65% to 1.75%. Benefits for present annuitants have been increased by 10% of their present annuity.

**DRIVING STRATEGISTS**--Members of the UTSMS security force and physical plant staff meet with Associate Dean Julius Weeks, who presented them certificates signifying completion of the first "defensive driving" course conducted for school personnel. Graduates assembled here were part of the first 24-member class taking the National Safety Council-designed course of instruction. Standing, left to right, are John Matheidas of Personnel, who coordinated the program; Richard Rautenstrauch; Associate Dean Weeks; Jim Hodges; G.R. Rosser; Joe Casarez; Wilford Windle; Llewellyn Davis; James Womack; Calvin Palmer and John Scheline. Seated, left to right, are John Butler, Jack Shepard, Robert Miller and C.M. Jordan.

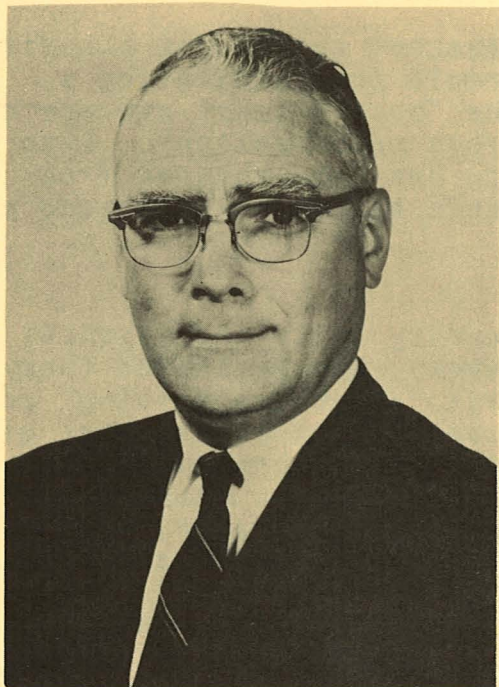


## UTSMS POLICE CAN HELP WITH LARGE MEETINGS

Police Chief Dan Talkington reminds us that parking for guests at seminars or other school meetings can be handled with much greater efficiency if advance notice is given his office. Many times, special provision for parking can be arranged, with officers able to give more explicit directions, if prior arrangements are made.



JOHN SCHERMERHORN NAMED  
HEALTH PROFESSIONS DEAN



Dr. John W. Schermerhorn, now dean of the Division of Health Sciences at Northeastern University, will become dean of the School of Allied Health Professions for The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School this fall.

"Dr. Schermerhorn has a distinguished record of education in the fields of pharmacy and health professions. We feel he will make a significant contribution in a rapidly-growing area," commented Southwestern Dean Charles C. Sprague.

Before his appointment as dean of Northeastern's health sciences division in 1969, Dr. Schermerhorn was a professor in the College of Pharmacy at the Boston institution. From 1953 to 1966 he rose from assistant to professor and chairman of the Department of

Pharmacy at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. He was assistant and associate professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at George Washington University from 1949 to 1953.

Dr. Schermerhorn is author of monographs I through VI in "The Lynn Index-- A Bibliography of Phytochemistry." In addition, he is the author of a number of publications dealing with the chemical properties of plants.

The new dean, who is listed in "American Men of Science," is a life member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, a member of the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He is also a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, American Association of Teachers of Pharmacy, American Society of Cosmetic Chemists, American Society of Hospital Pharmacists and American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

Dr. Schermerhorn was a director of the Technical Fund in Boston, a member of the educational advisory committee of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, the advisory committee to the Health Vocational Training Center, New England Hospital and the Pharmacy Task Force, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The appointee took a B.S. degree in pharmacy from Rutgers University and a Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Schermerhorn and his wife have four children.



DON HENDRICKS APPOINTED  
DIRECTOR OF THE LIBRARY

Dr. Donald D. Hendricks, director of the TALON Regional Medical Library Program, will become Director of the Library for The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

In making the appointment, Dean Charles C. Sprague announced that Mrs. Violet Baird, the former librarian, would move to the post of historical bibliographer.

