

Newsletter

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT DALLAS

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Research important, Schmidt tells grads

The chairman of the President's Cancer Panel, speaking at the health science center's 34th graduation exercises, called for continued support of basic research and warned against excessive expectations in control of human disease.

Benno Charles Schmidt, vice-chairman of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, criticized the notion that there is some good basic biomedical research that is relevant and some that is not.

Schmidt, declared that technology to control disease could not be targeted before the foundation of basic research was established.

"We must extend our knowledge of immunology, genetics, cell biology, membrane structure and physiology, neurophysiology and molecular biology, for it is only upon the foundation of such a fundamental science base that we can build the best technologies for the prevention and cure of disease," said Schmidt.

Schmidt, who was once on the faculty of the law school at the University of Texas at Austin, declared:

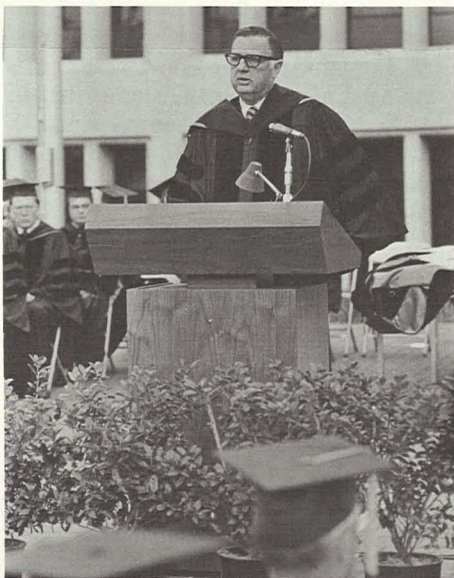
"There is indeed irony in a civilization that can produce satellite surveillance so sophisticated that you can take pictures of the tears on an upturned face without being able to solve the basic problems that produced those tears."

Still, he said, it is a reasonable objective that some of the tears might be wiped away by control of human disease, in the sense of either preventing, reversing or curing each of the major illnesses of mankind.

"This can be accomplished when we have reached a genuine understanding, in full detail, of the underlying mechanisms responsible for each disease. Such an objective, which seemed unattainable and forever beyond our grasp just a few years ago, is not unreachable, assuming that the fundamental biological sciences continue to make the sort of progress they have established over the past two decades," he said.

The speaker recently served on the President's Biomedical Panel, a group of 160 biomedical and behavioral scientists which prepared 11 reports on the state of biomedical science and the areas of greatest promise for research.

He lauded the partnership of the government--through the National Institutes of Health and other agencies--with



Benno C. Schmidt

the medical schools, universities, teaching hospitals and research institutions of the nation as having participated in a revolution in basic biomedical science over the past 25 years.

"Indeed, it may well be that America's role in the renaissance of basic biomedical sciences that has occurred in the last 25 years will appear to the historian of tomorrow to be our nation's most valuable contribution to human civilization during that period in our history."

Schmidt spoke at ceremonies highlighted by the awarding of 138 M.D. degrees and eight graduate science degrees. This was the largest class of physicians yet graduated by the medical school.



Dr. Charles Prentice Crumpler accepts Ho Din Award from Van Allen Hollomon.

Ho Din caps medical study

"The Ho Din Award has been an inspiration to me throughout my medical career. I keep the certificate hanging in my office and I am constantly reminded that it carries a certain responsibility".—Sherman T. Coleman, M.D. (1951)

One of the highlights of the May 29 graduation ceremonies was the presentation of the Southwestern Medical Foundation's Ho Din Award to Dr. Charles Prentice Crumpler.

Van Allen Hollomon, member of the board of the Foundation, made the presentation to Dr. Crumpler by stating that the high plateau of intellectual achievement called excellence has already been reached by a number of the graduating students before the quest for the Ho Din recipient really begins.

