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## FRED BONTE APPOINTED DEAN OF UT SOUTHWESTERN MED

Dr. Frederick J. Bonte, chairman of the Department of Radiology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School since 1956, became dean of the school April 1.

The appointment was announced by Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas.

A distinguished radiologist and medical researcher, Dr. Bonte is the first dean named to head Southwestern since it was restructured into the Health Science Center uniting UT medical, graduate science and allied health schools here. He succeeds Dr. F. Douglas Lawrason, who has been acting dean of the medical school since the reorganization last November.

In making the announcement, Dr. Sprague expressed pleasure at Dr. Bonte's selection and his willingness to serve as the school's ninth dean since its founding in 1943.

"Fred Bonte was the unanimous recommendation of members of a faculty search committee," he said, "and their choice has my wholehearted endorsement. I feel he will do a superb job."

As dean, Dr. Bonte will retain his faculty appointment in the Department of Radiology and will continue to participate in nuclear medicine research. Dr. Sprague praised his past performance as administrator, researcher-practitioner and teacher.



*Dr. Bonte*



"Under Dr. Bonte's leadership, Southwestern's Radiology Department has achieved a national reputation for its pioneering contributions to the relatively new science of nuclear medicine," President Sprague noted. Nuclear medicine utilizes radioactive materials in diagnosis and treatment of disease.

"I am pleased that Dr. Bonte is enthusiastic about serving our institution in this important new capacity," Dr. Sprague continued. "He will provide strong leadership in a climactic period of development as the medical school grows toward its goal of doubling in size by 1978."

Currently enrolling 471 students, Southwestern will accept its first entering class of 200 in fall of 1974 and will reach capacity of 800 medical students four years later. In addition, the faculty is currently responsible for the specialized training of more than 600 interns, residents and fellows.

Southwestern is scheduled to occupy additional facilities next year that are a major part of the Health Science Center's current \$40 million expansion program.

During Dr. Bonte's 17-year tenure as chairman, the school's Department of Radiology has grown from a one-man office to a department with 23 faculty members. Last year its radiologists performed about 10,000 radioisotope tests at Parkland Memorial Hospital, principal Southwestern teaching hospital, compared to only 20 such tests in 1956.

The nuclear medicine laboratory established there by Dr. Bonte was among the nation's first. It pioneered in placing nuclear test data on magnetic tape, in about 1960, and has taken a leading role in developing a series of widely-copied nuclear medical tests for the detection of heart disease.

The Southwestern Laboratory has become a major diagnosis and treatment center for thyroid cancer, particularly in children. Recently Dr. Bonte and his associates have received national attention for their innovations in linking computers with isotope scanning to measure blood flow.

A leader in his field nationally, Dr. Bonte is chairman of the nuclear medicine section of the American Board of Radiology. He is a founding trustee of the American Board of Nuclear Medicine and has served on the National Council on Radiation Protection. He is a member of the Radiology Training Committee of the National Institutes of General Medical Sciences, and has served on the executive council of the American Roentgen Ray Society.

Dr. Bonte is listed in "Who's Who in America" and "World Who's Who in Science." He is author of more than 80 scientific papers in nuclear medicine, experimental radiology and diagnostic radiology.

A native of Bethlehem, Pa., Dr. Bonte received his M.D. degree from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, in 1945. He studied two additional years in an Atomic Energy Commission medical research project and was a member of the Western Reserve faculty before coming to Dallas. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1946-48.

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In addition to being director of radiology at Parkland, Dr. Bonte also serves as head of radiology service at the Dallas Veterans' Administration Hospital, Children's Medical Center and Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.

Dr. Edward E. Christensen, professor of Radiology, has been appointed acting head of Radiology.

J. WILLIS HURST, M.D., WILL BE  
'73 WINANS VISITING PROFESSOR

A distinguished heart specialist, Dr. J. Willis Hurst, will be at The University of Texas Health Science Center April 16-20 as the Winans Visiting Professor for 1973.