The dean noted that Dr. Hendricks, also appointed Professor of Library Science, held key elective and consultive posts in library circles. He is a member of the board of the Texas Library Association and that board's representative to the American Library Association. Dr. Sprague also commended Mrs. Baird for long and dedicated service to the library.



Southwestern's medical library is slated to go through a rapid expansion. Now boasting some 100,000 volumes, it will be enlarged to around 200,000.

The library has an extensive collection of rare old medical works, especially strong in Texas medical history.

For the past year, Dr. Hendricks has guided the TALON (Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico) regional library program. He will continue to direct this area as the program is partially amalgamated with Southwestern's library activities.

He has been awarded a grant from the Council on Library Resources to study library networks in the United States, and has been a consultant on library development in Canada and Louisiana.

Dr. Hendricks came to Southwestern from Sam Houston State University, where he was director of libraries. Prior to that, he took his Ph.D. degree at the University of Illinois. He has been head librarian at Millikin University, Decatur, Ill.; Owosso Public Library, Owosso, Michigan; and young adult librarian at the Detroit Public Library.

He is the author of a number of articles and monographs on library operations, including the recent "Centralized Processing and Regional Library Developments."

Dr. Hendricks is a member of the Bibliographical Society of London, the Bibliographical Society of America, Virginia Bibliographical Society and of the Private Libraries Association.

A native of Michigan, he took A.B. and A.M.L.S. degrees from the University of Michigan.



## UTSMS POLICE PLACE IN FIREARMS COMPETITION

A team composed of Calvin W. Palmer and Jackie Shepard of the UTSMS Police Department placed third in a June firearms competition among six institutions of The University of Texas System. Individually, Palmer placed fourth and Shepard fifth out of a field of a dozen in both bulls-eye and tactical pistol matches.

## MEDLARS ANALYST JOINS LIBRARY

Mrs. Cherry Green, formerly Chief MEDLARS Analyst at Region 9 MEDLARS Center in Houston, Texas, has joined the Library staff at Southwestern Medical School, and will give assistance in planning MEDLARS searches for faculty, students, and research personnel. The MEDLARS center at Houston provides access to the machine-readable data base of bibliographic information produced at the National Library of Medicine, Washington, D.C.

To obtain information about MEDLARS searches, call Mrs. Green at Ext. 681.

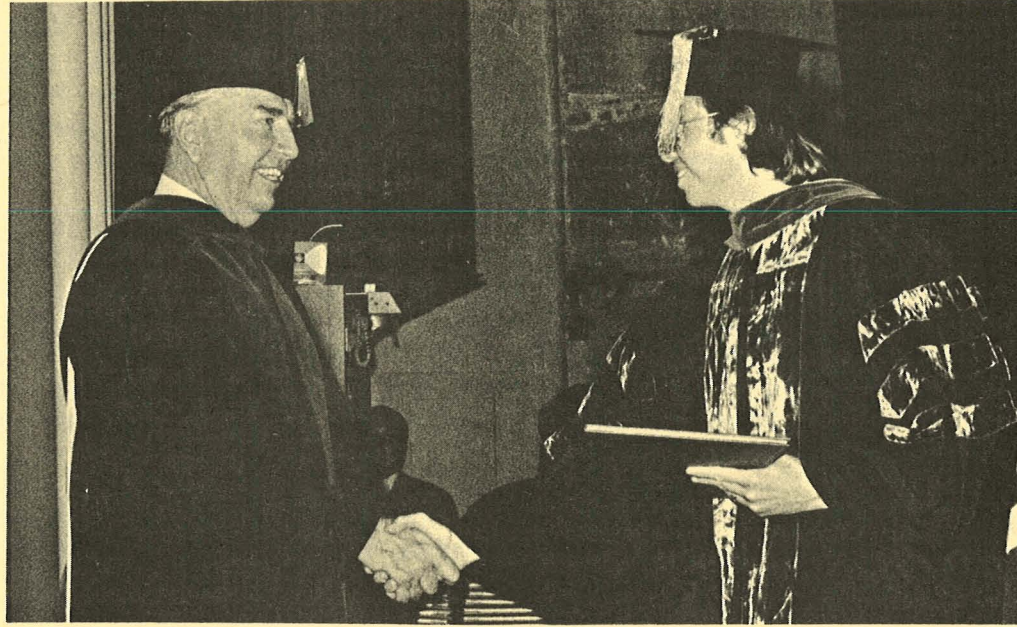
## DR. BERSON VISITS UTSMS AS WINANS PROFESSOR



