

Newsletter

Construction countdown begins

The new \$40 million Phase One building program for The University of Texas Health Science Center becomes more impressive each day as construction moves into a countdown of only months.

At the first of November the Academic and Administration tower was about 90 percent complete with room walls installed, some ceilings in and workmen doing finish carpentry work.

It is estimated by supervisors with Robert McKee Construction Co. that the building will be complete by the end of February. Best guesses are that it will take one or more months for installation of carpet and furniture. Work done and materials stored at the site amounted to \$1.9 million as of Oct. 1.

Next structure due completion is the Auditorium and Cafeteria. More than 85 per cent complete, it is slated for wrapping up at the end of April. Approximately \$3.5 million worth of work and material was counted Oct. 1.

June is anticipated as the completion date for both the Basic Sciences Teaching Unit and the Bioinformation Building. The basic sciences building had \$10.6 million and the bioinformation structure had \$2.6 million in work and material tallied Oct. 1. Both these units were listed at 81 per cent complete by Nov. 1.

Outside the regular Phase One

project, the new 600-car parking building seems to be rising with amazing speed.

The contractor had erected four tiers in pre-cast structural members on the northeast corner by Nov. 20. Barring bad weather, the entire framework could go up in a matter of weeks. Completion is scheduled for around the first of February.

Expansion of the Physical Plant facilities has begun with pouring of footings. This structure of nearly half a million dollars is designed to accommodate needs of the new Phase One complex.

The Basic Science Research Building additions for animal facilities were getting underway in late November.

A start for construction of the \$10 million Clinical Sciences and Research Animal Facility is expected around February.

Air conditioning renovation of the Hoblitzelle Building and Phases B, C and D of Cary Building reconstruction are waiting in the wings. The latter job will include connecting passageways into the new Phase One complex.

While other jobs were going fairly well, the tennis court project was plagued with delay. For months, the contractor has been waiting for the right moisture consistency to surface the two courts. As of late November, rain had forced further delay.

Dr. Sprague calls for study of U.S. health needs

UTHSCD President Dr. Charles C. Sprague proposed a comprehensive fact-finding study to lay the basis for formulation of a badly needed national health policy in a recent major address in Washington.

In his Chairman's Address as outgoing head of the Association of American Medical Colleges, Dr. Sprague told AAMC members there is a distressing lack of reliable information or firm national policy in three key problem areas: medical manpower training, health-care delivery costs and medical research funding.

Dr. Sprague proposed that a consortium of private foundations be formed to carry out the important study over a one-year period, providing data on which vital basic decisions can be made and positive new national policy shaped.

"The health professional educational institutions are in obvious need of a better definition of the kinds and numbers of health personnel they should be training," he noted. "The biomedical research community is quite vocal regarding the need for a national policy with respect to biomedical research and its financing.

"Certainly the public is one record regarding its criticism and concern for both costs and accessibility of health care. Additionally, the various branches of the federal government are sending out varying and sometimes conflicting signals with respect to virtually every aspect of our national health program."

Among vital questions a foundation-supported panel of experts should answer, he said are: The role of pre-paid health maintenance units in the health care delivery system of the future and the timetable and means of financing such a system; Projected needs of numbers of physicians, physician specialists and such support personnel as physicians assistants;

How to utilize the growing number of foreign trained medical graduates in the health delivery system and their impact on medical education; How much the national should invest in medical research and how best to allocate these resources between "targeted" studies such as cancer research and basic, investigator-initiated studies; and the means of financing research training.

Center complies By cooling it

The Health Science Center is complying with President Nixon's request to the nation to conserve energy this winter by reducing room heat levels to 68 degrees.

Use of electric space heaters is strongly discouraged except in particular hardship cases. There will be exceptions to the heat reduction policy in instances where experimental animals would be adversely affected or research projects compromised. Personnel from Physical Plant will be making adjustments to thermostats during the next weeks to effect the change as appropriate in individual areas. In addition, all of those associated with the Health Science Center are asked to take individual action to conserve energy in the case of lights, electric motors, etc. which may not be needed at all times.

Steps are being taken to develop car-pooling arrangements in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency recommendations. While these plans are being worked out, individual employees are urged to consider public transit or car pools wherever possible.