Dr. Hurst, the immediate past president of the American Heart Association, is author of six books and approximately 150 scientific articles on heart disease. He was a cardiac fellow with the famed Dr. Paul D. White at Massachusetts General Hospital at one time in his career.

Now professor and chairman of the Department of Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Dr. Hurst plans to have "Data Collection and Interpretation (The Examination of the Patient)" as his topic for the Winans Lecture at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 19, in the Staff Library at Parkland Memorial Hospital.



*Dr. Hurst*

Traditionally, the visiting professor is a distinguished clinical scholar who is invited to conduct rounds with students and house staff of Parkland Hospital and Baylor University Medical Center, and to exchange ideas with the faculty so as to enrich the academic quality of the educational programs.

Funds to bring the visiting lecturer to Dallas each year are provided by Southwestern Medical Foundation from the income from its Henry M. Winans Fund, established in 1966 by friends and patients of the late Dr. Winans, who was chairman of the Department of Medicine at Southwestern Medical School and also chief of medicine at Baylor.

Dr. Hurst is one of three American teachers chosen by the American Heart Association to participate in "Four Cities of Cardiology" conducted in Scandinavian countries in 1970. He is recipient of the "Master Teacher Award" presented by the American College of Cardiology in that year.

He was chairman of the subspecialty board in cardiovascular diseases of the American Board of Internal Medicine from 1967 to 1970 and a member of the National Advisory Heart and Lung Council 1967-71.

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Dr. Hurst was president of the American Heart Association in 1971. He previously had been president of the Georgia Heart Association and vice president of the Council of Clinical Cardiology.

The specialist also has been a member of the editorial boards of American Heart Journal, Circulation, American Journal of Cardiology, Clinician and is editor of Modern Concepts in Cardiovascular Disease.

Dr. Hurst is a member of the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke.

A great deal of Dr. Hurst's education has come from Georgia institutions. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.S. degree and then took his M.D. degree from the Medical College of Georgia. He was intern and resident at University Hospital in Augusta and at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, the latter as a captain in the Army.

He joined the faculty at Emory after his fellowship at Massachusetts General. In 1954, he became chief of cardiology at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Bethesda. Dr. Hurst returned to Emory in 1955 and was named chairman of medicine in 1957.

#### ---C O R R E C T I O N---

The item about Veterans Administration insurance dividends printed in the last newsletter was in error. Only veterans who retained World War II VA insurance policies and paid regular premiums receive annual dividends. The VA says the original story has plagued it for years: "There are very few newspapers and wire services that haven't printed it at some time or other."



Coach Tom Landry, right, welcomes Dr. Creighton L. Edwards, public education chairman of the American Cancer Society's crusade team. Coach Landry is heading the 1973 Texas Cancer Crusade. Dr. Edwards said Dallas County's goal is \$627,000. The Texas goal is \$4,000,000; money raised will be used to support cancer research, patient and community services, public and professional education. Dr. Edwards said the Dallas Crusade will kick off on April 3. Morris Hite has been named Crusade Chairman for Dallas County.



## R. FRED BROOKSALER DIES FOLLOWING LENGTHY ILLNESS

Dr. Fred Brooksaler, outstanding pediatrician and medical educator at Southwestern, is dead at the age of 73.

Dr. Brooksaler died Sunday, March 25 in Presbyterian Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was professor emeritus at the UT medical school at the time of his death. Dr. Brooksaler had retired from full-time faculty in 1971. Funeral services were held the following Tuesday at Temple Emanu-El., rabbi Gerald J. Klein officiating. Burial was at Temple Emanu-El Cemetery.

A refugee who fled Hitler's Germany in 1938 to build himself a new life, Dr. Brooksaler had received his pediatric training in Germany, where he was a graduate of the University of Heidleberg, and at Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

Completing his residency here, he entered private practice and became one of the city's outstanding pediatricians.

