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Part of the academic procession ready to enter the auditorium for graduation exercises, 1955. In the left foreground is Dr. Kendall Corbin, of the Mayo Foundation. Dr. Corbin delivered the commencement address.

S.M.S. GRADUATES 100 PLUS

On June 6, S.M.S. held its thirteenth annual convocation, as usual in McFarlin Memorial Auditorium at S.M.U. Dr. Kendall B. Corbin, Professor of Neuroanatomy, Mayo Foundation and noted contributor to neurophysiology, was the principal speaker.

Dr. Mary Alice Bone of Jacksonville, sister of Robert D. Bone, '46, received the Ho Din award, the first woman ever to be so honored. Also for the first time this award carried with it a stipend of \$1,000 which was presented by Mrs. E.H. Cary and her son E.H. Cary, Jr., in memory of the late Dr. E.H. Cary.

In addition to 100 degrees of Doctor of Medicine, Dr. James C. Dolley, representing President Logan Wilson, also conferred 3 Masters of Medical Art (M.M.A.), and the first Ph.D. on record from Southwestern. The candidate was Mr. Abbas M. Behbehani, of Teheran, Iran, who pursued his work in virology under Dr. Sulkin.

NEW V.A. HOSPITAL NEARS COMPLETION

The new hospital at Lisbon which has been under construction since the oldest living inhabitant can remember is so near completion now that it looks as though hardly anything can prevent patients from being moved by about July 1, August 1, September 1, or October 1, this year. This prediction seems fairly safe at this time, but we know not what the morrow may bring. At present both that hospital and the residual one at McKinney are under the managership of Dr. Walter Buckholts who has been at McKinney for several years past.

Once the shifting of patients is accomplished, work on renovation and remodelling of the interior of the old Lisbon Hospital will begin. At current rates of progress, it looks as though patients might be moved into it within a period of possibly three to five years.

Dr. Paul North for the interim will be chief of surgery at both hospitals, with Dr. "Red" Hayes in local charge at McKinney. Dr. Sensenbach remains chief of medicine at Lisbon. And for the time being some of the specialty services will be at one place and some at the other.

DR. BEN FRIEDMAN LEAVES DALLAS

Dr. Ben Friedman, long-time chief of medicine at the V.A. Hospital at McKinney and Clinical Professor of Medicine at S.M.S. is leaving July 1, to take the same position in the Birmingham V.A. Hospital and the University of Alabama Medical School, where Dr. Tinsley R. Harrison is chairman of the Department of Medicine. Dr. William Daily, until now assistant chief of Medicine, will carry on at McKinney for as long as that hospital lasts. The editor of this sheet wishes publicly to offer his deep regret at Dr. Friedman's departure and to wish him the best of everything at Birmingham. S.M.S. will miss him.

TOUR OF THE DEPARTMENTS: ANATOMY

As the editor of this sheet promised some time ago, it has been our intention to attempt to present a picture of the various departments as they now exist under The University of Texas. For some of the older alumni the changes will no doubt appear startling; they appear so to some of us who have been here all the time. By seniority and alphabetical order the tour begins in this issue with Anatomy, over which Dr. Duncan presides with his habitual composure and good-humor. As in the past, he is still taking direct responsibility for embryology and recently has been working with problems in relation to the genesis of the urinary tract.

Next in order in the Anatomy Department is Professor Frank Harrison, Ph.D., Northwestern, and also a junior medical student at S.M.S. Dr. Harrison's prime interest is in neurophysiology and he has been carrying on work with Dr. Goth of Pharmacology on effects of drugs on nerves and centers of the sympathetic nervous system.

Professor Harlow Ades, Ph.D., Illinois, formerly of Emory Medical School, is also primarily interested in neurophysiology and neuroanatomy. Associated with him is a Fellow, Ed Francisco, who is working toward a Ph.D. from our school.

Hal T. Weathersby is Assistant Professor of Anatomy. His Ph.D. is from Tulane and

his main interest is Gross Anatomy in which he has published papers on the normal brachial and ante-brachial arteries, the volar arches, and the artery of the index finger.

