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AMA-ERF GIFT

At the Blue Cross-Blue Shield dinner honoring the Senior Class, on the evening of May 10th, Dr. Bailey for the AMA-ERF presented Dean Gill with a check for \$10,950 for Southwestern Medical School. The funds are limited to use in the area of Medical Education but otherwise are unrestricted. The American Medical Association-Education and Research Foundation presents funds to medical schools in the form of annual grants and research grants, and to interns, residents and students in the form of guaranteed loans.

Miss Rucker's office has lists of all final exam schedules. In the Tennis Tourney, Claude Prestidge is winner (4 rounds).

DR. ROBERT W. LACKEY TO RETIRE

One of the most highly esteemed members of the faculty is Dr. Robert W. Lackey, Professor of Physiology and Chairman of the Department, and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. Dr. Lackey is one of that small band of dedicated men and women who joined the faculty of the newly formed medical school in July of 1943 and taught first classes in the Alec Spence High School during the months of July and August of that year.

Dr. Lackey was born in Hico, Texas, in 1899 and, having progressed through the usual schooling there, entered Southern Methodist University in 1918 and was awarded the B.A. degree in 1922. He then attended the University of Chicago, from which he obtained a Master's degree in 1927. In 1929 he entered The University of Texas, from which he received the Ph.D. degree in 1934.

Dr. Lackey's first academic teaching appointments were at Baylor University College of Medicine and from his first appointment in 1922 and at intervals thereafter he progressed from Assistant in Physiology to Associate Professor in 1943. During that year Baylor Medical College moved away from Dallas and
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Construction on the new Student Union Building is still ahead of schedule. With continued good luck, it is hoped this will be open by the first week in June.

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The Senior party to celebrate the last day of classes will be held by the pool at the Phi Chi House, 2515 Hawthorne.

Dr. Lackey (continued)

Dr. Lackey joined the newly formed Southwestern Medical College as Professor of Physiology. He continued in this position until he was appointed Chairman of the Department in 1950. In 1952 there was a reorganization of the administrative structure of the medical school, which had by then become a part of The University of Texas System, and Dr. Lackey was appointed Assistant Dean for Student and Curricular Affairs in addition to his duties within the Department of Physiology. Since that time he has faithfully carried out the heavy duties imposed by this office and the responsibilities of chairmanship of the Admissions Committee.

Few men in the history of this medical school have carried such extensive responsibilities so long and so well. Although the duties have been heavy and sometimes painful, the kindness, good humor, and gentlemanly attitude which characterize Dr. Lackey have always been maintained. He has been friend and teacher to student and faculty alike.

Dr. Lackey is an outstanding example of scholar and teacher. He became interested in glycogen and carbohydrate metabolism as early as 1925 and through the years published many scientific articles on this and other problems in the field of physiology and endocrinology.

The community and the state are filled with Dr. Lackey's former students and it is heartwarming to see the esteem and genuine affection in which he is held by this army of former students. In September of this year he will retire from the administrative responsibilities of the Dean's Office and from the administration of the Department of Physiology. He will continue on, however, as Professor of Physiology and his experience and wisdom will still be available for many more students to come. For this we are deeply grateful. His kind good humor and counsel will mean much to faculty and students in the years ahead, as in those past. We salute Dr. Robert W. Lackey --- gentleman, scholar, and friend.

DR. SELDIN ELECTED

Dr. Donald W. Seldin, Professor and Chairman of Internal Medicine, was recently elected the national president of the American Society for Clinical Investigation.

The society is composed of selected investigators from all fields of clinical medicine throughout the United States who have the capacity for independence in research, and who have made significant contributions in their fields of investigation.

Dr. Seldin is the first researcher from this part of the country to be president of the Society.

With Dr. Seldin's election, there are now 3 presidents of national organizations in the Department of Internal Medicine for Dr. Carleton B. Chapman is President of the American Heart Association and Dr. Morris Ziff is President of the American Rheumatism Association.