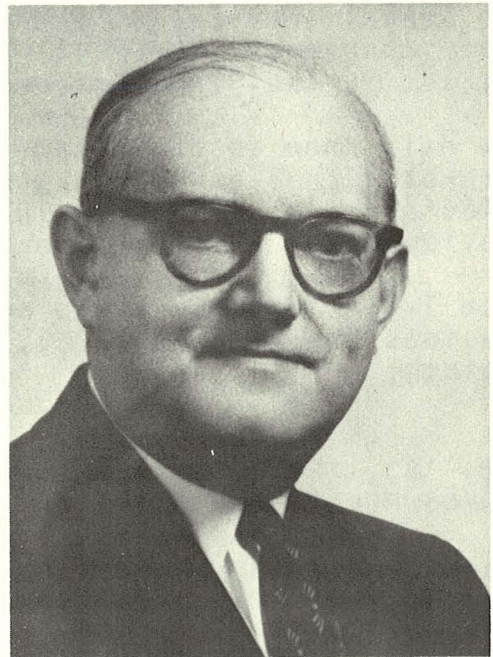
He joined UTSWMS as a part-time faculty member in 1953 and became professor of pediatrics in 1961. In 1966 Dr. Brooksaler was honored by the student body of Southwestern which voted him the school's first Outstanding Teacher Award.

During the last five years of his full-time medical career, Dr. Brooksaler organized and directed the birth defect center at Children's Medical Center, now considered a model for that type of institution. He was also carrying out basic research in genetics during that time.

A grantee of the Fulbright Program, Dr. Brooksaler also lectured at the University of Dusseldorf in Germany. In 1956, he was instrumental in introducing polio vaccine in that country. He was awarded the "Verdienstkreuz" by the German government in 1962, the highest honor given to a civilian by that government.

A Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. Brooksaler served as president of both the Dallas and Texas Pediatric Societies.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Irmgard Brooksaler and two daughters, Mrs. David Alkek of Dallas and Mrs. John Cowl of Baltimore, Md.



*Dr. Brooksaler*



## MAIL ROOM, PRINT SHOP MOVE

Two school services at the Health Science Center have moved to larger and newer quarters. The Mail Room and the Print Shop have both recently relocated in the Basic Sciences Research Center.

The Mail Room is now located in BSRC 1-404. Phone number remains 420. According to Jim Owens, supervisor, "It is a larger place, and the facilities are much bigger." The extra space also enables the Mail Room to provide boxes for departments, he said.

Room 1-212 in BSRC is the new home of the Print Shop. New telephone extensions are 2066 and 2067, according to Vivian Pointer, Print Shop clerk typist.

## '48, '53, '58, '63 HONORED CLASSES; ALUMNS HONOR ANNE RUCKER

Classes of 1948, 1953, 1958 and 1963 were honored at the annual reunion of the Alumni Association of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School Monday, March 12 at the Statler-Hilton's Embassy Ballroom. Speaker for the 7 p.m. dinner was Dr. Tom Nesbitt of Nashville, Tenn., a member of the UT Southwestern class of 1948. Dr. Nesbitt spoke about his role in becoming vice-speaker of the AMA House of Delegates. A short presentation on the progress of the construction work at the Health Science Center was given by President Charles C. Sprague.



Anne R. Rucker, long-time registrar at the medical school, was honored with a plaque commemorating the Anne Rucker Alumni Student Summer Fellowship Fund. The fellowship, named in her honor, will fund a work study program for one or more students to be employed at the school or with a physician in private practice beginning summer, 1973. The fellowship fund is comprised of contributions from the Alumni Association and the Health Science School faculty. She also was given a string of pearls as a more personal memento.

