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MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DALLAS



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DALLAS--Freshmen medical students will get two diverse views of the city in which they will study, including both some of its problems and its cultural opportunities, during an orientation tour next Tuesday (Sept. 8).

Final registration and first classes for some students the same day will mark opening of the academic year at The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School at Dallas.

As highlight of Freshman Orientation Week, some 113 beginning UTSMS students will visit a War on Poverty neighborhood center and attend a luncheon at Fair Park during a "Mini-tour" of Dallas to be conducted by medical school faculty members.

The future doctors and their wives will gather at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in Room 201 of UTSMS' Cary Basic Science Hall for coffee and doughnuts, then board buses at 10 a.m. for a trip to the North Dallas Neighborhood Center of the War on Poverty, on Hall St. near N. Central Expressway.

The students, who in the course of their training will help care for many Dallasites whose primary source of medical care is Parkland Memorial Hospital, will be greeted at the poverty center by Bennett Miller, acting director of the Dallas War on Poverty program. Then smaller group discussions will be led by Lionel Johnson, Randolph Ratliff, Rene Martinez and Walter Travis, who will present problems of economically disadvantaged citizens.

The need for sensitivity on the part of medical students to the problems of their patients will be emphasized by the speakers, said Dr. Daniel Foster of the medical school faculty, one of the tour's arrangers. He said a "free-wheeling" question session will be part of the dialogue.

"We want the students to get an idea of the real problems that will confront them as working medical students, and also to hear about the cultural opportunities available to them during their leisure hours," Dr. Foster said.

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Surgery and psychiatry courses were moved from the junior year to the senior year, and juniors were given additional coursework in pediatrics, obstetrics and internal medicine. The changes stretch the junior timetable until June 25, 1971.

The net effect, explains Dr. Eugene Frenkel, chairman of a faculty curriculum revision committee, is to restructure the junior schedule into a non-surgical year concentrating on aspects of clinical evaluation of the patient. Seniors will now concentrate on surgery and surgical electives, psychiatry and general electives.

"Our goal is to tailor the curriculum at the senior level to the student's special needs and interests," Dr. Frenkel said.

Sophomore students are starting classes early in order to have free time in the spring to prepare for national qualifying examinations, Miss Rucker said.

The total medical enrollment this year reflects the addition of five freshmen students who are technically enrolled in the newly authorized but unopened UT medical school at Houston. The five will take first-year training at Dallas and transfer to Houston when operations begin there next fall. Fifteen other first-year students are similarly starting at Galveston and San Antonio medical components to form the nucleus of the new school's sophomore class.

The Dallas medical school has announced plans to expand its annual freshman enrollment to 150 by fall of 1973, and to 200 by 1975. The school has begun the largest expansion program in its history, with major construction projects either under way or planned that will add six new buildings valued at approximately \$40 million to the Harry Hines Boulevard campus.

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"This tour is intended to give them a balanced view, to see that Dallas is not all arts and not all problems."

At the Museum of Fine Arts, students will hear about the city's entertainment offerings from representatives of the Dallas Symphony, the museum, theaters and other groups. A luncheon reception will be hosted jointly by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McDermott, active benefactors of the medical school, and Dr. Charles C. Sprague, UTSMS dean.

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Classes for 430 medical students at The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School will begin this year on an unusual staggered schedule, necessitated in part by curriculum changes.

For the first time, sophomores and juniors will start work six days earlier than the remaining students--on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Final registration for the 100 sophomores and 108 juniors will take place in Room 162 of the Cary Basic Science Hall from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. that day.

Registration for freshmen and seniors who did not preregister will be held Wednesday, Sept. 9. Classes for the 113 freshmen and 109 seniors start Monday, Sept. 14.

Graduate students will register from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Sept. 15, and classes will begin the same day. Some 70 students are expected in UTSMS graduate programs, studying toward M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in anatomy, biophysics, biochemistry, pharmacology, physiology, radiobiology, clinical psychology and microbiology.

Five second-year medical art students also are scheduled to resume classes on Sept. 8 in the UTSMS Department of Medical Art and Audio-visual Education.

The early start for junior students was required by curriculum changes this year which lengthen the junior schedule by one month, said Miss Anne Rucker, UTSMS registrar.

Generally, the revisions involve exchanges of required coursework between the junior and senior years, with a net increase at the junior level and rearrangement at the senior level to permit seniors more time for study of a prescribed series of electives.

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