George W. Hagy, with a Ph.D. from The University of Texas, is basically a geneticist and is engaged in studying the relation of disease, especially cancer, to heredity. He assists Dr. Duncan in Embryology.

Joining the department this month is Phillip H. Krutzsch, Ph.D., Kansas, whose prime interest is in hybernation. He will have the rank of Assistant Professor and will work primarily in Gross Anatomy.

Another person soon to join the ranks is P.C. Tang, Ph.D., University of Washington Medical School, who has studied particularly the nervous control of the bladder and who will work primarily in Neuroanatomy.

E. Clay Griffith, A.B. from TCU, is a Fellow in the department. He will complete his M.D. this year and then will join the group responsible for Gross Anatomy.

In addition to these, Gross Anatomy is also taught by a group of surgeons from the clinical faculty. These include Manning Shannon, Frank Kidd, Eldon Siebel, Milton Davis, George Boswell and Glenn Cherry. Temporarily assisting these professors and demonstrators from time to time are a number of residents in surgery from the V.A. Hospitals who are fulfilling their requirements for basic science training by their duties in the department.

Absent on leave at the present is Calvin Bishop, now a flight surgeon assigned to the Marine Corps in El Toro, California. Well, that's the state of anatomy at this time. There's nothing a Freshman can do about it except to take it and hope.

GROWING?

S.M.S. can now boast an Alumni totaling 865....fast approaching the 1,000 mark!

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION CONTINUES

During the academic year 1954-55, S.M.S. presented various types of postgraduate sessions both in Dallas and at outlying places, with a total attendance of something over 2,000. The outstanding session was one on surgical heart disease, with Dr. Irene Ferrer of New York, Dr. Dwight Harkin of Boston, Dr. Jesse Edwards, and Dr. John Kirklin of the Mayo Clinic. Special short courses in Dallas for medical dietitians, medical technologists and medical social workers were all very well attended.

Dallas physicians have shown a lot of enthusiasm for a one-night-a-week course in practical psychiatry for general practitioners which ran for 10 weeks this spring. And the one-night-a-week sessions have been extended to include Waco and Tyler, where other courses have been presented.

Next year, in January, the S.M.S. faculty will join with the American College of Physicians in presenting one of the College's regional refresher courses for physicians interested in cardiology.

ALUMNI---ACHTUNG!

This year has been a rather virulent one for students in the first two years. For the first time in the past two or three years S.M.S. has had to witness the sorry sight of a fairly considerable mortality during the first two years of school and even of a limited amount of stumbling in the third year. The faculty is debating the causes of these disappointments with much concern. There is one thing, however, that's fairly obvious to everyone: we're not getting enough students of really top caliber. So, if some student in your vicinity is thinking of medical school and if you think he really has a lot on the ball, send him our way, please. If you think he's apt not to be so hot, refer him to certain other places.

All around the country there's some talk that medicine isn't attracting as large a number of first-class fellows as it should.

What are you fellows doing to discourage them? Or, are all the younger students looking for a job with a forty-hour week and old age retirement attached? If anybody gets any ideas about how to induce good students to want to go into medicine and then how to get them here, write us a line.

NEWS OF ALUMNI

Burton B. McDougal, '44, a graduate in the second class writes that he is in practice in Chickasha, Oklahoma. He passed "the new medical school recently. It sure looks pretty."

Tom E. Nesbitt, '48, writes that he started in private practice of Urology in Milwaukee, August, 1954. He is a consultant in Urology to the V.A. Hospital in that city and is recently appointed to the position of Clinical Instructor in Urology at Marquette. The Nesbitts have two children.

Larry Gladstone, '52, is a resident in the Department of Medicine at Chapel Hill, but writes that he hopes to be nearer home next year.

Herbert Shessel, '47, is now at 1293 Peach St., N.E., Atlanta, Ga., where he limits his practice to Ob.-Gyn. The Shessels have a boy aged 6½ years and a girl 15 months of age. He writes--and this plug does no harm--"Keep that Alumni News coming. I like it most of all."

