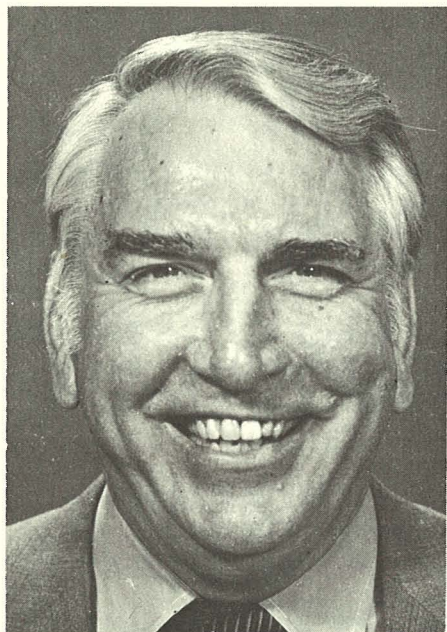


newsletter *THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT DALLAS*

New Center Formed Of UT Components



Dr. Charles Sprague

The University of Texas has formed a new health education unit to encompass Southwestern Medical School, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the School of Allied Health Sciences.

Dr. Charles C. Sprague, formerly dean of the medical school, has been designated president of "The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas."

Julius E. Weeks, formerly associate dean for business affairs for the medical school, was named vice-president for business affairs of the new center.

Dr. F. Douglas Lawrason, formerly associate dean for academic affairs at UTSWMS, was designated acting dean of the medical school.

Dr. Parkhurst Shore, formerly associate dean for graduate studies at UTSWMS, was named

acting dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Sprague has announced he will appoint a faculty search committee to select permanent deans for these two positions. Finally, the School of Allied Health Professions was renamed "The University of Texas School of Allied Health Sciences" with Dr. John W. Schermerhorn as dean.

The UT Board of Regents' creation of the new unit in Dallas came simultaneously with designations of a University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and a University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. The Houston organization includes a medical school, dental branch, graduate school, allied health sciences school, school of public health and speech and hearing institute.



Julius Weeks

The San Antonio unit includes the medical school, dental school, graduate school and school of allied health sciences.

Also in Houston, a University of Texas System Cancer Center will comprise M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, and Environmental Science Park at Smithville. A similar organizational structure had been effected at the UT Medical Branch in Galveston.

Many such academic health sciences centers have been created across the United States to meet intensified demands for the training of many kinds of health specialists.

Since its foundation as Southwestern Medical College in 1943, the Dallas medical school has graduated 2,482 Doctors of Medicine. It also has fulfilled an important function in graduate education, producing 135 Ph.D.'s, M.A's and M.M.A. degrees in that time.

This last spring a record 13 Doctor of Philosophy degrees were conferred on graduates in scientific studies including anatomy, clinical psychology, microbiology, pharmacology, physiology and radiobiology. These activities will comprise the new Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

In 1969, The School of Allied Health Professions was created by the Regents in answer to needs for skilled health workers including physicians' assistants, dietitians, therapists and others. Now, 125 students are enrolled in courses at the School of Allied Health Sciences.

The thrust of Dr. Sprague's administration since he was made dean of the medical school in 1967 has been toward creation of a campus where all the life or health sciences could interact in an academically beneficial way.

First step toward creation of facilities to house a Health Science Center has been taken with implementation of a \$40 million Phase One plan. Today, construction on the medical school complex has reached the midway mark with completion of the first building unit expected next spring.

Reorganization of the Dallas medical school into a health center came shortly before Dr. Sprague took office as chairman of the Association of American Medical Colleges at the AAMC's annual meeting in Miami Beach. The 55-year-old hematologist heads an organization which this year represents all 111 U.S. and 16 Canadian medical schools, in addition to more than 400 major teaching hospitals, 52 academic societies, medical students and 2,800 individuals.

Dr. Sprague, who is former president of the American Society of Hematology, was dean of the Tulane University School of Medicine before coming to Southwestern in Dallas in 1967.

The vice-presidency of the UT Health Science Center is a new position created by the Board of Regents in line with creation of the new concept for the medical education complex. Julius Weeks served as associate dean for business affairs at Southwestern Medical School from 1967 until his new appointment.

A graduate in accounting of the University of Tennessee, Mr. Weeks has an LL.B. degree from Memphis State University.

He served as assistant business manager at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston from 1959 to 1963. That year Mr. Weeks became assistant dean for fiscal affairs at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Ohio and in 1966 assumed the position of business manager for the University of Cincinnati.

He is a veteran of both World War II and Korea.

F. Douglas Lawrason, M.D., associate dean for academic affairs since 1969, has been named acting dean of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas.

Holding both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Minnesota, Dr. Lawrason also received his M.D. degree from its school of medicine in 1945. His internship and residency were done at Yale New Haven Hospital in Connecticut.

While on leave of absence from Yale from 1950-53, he served as professional associate at the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. He then assumed the position of assistant professor of medicine and assistant dean at the University of North Carolina in 1953-55.

Dr. Lawrason joined the faculty at the University of Arkansas in 1955 as professor of medicine, provost for medical affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, where he served until 1961.

At that time he was made executive director of medical research of the research laboratories of Merck, Sharp & Dohme. In 1965 the scientist was made vice-president for medical research at Merck, Sharp & Dohme.

While at Southwestern Medical School, Dr. Lawrason has worked in the development of the academic programs encompassed by the Health Science Center concept. He also served the school as professor of medicine.

A member of the American Federation of Clinical Research, Dr. Lawrason also holds membership in the American Association of Medical Colleges and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He serves as secretary of AAAS's medical science section.

The scientist-educator is a former member of the New York Academy of Science.

Prior to joining the faculty in 1961, Dr. Parkhurst Shore served as head of the section on biochemistry of drug action and deputy chief of laboratory chemical pharmacology with the National Heart Institute, National Institutes of Health. He was also associated with the Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases of NIH and served as associate in chemistry at George Washington University from 1949-50.

The educator received a B.S. degree in 1949 and an M.S. degree in 1952 from George Washington University and a Ph.D. degree in 1955 from Georgetown University.

Dr. Shore holds memberships in the American Chemical Society, the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, and the Western Pharmacology Society.

He is currently a member of the national committee for drug abuse legislation, and serves on the editorial board of Biochemical Pharmacology, the Journal of Neural Transmission, and Pharmacological Research Communications. Dr. Shore has served on the editorial board of numerous other professional journals and has written over 100 articles and chapters in books.

From 1967 to 1970, he served on the Committee on Problems of Drug Safety of Drug Research sponsored by the Board of the National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council.

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