This will be your last chance to submit a change of address for the summer months to receive THE NEW PHYSICIAN. See page 4 for the form.

RESEARCH FUNDS FOR SMS

Five million dollars in research contracts and grants are now in force at SMS. Government contracts have been awarded for \$4.5 million, which is to support over 300 project and training grants, in the various departments at the School. The funds include both project and training grants and some interagency contracts. The project and training grants are awarded 90% by the NIH with the remaining awards coming from the Atomic Energy Commission, the Armed Forces, NASA, and others.

In addition to the Governmental funds, there are also restricted funds donated or awarded by individuals, firms and health organizations such as the American Heart Association. \$1.9 million of this type money is devoted to over 150 projects.

SAMA CONVENTION REPORT by S. S. Clark

During the week of May 2, I had the very enjoyable experience of attending the SAMA National Convention with Bill Neal and John Heard. Besides the hectic activities of the House of Delegates regarding the resolutions before it, the Convention
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SAMA-SEARS SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED FOR 1965-1966

Rufus W. Head (Class of 1967) has been awarded one of the 20 SAMA-Sears Scholarships for \$500.

After four years' experience with more than 35 medical student recipients, the SAMA-Sears-Roebuck Foundation Preceptorship-Scholarship program has been expanded to enable more medical students to gain actual experience in the practice of rural medicine under the tutelage of an experienced and successful general practitioner. In 1964, ten SAMA-Sears Scholarships were awarded and this year, twenty. For the first time a woman practitioner will serve as preceptor and woman medical student (from Pittsburgh Medical School) will be a preceptee.

Congratulations, Rufus...we understand this is a highly competitive award and your selection is a real honor.

THE 1965 SAMA NATIONAL CONVENTION by Bill Neal

The national convention is over. The SMS representatives have returned. Was it worth getting four days behind and spending \$450 to go? What happened in Chicago? So what?

First, a word of thanks to those who made the trip possible. The source of finances was Majors Book Store and Southwestern Medical School funds. (Note that no SAMA dues money was used for this trip !!!)

THE MAIN BUSINESS

The national organization exists in order to solve problems and meet needs common to all medical students. The convention serves as an annual opportunity for students from 70 schools to exchange ideas, define problems, and set up the machinery for solving these problems. Perhaps even more important are the policy statements formulated at the convention. And let me tell you that these activities are not so far removed from our world here at Southwestern as you might first expect.

As an example...the hottest issue this year was the question of endorsement of federal scholarships to medical students. This question is VITAL TO YOU. The present administration has already proposed such legislation. If it is passed, money will be available to you in less than a year. It would mean your wife would no longer have to work, that you wouldn't have to hold a part-time job while in school, wouldn't be living in housing just above the subsistence level, that your college friend who is going to graduate school instead of medical school because of scholarship inequities might now reconsider. It might ALSO mean the beginning of federal control of medical education, "we paid for your education, now we'll tell you what kind of specialist to be and whom to treat", another step in the march toward complete socialization of medicine.

Now if you were on a congressional subcommittee considering such legislation, whose opinions would you seek? One would be the medical educators --- their group opinion is expressed through the American Association of Medical Colleges, which is in favor of federal scholarships. Another group you would ask? --- the medical students themselves, of course. Do they have an official voice of group opinion? Yes...SAMA.

Your delegate spent many hours in committee, hearing the testimony of delegates who had spent months in preparing evidence both for and against scholarships to medical students. Your delegate contributed to the testimony whenever his observations seemed pertinent. And what SAMA states to be medical student opinion will probably markedly influence the outcome of this legislation.

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SAMA NATIONAL CONVENTION (continued)

This is an example of the business confronting your national delegates. There were a total of 49 resolutions presented which in one way or another affect you directly as a student. They were all given thorough consideration by one of four seven-man committees, and then presented to 70 delegates from that number of schools, representing over 50,000 medical students (this includes interns and residents). It was the responsibility of your delegate to become sufficiently informed on all resolutions to vote intelligently on each of them. A list of the resolutions, the vote of your delegate, and the action of the house of delegates appears at the end of this article.

THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

A second important activity was the election of national officers, the president, vice-president, and treasurer-speaker of the house. Let me emphasize that these fellows are just students like you and me. They must state their intention and qualifications to run for office to a seven-man nominating committee composed of students from each geographical region. They then submit to an almost Gestapo-like questioning by this committee regarding their views on vital issues, and motivation. Two names are placed on the ballot for election by the delegates. Nominations are also accepted from the floor.

Your new SAMA officers are:

President	Jim Wells (Louisville Medical School)
Vice President	Gerald King (South Carolina Medical School)
Treasurer	Blair Behringer (Missouri Medical School)

To give you some idea of the quality of student who fills these offices and the demands made upon them: John Packer, your outgoing national president, missed 59 days of school during this last year, fulfilling the functions of his office, and yet was just accepted for internship at Peter Brent Brigham because of his scholastic achievement !!

MINOR BUSINESS

The lavish banquets provided at every meal, and the evening cocktail parties, provided a good setting for conversations with other delegates with successful SAMA chapters and the exchange of ideas. These functions were liberally stocked with the appropriate beverages by the drug companies, who defrayed the majority of the expenses of the convention.

Numerous scientific talks, symposia, and exhibits completed the full schedule of activities.

Yes, the convention was worth the time and money. It provides a training ground for medical leadership which cannot be less than of the highest quality if this profession is to continue in its tradition of excellence. It deserves your support.

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A. Resolutions 1 through 26 were supported by your delegate and passed by the House.

1. Undertake a study by a standing committee of the problem of liability of medical students
2. Press for the adoption of a separate course in medical schools for education in sexual guidance and counseling
3. Communicate with the American Hospital Association to discuss residency matching programs, liability insurance, and house staff stipends
4. A standing committee to investigate means whereby medical students might be of medical service in areas of economic distress
5. The executive council study the possibility of endorsing a matching program for medical school applicants similar to the internship matching program
6. SAMA goes on record as favoring the evaluation, recognition, and promotion of medical school teachers with more emphasis on quality of teaching rather than achievements in research and publication
7. Support expansion of Armed Services Senior Medical Student program to include payment in earlier years of school in exchange for additional years of service
8. Obtain all information regarding choices available to medical students in fulfilling armed services obligations and distribute to members
9. To cease consideration of a Residency Matching Program
10. Favor the inclusion of a preceptorship program (medical students work under a GP in his office) in medical training
11. Favor the establishment of specialty training and board certification of general practitioners, and work with the American Academy of General Practice to accomplish this
12. Urge medical facilities and organizations to accept physicians solely according to ability, character, and judgment and to treat patients without regard to race, religion, or national origin.
13. Condemn non-scientific healing arts (chiropractors) and join in proper education of the public in this matter
14. A standing committee investigate the code of ethics of human experimentation
15. Endorse legislation providing funds for expansion of medical libraries
16. Recommend and support legislation to nullify laws restricting the epileptics' right to marry
17. Favor legislation requiring a physician to report suspected cases of purposeful abuse, neglect, or injury to children to the appropriate agencies without fear of liability; that record-keeping agencies be set up so that recurrent offenses can be more easily checked.

Note: A close vote here due to an argument over whether the proper word in the first line should be "allowing" or "requiring". Your delegate favored "requiring".

18. Study the problem of birth control information dissemination and the problems confronting medical students in effectively carrying out the function of advice and counsel in preventing unwanted births

Note: Your delegate introduced this resolution and supported it in open committee hearings.

