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## BOOK CHRONICLES HISTORY OF SURGERY AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS — Oct. 25, 1993 — A professor of surgery, who has been part of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas for 40 of the institution's first 50 years, has compiled a book chronicling the Department of Surgery's role in the medical school's history.

As part of UT Southwestern's 50th anniversary celebration, the Department of Surgery contributed the 100-page book entitled *Surgery: The First Fifty Years*. It is a compilation of photographs, articles and information, ranging from biographies of past chairs to the names of surgery's earliest residents — gathered, organized and, in many cases, written by Dr. Ronald F. Garvey.

Garvey received assistance from people like Dr. M.T. "Pepper" Jenkins, professor emeritus of anesthesiology and former chairman of that department for 33 years, and Dr. Charles Baxter and Dr. Robert McClelland, professors of surgery who have been affiliated with the medical center for nearly 40 years.

Garvey gathered information for his book from a multitude of sources, which included many firsthand accounts from physicians who had integral roles in the medical school's growth and ascent to national acclaim.

The basic format of the book "simply evolved," said Garvey. "Although I did know, from the very beginning, that I wanted to express clearly the importance Parkland Memorial Hospital has had in our history. I also knew the story of each chairman needed to be told."

The biographies of the chairmen became the book's first chapter, followed by chapters on the current divisions of the Department of Surgery and on former divisions that are now departments.

The book also includes a chapter of articles reprinted from the Texas Medical Association's (TMA) *Texas State Journal of Medicine* and *The Journal of the American Medical Association* on President John F. Kennedy's assassination,

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replete with the original photo of Parkland that had been sent to the TMA in 1963 to include in the journal's article, "Three Patients at Parkland."

"That was probably one of my most exciting discoveries," said Garvey, who found the old photo buried in some files at Parkland.

"What's made this project special to me is that I am able to put a face with almost every name I included in this book," said Garvey, who first came to UT Southwestern in 1953 as a member of the last group to intern at old Parkland Hospital on Oak Lawn Avenue.

For information about purchasing the \$25 book, contact the Parkland Surgical Society through Diane Wynne at (214) 648-3917.

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