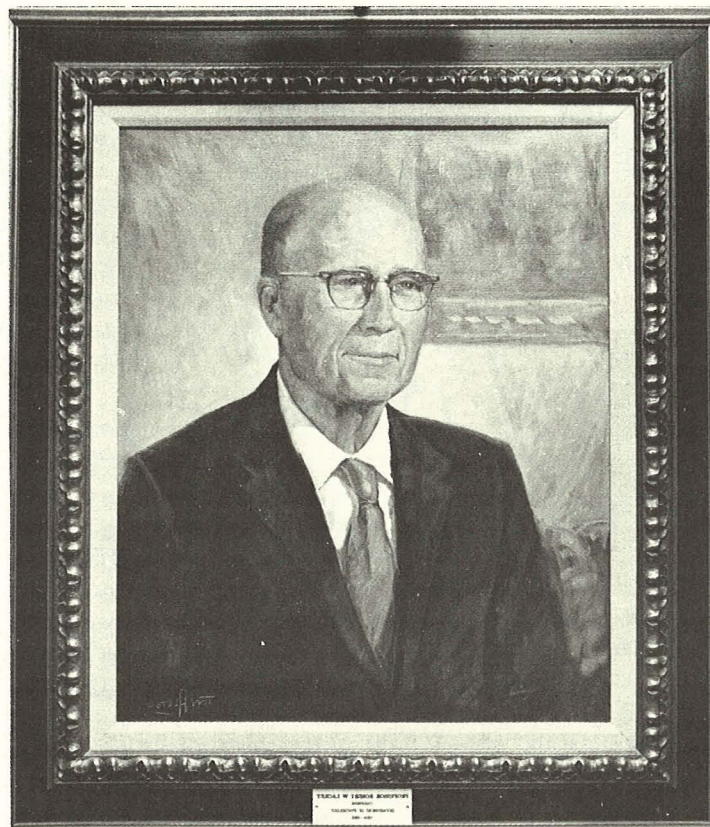


## LACKEY HONORED WITH RECEPTION; PORTRAIT HUNG IN PHYSIOLOGY

Presentation of his portrait to the Physiology Department by friends and a reception attended by 60 colleagues and well-wishers honored Dr. Robert W. Lackey, professor emeritus of physiology at Southwestern recently.

Dr. Lackey's portrait was hung in the physiology conference room for the reception and will remain there. Honor guests for the occasion included, besides his wife Reba, his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M.P. Green and his sister Miss Mable Lackey.

Dr. Lackey, who retired to become professor emeritus in 1969, was professor of physiology at the school since it opened its doors in 1943. Before that time he was on faculty at the medical, dental and pharmaceutical branches of Baylor University in Dallas.





## HEALTH EDUCATION TV NETWORK LINKING HOSPITALS LOCALLY



*Nurses and Technicians at  
St. Paul*

A new health education network linking the medical school and five hospitals with closed-circuit television began regular programming Monday, March 5.

The Dallas Area Hospital Television System (DAHTS) is originating programs in the studios of The University of Texas Health Science Center and distributing them to Baylor, Methodist, Presbyterian, St. Paul and Veterans Administration hospitals.

Broadcasting is through facilities of TAGER (The Association for Graduate Education and Research), an already-established educational television network in North Texas, which enables nine regional colleges and universities to interchange live credit courses and programs. The TAGER staff installed the hospital television system and is responsible for its technical operation and maintenance.

Continuing medical education for physicians, nursing demonstrations, presentations for health workers and programs in a number of service areas are planned on a wide-ranging schedule. Each hospital has from one to four rooms designated as DAHTS network classrooms, each equipped for instantaneous "talk-back" with faculty of the Health Science Center as live programs are originated.

"We're expecting the new network to serve as an integrating influence to bring together all the medical installations within the community so that the expertise and knowledge of the personnel in each of these institutions can be optimally utilized to serve all the medical community," observed Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of the UT Health Science Center.

He added that while the medical school will serve to lead and coordinate the educational presentations, emphasis will be placed on the contributions of the hospital members. "They must be active participants in originating the programs to make it a success," Dr. Sprague said.