19. Study the problem of legalized abortion
20. Expand duties of National SAMA Legislative Board in keeping medical students abreast of congressional bills pertinent to medical students and profession
21. Recommend establishment of a "medicare administration", for carrying out medicare which was similar in structure to the NIH (felt to be relatively free of wasteful spending and political interference)...administered by physicians...separate from the Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare

Note: Your delegate introduced amendment before the house to delete the third portion of this resolution since (1) the NIH was well run but NOT separate from the HEW, (2) this in itself would constitute government waste and duplication. The amendment was defeated but your delegate supported the original measure in spite of this undesirable section.

22. To commend the editors of THE NEW PHYSICIAN
23. SAMA study any problems shared by it and the American Law Student Association via joint committees

SAMA RESOLUTIONS (continued)

24. Copies of THE NEW PHYSICIAN be sent to chapter presidents, at their request, for members who are not receiving copies
25. Establishment of a program of opportunities for medical student service in under-developed countries

Note: This is one of the most important resolutions at the convention. SAMA will soon be able to provide you both with summaries of available positions and with expanded opportunities for service in underdeveloped countries during the summer months, thanks to the year-long efforts of Lee Shershaw of the USC SAMA Chapter. Please speak with me if you desire further information about this program.

26. All proposed resolutions be made available to local chapters for discussion well ahead of the national convention

Note: This resolution was voted on and defeated once; but was voted on a second time due to a technicality, and passed. Your delegate spoke before the house between votes strongly favoring the passage of this resolution on the grounds that it would enable a delegate to reflect more accurately the opinion of the members of his chapter.

B. In Resolutions 27-31, some vote other than "house for, SW delegate for" as indicated.

27. Press for a law legalizing examination of patients by medical students (to avoid law suits)

House Vote: against
SW Vote: against
Reason: Not necessary

28. Favor placing physicians under Social Security

HV: against
SWV: against

29. A poll be taken to ascertain if medical students favor government scholarships

HV: for
SWV: against

Explanation: Your delegate felt he could accurately reflect the feeling of the SMS students in this matter and hoped that a stand could be taken now, before congressional legislation is passed, rather than a year from now, when legislation in all probability will already have been passed. Your delegate spoke against this resolution in open committee hearing.

30. Settlement in Vietnam

HV: against
SWV: against
Reason: beyond responsibility of SAMA

31. To urge that participation in the Peace Corps be one of the ways by which a physician can fulfill his military obligations

HV: against
SWV: for
Note: You can't be on the winning side ALL of the time !

An additional five resolutions were passed which were minor, and they are not included here.

SAMA Convention Report
by S. S. Clark
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sponsored a number of guest speakers, scientific exhibits and two presentations, regarding iatrogenic illness and organ transplant. As with most medical conventions, the drug companies were omnipresent and ever willing to make friends.

I would like to share with you some of my impressions concerning SAMA and medicine. First, SAMA truly is an independent organization seriously concerned with issues of current interest. The scope of these issues ranged from the legal rights of students in treating hospital patients to the relationship of medical students and the Federal Government, as manifested in debate over Federal scholarships. Final action taken on such issues resulted after three days of discussion and debate.

SAMA does provide a meeting ground where students may share their differences in medical education and subsequently take home new ideas to present to their local chapter or faculty. Students who perceive inequities at their school may convincingly strive for changes when backed by the weight of a majority of schools that "do it differently".

Lastly, I could not help but be impressed by the overwhelming influence and concomitant responsibility of the physician. It is perhaps commonplace to recognize that this influence includes the ability to sway public opinion and initiate political action. SAMA is doing the individual medical student a great favor in providing a forum where ideas are expounded and political issues debated.

It came as a shock to me to realize the unusual capacity the physician possesses to win friends for America by practicing in foreign countries desperately in need of medical personnel. A film shown on the work of Project Hope in Peru made this clearly apparent. His unique ability to alleviate pain and suffering puts the physician in an unfamiliar position of political influence. It is my hope that groups such as SAMA will endeavor to make the student physician aware of his responsibility in exercising his newly acquired position of status, respect, and influence, and in so doing, help him to learn to do good well.