

THE SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

The Southwestern Medical School of the University of Texas came into being September 1, 1949, and is the successor to, and the lineal descendant of, the Southwestern Medical College of the Southwestern Medical Foundation. During its six brief years of existence under the Foundation, the College quickly achieved national prominence and was fully accredited by both the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges. The Southwestern Medical School is entirely autonomous and through its Dean reports directly to the President, and through him to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas.

Parkland Hospital is the principal teaching hospital of the School, although medical students also are taught during periods of residence at the Veteran's Hospitals at McKinney and Dallas. The School is staffed by a small group of professional educators, who give virtually full time, and by a large and experienced group of Dallas physicians who generously donate time and effort to this gratuitous service.

Following the transition in control from the Foundation to the University of Texas, it was proposed to make no fundamental change during the first year of operation, or until after September 1, 1950. In other words, faculty personnel and salaries, policies and principles, are remaining as before except in case of conflict with pre-existing policies of the University of Texas.

There were certain developments, particularly regarding personnel, which were interrupted because of the great amount of administrative detail incident to the transition in control. Naturally, such problems took precedence over all others. However, now that most of these are settled, we are looking forward to a considerable

increase in the personnel of the full time staff. At least four major staff positions will be filled within the coming twelve months.

In all probability, ground will be broken for Memorial Hospital during the spring of 1950. It is planned to build the Medical School adjacent to the hospital, on the property on Harry Hines Boulevard. Part of this property is owned by the City and County of Dallas, and part by the State of Texas.

In all likelihood, there will be an increase in the number of first year students accepted, as soon as a medical school building is erected, and we are able to provide the physical space necessitated by increased numbers.

The Southwestern Medical Foundation will continue to exist and exercise its avowed purpose, "To perpetuate medical education and scientific research in the Southwest". Obviously, it is natural that the Foundation will be favorably disposed toward the child of its creation. It may, therefore, confidently be expected that the Foundation will continue to support and contribute material aid to projects of the Southwestern Medical School of the University of Texas.

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