PORTRAIT PRESENTED

Dr. Herbert C. Tidwell, emeritus professor of biochemistry and former department chairman, chats with Dr. Ronald Estabrook, left, chairman of biochemistry, at a recent reception given in Dr. Tidwell's honor. Behind them is a portrait of Dr. Tidwell which hangs in the biochemistry classroom following the formal presentation ceremonies.

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Biochemistry

A grant was awarded to **Dr. Russell L. Prough** from the American Cancer Society. Dr. Prough is one of our junior Faculty Members who is making great strides in this area and deserves a big hand.

Jerry Pittman, Biochemistry secretary, can be reached in outer space these days. Jerry, a friend of the Jess Hay family of debutante Debbie Hay, has been doing the social circuit. She can be reached on earth after the close of the social season.

Birthday congratulations to a few Scorpios: **Drs. J. M. Johnston, G. Larry Cottam, Joseph LoSpalluto.**

Biochemistry welcomed visiting **Dr. Urry** from the University of Alabama and **Dr. Tom Smith** of California.

Bob Masters, husband of **Dr. Bettie Sue Masters** associate professor of Biochemistry, took to the sauna when the slopes of Colorado were void of snow. His vacation was not a complete bust.

Marie Rotondi

Cell Biology

Lab technician **Steven Lyle** and his wife **Jeani** are the new parents of a baby girl, **Kimberly Kristin**, born Oct. 29.

Dr. Alan Beer is sporting a broken finger, the result of his sudden encounter recently with a car door in a parking lot.

Cell Biology held its first annual picnic Sunday, Nov. 18, for the members and thier families. **Dr. Bryan Williams** donated the facilities of Montgomery Farm for the picnic. Highlight of the afternoon was a vigorous "touch" football game, featuring **Drs. Ed Moticka, Bill (Roger the Dodger) Gonyea, James Scott** and **Howard Toben**, ably assisted by **Judy Head, LaRue Christian** and **Bill Duncan**. **Drs. Bob Ashworth** and **Bob Decker** called the signals, and **Dr. J. Wayne Streilein** provided the graphic sound effects. Entertainment for the afternoon was provided by all the happy faces of the youngsters enjoying the outdoors and warm weather.

Donna Jean Scudday

Library

Wedding bells are ringing for **Sharon Middleton** of the library. **Sharon** and **Siddiq Shekha** were married on Thanksgiving night, Nov. 22, 1973, in the home of the bride's parents in Farmers Branch. The bride's father performed the ceremony. Mr. Shekha is a senior at UTA, majoring in accounting. The couple will reside in Irving.

Virginia Surber

Internal Medicine

The ever-expanding Department of Internal Medicine has officially opened the new third floor west wing of the clinical Science Building and now the space houses sparkling new office and laboratory quarters for **Dr. Charles Pak** and his group, and **Drs. John Fordtran** and **John Dietschy** and the Gastroenterology Section. Such spaciousness and comfort - particularly the beautiful sofa in Dr. Pak's office. **Claudette Keel** is finding it somewhat difficult to convert from a mobile office consisting of cardboard boxes for files to a stationary desk and conventional metal file cabinets. Now that Gastroenterology Section has moved, **Dr. Jay Sanford** and his Infectious Disease Section can spread out all over their 4th floor quarters.

If anyone has had a problem reaching **Carolyn Wickwire** lately, it is because she has been in Washington, D.C. And not once, but twice - once to ride herd on the Infectious Disease Society meetings and then later to the meetings of the Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces.

A new arrival for the **Dr. Eric Hurds** - their first and a bouncing baby boy named **Brent Eric**.

Kathy Oldham decided to add an "r" to her Ms. You may now address her as Mrs. John Fitzgibbons.

Wedding bells also rang for **Dorothy Lund's** daughter **Debie**, and we are pleased to say that the mother of the bride survived beautifully. We certainly wish the same success for **Jean Harber** whose daughter, **Laura Leigh**, marries in December.

For all travel bugs - check with **Virginia Sunbarger**. She recently had a great trip to Greece.

Judy Weinstein entertained with a baby shower and luncheon this fall at her apartment for her able assistant, **Connie Hendrickson**. **Connie** is expecting a child sometime in January - and has since moved to Kansas.

Joan Harris likewise is expecting an addition to her household and we hope she will let us know when her permanent guest arrives.