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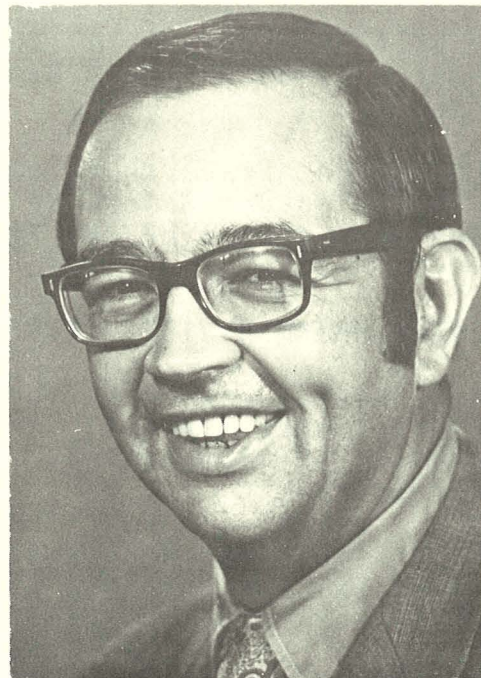


## FIFTH ANNUAL BURN MEETING HELD HERE

Dr. Charles Baxter gave the opening address for the fifth annual meeting of the American Burn Association, held locally at the Fairmont Hotel April 6 and 7. Dr. Baxter also chaired the meeting as his role as president, as well as giving the presidential addresses.

Other major addresses were given by Professor Giovanni Dogo, who is currently director of the Institute of Plastic Surgery, the Plastic Surgery and Burn Center, and the Plastic Surgery Specialization School at the University of Padua, Italy. Professor Dogo was Everett Idris Evan's Memorial lecturer.

Noted for initiating the modern era homografting in the care of burn patients in the early fifties, Professor Dogo has since actively contributed to the research and clinical advancements in that field. He is the founder and editor of the Italian Journal of Plastic Surgery, author of nearly 100 scientific publications about burns and is a leader in advancing clinical care, training and research in burn injury in Italy. He has been the recipient of innumerable international honors for his outstanding work in clinical plastic surgery, the viral ediology of cancer and other scientific and cultural fields.



*Dr. Baxter*

The Harvey Stuart Allen Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Sanford Rosenthal. A 1920 graduate from Vanderbilt's School of Medicine and Johns Hopkins' School of Pharmacy, Dr. Rosenthal served as senior pharmacologist for the U.S. Public Health Service from 1928-48. From 1948-61 he was Medical Director and Chief of Pharmacology and Toxicology Laboratories for the National Institutes of Health. Since that time he has acted as special consultant to the director of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolic and Digestive Diseases.

His distinguished research career includes extensive studies of the initial fluid and electrolyte changes associated with thermal injury, including his recent work on the role of tissue swelling in the initial response to trauma. Among Dr. Rosenthal's contributions are the development of the bromsulphalein liver function test, defining the mechanism of action of heavy metals, and the development of an antidote for mercury poisoning, as well as being a major contributor to the early work on the use of sulfonamides in the treatment of bacterial infections. At age 75, Dr. Rosenthal is actively continuing his research.

Included on the program were sessions on clinical, research, associate and practical care in the area of burn therapy.

## STUDENT FORUM SET

The eleventh annual Southwestern Medical School Student Research Forum will



be held Thursday, April 26 in Skillern Student Union Building. Guest lecturer will be Dr. Kurt Benirschke of the University of California, San Diego.

The Student Research Forum is sponsored by the Student American Medical Association and Majors Scientific Books. Abstracts selected for presentation were chosen by the Faculty Senate. Chairman is Fred Polsky.

#### HEART CHAIRMEN VISIT CENTER

Fund-raising chairmen from the American Heart Association toured the Health Science Center recently under the auspices of the two educational institution and the foundation. Leading the tour was Bob Fenley, director of information.

The visitors had meetings with Dr. Winfred L. Sugg, who explained the intra-aortic balloon pump and other devices; Dr. Kern Wildenthal, who talked about heart studies using a dog as a live experimental animal; and Dr. Stephen J. Leshin, who spoke on the heart work going on in the Weinberger Labs.

Local chairmen attending included Polly Monroe, Richardson; Dorothy Pledger, Mesquite; Jane Guarraira, Irving; Phyllis Davis, Garland; and Ouida Smith, Grand Prairie. Touring with them was Mike Skyles of the local Dallas Heart Association.