Robert L. McLeroy, '54, has entered general practice in Gainesville, joining our Ex, William F. Powell, '45.

Pat Rose, '53, was married in Mass., April 24, 1955. Sorry, no other details.

Three alumni, Landria Cecil Smith, D'44, Plainview; Gene Allen McClelland, D'44, Lockney; and Edward D. Morton, '53, Ganado Texas have recently contributed to the American Medical Education Foundation for the benefit of Southwestern. It's a very good idea. We're very grateful and hope some of the rest of you will soon be prosperous enough to do likewise.

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Kiyoshi Furumoto, '51, visited the school recently and gave an account of a thriving practice in Iowa.

Bob Jones, '52, will be leaving Dallas soon to enter practice at Commerce, Texas.

John M. Etheridge, '53, visited school and told us that he is entering general practice in Corpus Christi, Texas.

John Eisenlohr, '54, who is at present working for Uncle Sam and his Navy, has recently been stationed at Kingsville, Texas.

Herman Wing, '50; has just graduated from The University of Texas Law School, (LL.B.) and has accepted the position of Medical-Legal Director with the Transit Casualty Company. He writes, "I feel like a pioneer in the development of some co-ordination between law and medicine."

We hope you all will like this portion of the News. Bear in mind that if you don't furnish the news, there isn't any. Somebody, even a sheriff, might like to know where you are!

SOU'WESTER FRESH OUT OF NEWS

The Sou'Wester exists by virtue of an act of the Legislature, the exertions of the editor, and about two bits. But all this wealth and talent combined won't accomplish much if there isn't any news. You are the guys who supply. Will some of you please win a Nobel Prize, hold up a bank, or get hanged for stealing horses--- and be sure to send clippings of the occasion to the editor? He can promise you in return this variety of immortality, that your name will be enshrined in capital letters in the Sou'Wester for as long as there's a library here.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY - ?

The Response from our recent inquiry as to your whereabouts has been gratifying---- Thanks. We can read most of them, too! It now looks like we might be able to put out an Alumni Directory giving names and

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addresses. So please...don't move for a while. Or, if you must, TELL US ABOUT IT!

With a few shekels from some of you rich guys we could send a copy of the Directory to each of the Alumni---Do you want one???

LOST!

We have been unable to locate the following Alumni...Can you help us find them? Any information concerning them will be greatly appreciated.

Carroll Leon Boone, '53; Ernest Meade Bralley, Jr., M'44; Martin Harry Chester, '48; Richard William Cletsoway, '48; David A. Cristol, '53; Kenneth Harlan Deets, '53; Robert Alfred Dennison, Jr., '53; Haskell Edward Downs, '52; John Paul Dunn, '53; George Alva Edwards, '50; Turner Darnell Epps, '52; Donald Kenneth Fisher, '49; Joe Seth Gunter, '51; Alfred Hamilton, D'44; Homer Harold Hanna, '52; Norris Errol Holt, '53; Alfred Lawton Ingerick, '48; John H Keller, Jr., '53; Elbert Hampton Lewis, '52; Don Lewis McCord, '53; Voss McRaney, '53; Mrs. Wm. G. Metsopoulos, '50; Jean Fielder-Moore, D'44; Arthur Anthony Murray, '48; Erwin Gustave Pink, '53; William Frasher Powell, '45; George Alexander Reed, '53; Jack Milton Senter, '49; Belvin Arbie Simmons, '53; John Stricklin Spratt, Jr., '52; C. R. Sutton, Jr., D'44; Jack Swartz, '50; Lansing Stephen Thorne, Jr., D'44; Robert Calvin Tout, '53; David Charles Usrey, '53; Joseph Mallie White, '47.

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THE CURRENT S.M.S. FACULTY

The total S.M.S. faculty for 1955-56 as approved by the Board of Regents is 567. This includes 76 full-time members (62 men and 14 women) and 491 clinical faculty members.

During the past year the faculty has produced 251 publications, 121 by the full time men and 130 by the part-time men. Evidence of a busy group!