Kay Williams has added to her already busy extracurricular activities by taking on a Camp Fire Group. Would she had supplied a remedy for the stomach aches that followed her recent successful sale of Camp Fire Girls candy.

Nicky Atkinson is rightfully proud of her son - **Dr. Rick** - who will be serving a neurology residency at the University of California at San Francisco in July, 1974.

If needlepoint is your bag, get in touch with **Dorothy Lund, Sheila Spivey, Gloria Brunschede** and **Jean Helgeson**. They found a pattern they ALL like so each one is doing her own thing jointly

and separately. So instead of asking "Have your read any good books lately?", their query is "Have you found any good yarns lately?"

QUERY: How does an 8 - 5 secretary arrange a car pool with a 7 - 4 or 9 - 6 technician?

Dorothy Bass

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Trippers

To Hawaii for Districts 7 & 8 of ACOG meeting - **Drs. Dan Scott** and **Norman Gant**.

To Ann Arbor for the Annual International Ultrasound Meeting - **Dr. Rigoberto Santos**.

To Chicago as oral board candidates - **Dr. Johann Duenhoelter, Juan Jimenez**, and **Duck-Joon Choi**, with **Dr. Dan Scott** as examiner.

To New Orleans - for talk to New Orleans Ob-Gyn Society and as visiting professor at LSU-New Orleans branch - **Dr. Creighton Edwards**.

At the above mentioned Hawaii meeting, **Dr. Steven Worley** of the University of Oklahoma Medical School took top honors for his paper on Ds clearance. This honor, given to the junior fellows, was the result of research done in part with **Dr. Gant** in his lab here at SWMS.

WELCOME

To **Margine Hailbronner** as secretary to Dr. Gant.

GETTING BETTER, NOT OLDER

Linda McMillan, completing Sears' Interior Decorators course and **Donna Dillon**, working steadily on a B.S., presently at El Centro.

Eleanor Coulter

Dr. Ziff is principal lecturer at Medical College of Virginia

Dr. Morris Ziff, professor of internal medicine and chief of the Rheumatic Diseases Unit at Southwestern, was principal lecturer at the 45th annual McGuire Lecture Series of the Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond. **Dr. Ziff** discussed "Immunological Aspects of Rheumatoid Arthritis" and "Viruses and the Connective Tissue Diseases" during the two-day postgraduate course on immunology and rheumatic disease Nov. 8 and 9.

Dr. Stembridge new chairman of pathology advisory board

Dr. Vernie A. Stembridge, chairman of Pathology, has been elected chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of Consultants to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

Physiology

Dr. Samuel McCann, chairman of Physiology, has returned from a three-week visit to India where he participated in a symposium in Bangalore on Advances in Chemistry, Biology and Immunology of Gonadotropins. He also visited Bombay and New Delhi where he presented seminars. While in New Delhi he took an exciting ride on an elephant which decided to exceed the speed limit and almost collided with a truck!

Dr. Edmond E. Griffin has just joined the physiology faculty at Southwestern as an Instructor. He comes from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

David K. Sundberg, graduate student in the Department of Physiology, defended his thesis on November 15. This task was at long last completed with the assistance of a "cast of thousands" - including three technicians, three secretaries, numerous faculty members and last, but not least, Jimmy from the mail room. Dave will be leaving soon for England where he will be doing post-doctoral studies with Dr. Harold Schnieden at the Univ. of Manchester. Congratulations Doctor Sundberg - Bon Voyage!

Rosemary Bardis

Purchasing

Mrs. Cathy Yarberry, a buyer for the Purchasing Department, will return to work just before Christmas after maternity leave. A daughter, Miss Ashley Yarberry, was born on October 1 and weighed in at 8 lbs. 5 1/2 oz. Cathy's return will bring us up to a full complement of six buyers.

We have two brand new employees in the Purchasing Department: Larry Winburn, a new buyer, and Wanda Frazier in the file room. Larry brings the number of eligible bachelors in our department to four now. Wanda is planning a Christmas wedding to become Mrs. Willie Thompson.

Patrick Evans, assistant Purchasing Agent, does gospel singing for area churches and would sing for any group you may be involved in. Some of the favorite songs he chooses are ones that he has written himself. Call him at ext. 364 if you would like to make further arrangements.