*Cecile Bonte is shown with some of the art work which was sold at the Medical Center Woman's Club in January. Not only are students who need emergency loans benefiting from the sale, but the campus is enjoying some of the art work. Paintings, which were sold at the benefit, are hung in the Registrar's office and the Alumni office.*



## MED WRITERS HOLD WORKSHOP

A one-day workshop on writing for scientific journals, presented by the American Medical Writers Association, was to be held in Cary Building at the Health Science Center Saturday, April 21. The meeting, sponsored jointly by the Health Science Center, the A. Webb Roberts Center for Continuing Education, Baylor University Medical Center, John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, and the Southwestern chapter of AMWA, was set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Topics under discussion were to be "Common Writing Faults," "Organizing Medical Reports," "Preparing an Abstract," and "Submitting the Manuscript." Charles G. Roland, M.D., chairman of the Department of Biomedical Communications at the Mayo Foundation, was to be serving as faculty chairman for the event. Dr. Roland is a former senior editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, co-author of "Scientific Writing" and author of "Good Scientific Writing."

Cost of the seminar was set at \$25 for residents and AMWA members and \$50 for others. Deadline for registration was April 7.

For further information call Carmen Galvan at the school (Ext. 601).

## SPENCE SPEAKS

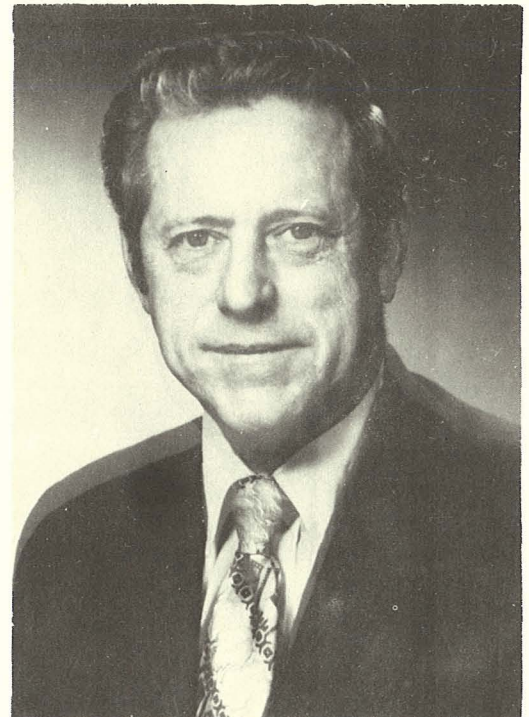
Dr. Harry M. Spence, Southwestern clinical professor of urology, has recently made three guest appearances, all during the month of March.

He was guest speaker at the New Mexico Urological Seminar in Albuquerque, N.M., March 2, as well as at the Cleveland Clinic Urology Seminar March 14 and 15. Dr. Spence also served as visiting professor at the Cleveland Clinic.

## SOUTHWESTERN PSYCHOLOGICAL GROUP TO MEET

April 26-28 is the date of the twentieth annual Southwestern Psychological Association convention, meeting at the Baker Hotel in Dallas. Dr. Harry J. Parker, associate dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences and professor at both SAHS and Southwestern, is program chairman.

Giving the presidential address will be association president Frank Logan, Ph.D. His subject will be "Dominant Stupidity." Distinguished invited addresses will be given by Richard C. Atkinson, Ph.D., "Optimizing the Instructional Processes;" and Cecil P. Peck, "Professional Psychology and Health Delivery Systems." Numerous presentations and workshops will also be held.





## FACULTY-STUDENT BAR-B-Q

The faculty-student bar-b-q Saturday, March 24 was quite a success, according to the more-than-250 who attended.

The evening of eating, drinking, dancing, and getting acquainted away from the classroom was held at Austin's Dude Ranch.

Faculty members elected "top teachers" included Hal Weathersby, first-year students; Jack Reynolds, second and fourth-year students; and James Luby, third-year students. Paul Tobolowsky, fourth-year student served as master of ceremonies.



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