"From this group of peers, one is then selected who has the special qualities which make for a great physician--qualities of emotional depth and warmth

which go far beyond mere academic accomplishment," Hollomon said.

Dr. Crumpler grew up in a medical atmosphere with a father who is a surgeon and a mother who was a nurse. As a teenager he worked with his father in the Bowie Memorial Hospital. While studying for his Bachelor of Arts degree in biology at The University of Texas at Austin, he worked part-time as a hospital admitting clerk.

Dr. Crumpler plans to return to his hometown of Bowie, Texas after his internship at Parkland Memorial Hospital, as he has always wanted to "practice medicine in a small town."



BATTER UP!

Charlie and his Angels (from left to right) first row, coach Hal Denham. Blanca Garza, Susan Guest, Suzette Cyr, Angela Patterson, Candy Stafford, Sally Lause, Kathleen Frisby, Dorothy Gutekunst, Phyllis Ruff, coach Kent Rudicel. Second row, Janine Needham, President Charles Sprague, Nelda Holcomb, Wanda Campbell, Pamela Witte. The Angels got off to a sizzling start, winning their first three games in a row, then they hit a mid season slump. However, things are humming again, with a 8-7 win over MacArthur Insurance Company team #2. The UTHSCD team takes its name from the popular television show "Charlie's Angels."

Charlie's Angels UTHSCD Women's Softball Team

SCHEDULE

June 28 - 9:00

MacArthur Ins #1 vs Angels

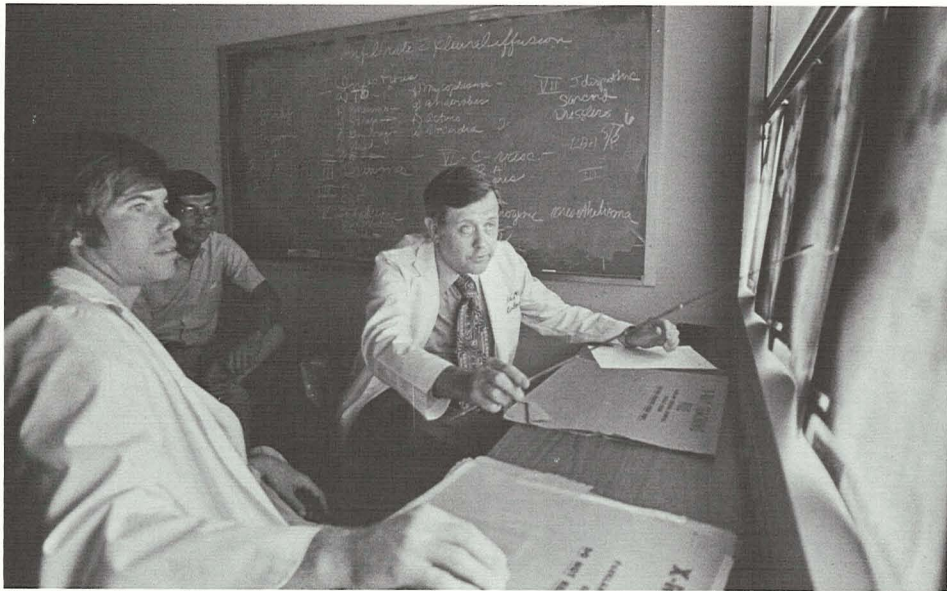
July 5 - 7:00

MacArthur Ins #4 vs Angels

July 12 - 7:00

MacArthur Ins #2 vs Angels

All games played at Fair Oaks Field, Skillman and Parklane.



Dr. Jack Reynolds makes one last point to senior medical students Roger Mendelson, center, and Alan Frierson, left, before their graduation this spring.

Outstanding teaching abilities win Reynolds piper professorship

Dr. Jack Reynolds, professor and vice-chairman of radiology at the health science center, has been named one of the state's 10 outstanding teachers by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation.

The foundation cited Dr. Reynolds for his scientific and scholarly achievement and for his dedication to the teaching profession in naming him a 1976 Piper Professor.