Wendell Gunter, professional artist and buyer for Purchasing, will show paintings and drawings at the Irving Center for Arts, Jaycee Park, Highway 183 and Story Road, Irving, Texas. This will be from Jan. 6, 1974 through Jan. 13.

Janie Covington

Library staffer demonstrates Data programs at UT meet

Cherry Green, who works with both the Health Science Center research staff in the library and with the TALON regional medical library program, demonstrated on-line data base programs at a meeting sponsored by the Graduate School of Library Science at The University of Texas at Austin recently.

Approximately 120 students and UT faculty members attended these sessions.

SAMA members take VD facts to schools



Ellen Kramar, a second-year medical student at Southwestern, makes a point about VD to students at R.L. Turner High School.

Ellen is chairman of SAMA's VD Project which has brought programs this fall to almost 4,000 teen-agers, teachers and parents in the Dallas area. A TV panel program was also made at Skyline High School and is available to Dallas schools for viewing. Ellen and Mark Millard were on Channel 4's Forum with Barbara Cambridge, UT Southwestern instructor in sociology in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Participating thus far have been Southwestern students Mike Vendrell, Kevin Gray, Linda Clark, Bob Woody, Nelson Amir Khan, Chris Fletcher, Mark Pate, Mark Toups, Cheryl Szpak, Jim Roberson, Mark Udden, Debbie Cohen, Diane Eisner, Joe McWherter, Terry Box, Susan Epstein, Barry Brooks, Carolyn Gayle, Martha Hardee, Larry Larry Pierce, Gary Futoma, Steve Paulson, Tommy Neel, Barry Brooks, Philip Reeves, Richard Wootan, Robert Frochner, Jann Johnson, Lela Lee, Larry Davis, Mark Millard and Ellen Kramar. Also taking part have been 10 TWU nursing students.

200 science students Visit on 'heart' day

Approximately 200 top Dallas high school science students visited the Health Science Center and Children's Medical Center for Heart Career Day Dec. 1.

Speaking to the morning group on medical science and the heart patient was Dr. Stephen P. Londe, assistant professor

Funeral for former employee, Cicero Chester Boyd, is held

A funeral service for Cicero Chester Boyd, former long-time employee in microbiology, was held Saturday, Nov. 25 at Haynes Chapel Church of God in Christ in Dallas. Mr. Boyd, 74, had been a laboratory technical assistant approximately 40 years at Baylor Medical School and Southwestern. He died in Parkland Thanksgiving Day following a stroke.

According to Dr. Eugene D. Rosenblum, associate professor of microbiology, Mr. Boyd was one of the first employees of Southwestern Medical School. At the time Baylor University School of Medicine moved to Houston and Southwestern was organized, he opted to stay with the new school in Dallas. Mr. Boyd retired Sept. 1, 1966.

'Adventurer' Peg featured

Peg Spencer in Psychiatry, co-leader of the Adventure Trails Club at the First Unitarian Church, was subject of a recent feature in the Times Herald. Peg and other group members have been exploring the worlds of camping, canoeing, hiking and soaring. They have found, according to reporter Wanda McDaniel, that religious experiences are not confined to the inside of church buildings on Sunday mornings. Peg also chaired her church's Social Action Fair Dec. 2, which brought together area agencies wanting to tell their stories and seek volunteers with church members and others in the community.

of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery. Other speakers included Norma F. Berry, clinical instructor in nutrition and dietetics, SAHS, and Claire Jenkins, instructor in continuing education, SAHS. Dr. Charles Mullins, associate professor of internal medicine, demonstrated how medical students learn about abnormal heart sounds.

Students also toured the Health Science Center, part of Parkland and Children's Medical Center. They saw films, visited laboratories and scrubbed up to view an operating room set up for heart surgery.

Sponsoring the annual event were the Health Science Center, Children's Medical and the Dallas chapter of the American Heart Association.

Dr. Drane gives two lectures at S. Louisiana University

Dr. Wanzer Drane, assistant professor of biostatistics, presented a two-lecture symposium on "Non-linear Squares and a Survey of Biostatistics" at the University of Southwestern Louisiana Nov. 19 and 20. He will also serve as a session chairman and present a paper on "Resolving Hypotheses with Successive Chisquares at the annual meeting of American Statistical Association of Biometrics Society of Allied Social Sciences in New York City during the Christmas holidays.