*Dr. Solomon Berson, a specialist in diabetes and endocrinology, right, looks on as Research Technician Ann Gyde examines a flask. At left is Dr. Ed Goodman, chief resident for Internal Medicine, and Dr. Marvin Siperstein, professor of Internal Medicine. Dr. Berson was this year's Winans Visiting Professor of Internal Medicine. He is professor and chairman of the Department of Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York. Next year's Winans visiting professor will be Dr. Paul Bruce Beeson, Nuffield Professor of Clinical Medicine, Oxford University.*



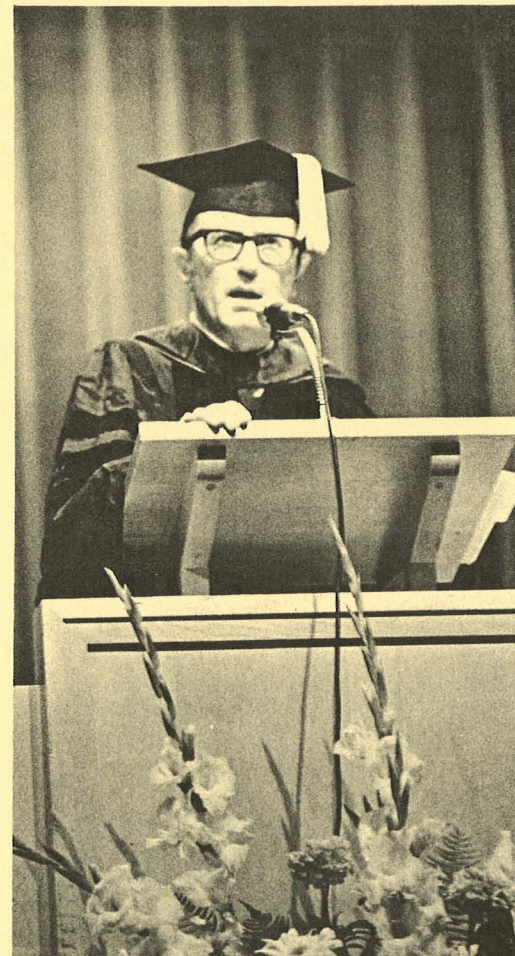
# COMMENCEMENT



*Dr. John Hairston admired by new spouse, Barbara, top left. Dr. Sprague shakes with Gary Kahn, top right. Dr. Gary Rose and photogenic wife accept plaudits at right. Eugene McDermott presents Ho Din to Dr. Kent Rogers below.*



*Dr. Donald Seldin was chosen by graduating class as one of the two speakers at commencement.*





## DEATH CLAIMS DR. HARVEY MARVER

Dr. Harvey S. Marver, 36, associate professor of internal medicine at UTSMS since 1970, died July 11 in Parkland Memorial Hospital after a short illness. Funeral services and burial were held in Chicago, Ill., on July 13. A distinguished researcher in human genetics, he had been engaged in studies of intermittant acute porphyria, a rare metabolic disturbance of genetic origin affecting the liver.

A native of Chicago, Dr. Marver was a graduate of Roosevelt University and the University of Chicago School of Medicine, where he was a Baskin Scholar. He formerly served as a research associate for the National Cancer Institute's metabolism unit, and was on the faculty of the University of California's San Francisco Medical Center from 1967 until joining UTSMS in September, 1970. He was recipient of a 1970 Career Development Award from the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases.

Survivors include his wife and a daughter, Linda; his mother, Mrs. Rose Marver, and a sister, Mrs. Hannah Lyon, both of Los Angeles.

*Charles C. Sprague*