The purpose of the award is to give recognition to the teaching profession, although research and publication were also considered by the selection committee.

"Of the members of our faculty I can think of no one more deserving of this recognition," commented Dr. Charles C. Sprague, center president.

Dr. Reynolds' effectiveness and dedication in the classroom are reflected by the honors given him by multiple classes of medical students over the last 10 years.

On one or more occasions the students of each of the four classes taught

by him have voted Dr. Reynolds their outstanding teacher of the year. Already this year's sophomore class of medical students voted Dr. Reynolds one of their four outstanding teachers. On three occasions the entire student body has voted him the outstanding teacher of all of those participating in their undergraduate medical years.

"The medical students perceive Dr. Reynolds as both a gifted teacher and a warm, personal friend. Although it is difficult to document or quantitate this aspect of his teaching efforts, it is surely a major contribution to the success of our medical school," said Dr. Sprague.

Dr. Reynolds is chief of the diagnostic radiology section at Parkland and consultant in radiology to Veterans Administration, Presbyterian and St. Paul hospitals here. His expertise in the field of diagnostic radiology is well recognized, and he has published an authoritative book on radiographic changes in sickle cell anemia. His preeminent role in resident training in radiology at Parkland Memorial Hospital is also well known.

His award from the Piper Foundation includes a certificate and an honorarium.

Daly to head new national epilepsy effort

Dr. David D. Daly, professor of neurology at Southwestern, has been appointed chairman of the new National Commission for the Control of Epilepsy and Its Consequences.

Established by Congress as special agency to confront the problems of epilepsy in the United States, the committee consists of four physicians or scientists representing major disciplines involving epilepsy, two physicians or scientists representing public health and rehabilitation and three members of the general public.

The mandate given to the new National Epilepsy Commission is that it:

1. Make a comprehensive study of the state of the art of medical and social management of the epilepsies in the United States.

2. Investigate and make recommendations concerning the proper roles of federal and state governments and national and local, public and private agencies in research, prevention, identification, treatment and rehabilitation of persons with epilepsy.

3. Develop a comprehensive national plan for the control of epilepsy and its consequences based on the most thorough, complete and accurate data and information available on the disorder.

The formation of the commission and the charge given it constitute and "unusual mandate," in the opinion of Dr. Daly:

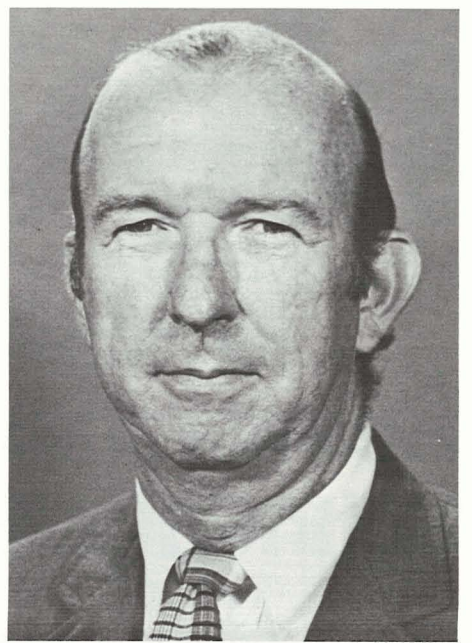
"If you look at the problems of epileptic persons anywhere in the world—regardless of the health care system they are in—there are serious inadequacies in identification, treatment and rehabilitation."

Summer registration offers new courses

The Summer Session began June 1 with 177 students in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and 185 in the School of Allied Health Sciences.

Twenty-five students registered in the graduate school's new course Tumor Biology.

The SAHS schedule includes seven courses which have not been offered in Summer Session before. The new summer offerings include internships with social and rehabilitation agencies.