AAMC Report Available

Copies of the AAMC Weekly Activities Report are available to faculty members at an annual individual subscription rate of \$10.

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Dr. Ruth Guy Wins honor

Dr. L. Ruth Guy received the prestigious John Elliott Memorial Award at the 1973 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Blood Banks in Bal Harbour, Fla. recently. Dr. Guy is associate professor of pathology at Southwestern and chairman of medical technology in the School of Allied Health Sciences. Along with the award came \$500 and a scroll.

The award was given to Dr. Guy for "her faithful and diligent support of many activities of the Association for participation in major committees that enhance the effectiveness of the Association, and particularly for the development of the workshop program which has become a major segment of the Annual Meeting."

Since 1953 Dr. Guy has served as associate director of the Blood Bank at Parkland Memorial Hospital. She served on the AABB Board of Directors from 1959-1961 and then again in 1967. From 1958 to 1972 she coordinated AABB's National Clearing House Program in the South-Central District. Since 1968 Dr. Guy has also chaired the Technical Workshop Committee for the AABB. She is a charter member.

Dr. Guy was selected as a Visiting

Brittain among first With new certification

One of the first persons in the nation to be granted newly instigated certification by The Institute of Internal Auditors is UT Health Science Center auditor Jesse Brittain. Brittain received his certificate as Certified Internal Auditor in October.

The UT Center auditor has been working professionally in his field for nearly 20 years. He has been connected with this institution for 12 years.

Julius Weeks, vice-president for business affairs, had this to say about Brittain's certification: "It is to his credit and to the school's that Jesse Brittain was one of the first men in the country - and is among the few in Dallas so far - to be so honored."



Dr. Guy

Professor in the Far East by the China Medical Board of New York. She spent several months in 1969-70 lecturing and conducting workshops at the University of the Philippines, the University of the Far East and the Philippine Society of Hematology in Manila and at Mahidol University and Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand. She helped conduct the first workshop in blood banking ever held in Southeast Asia.

A native of Kemp, Texas, she earned her A.B. and M.S. degrees at Baylor University and her Ph.D. in bacteriology and immunology from Stanford. She is the author or co-author of 28 articles on blood banking and bacteriology.

Ophthalmology offers Eyeglasses service

Eyeglasses for students, faculty and staff can be made from prescription in the ophthalmology lab, according to Charles Kulick, optician at the Center.

The service is available from 8 to 5 p.m. and a large assortment of frames is available. The glasses can be purchased at a considerable saving, the optician said.

Call 2301 for further information.

Estabrook takes Council's helm

Dr. Ronald W. Estabrook assumed chairmanship of the Council of Academic Societies, a component of the Association of American Medical Colleges, during the annual meeting of the AAMC in Washington, D.C. The council serves as focal point for input from some 30,000 individual members of 52 academic societies - mostly medical school instructors.

An internationally known biochemist and medical researcher, Dr. Estabrook is dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the UT Health Science Center and chairman of Biochemistry at Southwestern.

As council chairman, Dr. Estabrook also will represent the teaching faculties as a member of the executive board of the medical college association during the coming year.

Postgraduate seminar held on dietetics and nutrition

Serving as chairwoman for the annual postgraduate seminar on dietetics and nutrition Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at the Hyatt House was Marilyn B. Haschke, chairman of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, School of Allied Health Sciences.

The Friday session included: "Undernutrition and Brain Development - Identification and Approach," Dr. H. Peter Chase; "Nutrition and the Burned Patient," Dr. P. William Curreri; "Food Allergies," Dr. Richard B. Johnson; "Governmental Action in Medicine," Dr. Floyd A. Norman; "Cultural Determinants of Nutrition," Dr. John S. Chapman; "Atherosclerosis," Dr. David W. Bilheimer; "Team Approach to Assessment and Care," Marge Barre and Carol Hickey.

Saturday sessions included: "How I Would Like to be Fed If I Were A Geriatric Patient," Dr. Myron F. Weiner; "Hyperlipidemia in Children - Its Relationship to Heart Disease," Dr. H. Peter Chase; "Trace Elements," Dr. Raymond F. Burk, Jr.; and Hypoglycemia," Dr. Norman M. Kaplan.

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