Dr. David D. Daly

Faculty update

Dr. Roger H. Unger, professor of internal medicine at the health science center and clinical investigator at the Veterans Administration Hospital, received a coveted honorary Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Geneva.

Dr. M.T. Jenkins, chairman of anesthesiology, has been elected to a three-year term on the Coordinating Council on Medical Education. He is one of three representatives selected from the Council of Medical Specialty Societies.

Dr. Morton Mason, professor of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology at the health science center, has been awarded the first Certificate of Qualification granted by the American Board of Forensic Toxicology. He was given the certification at a recent meeting of the ABFT held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Dr. Kemp Clark, chairman of neurosurgery, was elected chairman of the American Board of Neurological Surgery and vice-chairman of the professional liability committee of the American Bar Association.

Dr. Peggy Ann Sartain, associate professor of pediatrics, has been chosen president-elect of the medical staff of Children's Medical Center. Dr. Sartain will assume office in 1977.

Faculty criticizes 'arbitrary' change on national exam

The Southwestern Medical School Faculty Council in its May 24 meeting went on record as being in disagreement with the "arbitrary manner" in which the National Board of Medical Examiners has implemented a new design for a modified school report without consulting their various constituents.

The principal modification in the proposed report is that students from a given school will be compared with a large national reference group rather than with other schools in rank-order on the basis of their students' performances. No rank-order positions will be released, but schools would still be able to compare their classes with the performance of other students on a national scale.

Grades will be indicated by a bar graph arrangement where the number of students receiving a certain number of grade points (700 maximum, 500 average) will be presented so the spectrum of a class can be seen in terms of the other performers on the National Boards.

Charity Ball to aid children's research

The research projects of center scientists Drs. Michael S. Brown and Joseph L. Goldstein, Department of Internal Medicine, and Dr. Paul C. MacDonald, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, have been selected to receive the proceeds from the 1976 Crystal Charity Ball.

Drs. Brown and Goldstein have won several awards for their research into the genetic factors causing high blood fat, which in its most severe form afflicts children. Dr. MacDonald with a team of Southwestern experts in varied fields is waging an innovative assault on major problems of prematurity by treating the baby before it is born.

The Charity Ball has raised 1.2 million for children's charities in its 24 year history. However, this is the first time that the organization has benefited pure research.

"I am very excited that the health science center was chosen said Mrs. Lindalyn Adams, chairman of the Ball. "I feel that we are looking to the future in supporting these two areas of medical research that are so involved with prevention of disease in children."

This is the second time that the Crystal Charity Ball has benefited the center. In 1972, the Ball raised \$195,000 for the urology and nephrology divisions to support renal transplantation in children.

Safety Corner

The safety inspector requests that all department heads make sure that all compressed gas cylinders are chained or strapped securely.



KEY ISSUES DEBATED

Women in action panel moderator, Jane Sallis, formerly of AV-TV Service, listens while Susan Caudill, reporter for KERA-TV, explains why she feels that women are not accurately represented in the media. Other members of the panel: John Criswell, "AM Show," Vivian Castleberry, editor of the living section of the Dallas Times Herald, Larry Jolidan, metroplex editor of the Dallas Times Herald, and Marlyn Schwartz, feature editor of the Dallas Morning News. The panel discussion was organized by the Women's Action Group, a campus organization composed of faculty and staff members.

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Anesthesiology

Distinguished visitors in the Anesthesiology Department include **Dr. Willis Sanderson** from Mesa, Arizona; **Dr. Peter Baskett** from Frenchay Hospital in Bristol, England; and **Captain John DeKrey** from the U.S. Navy Regional Medical Center at San Diego.

Other news includes an upcoming wedding for a member of the office staff, **Karyl Reedy**, to **Ronnie Aronoff**, a third year medical student, on June 26.

Animal Resources

The ARC would like to welcome to its staff **Ms. Jann Hamel**, she is our new receptionist. Jann's husband is a medical student and they are here from Austin. **Laurie Fankhauser** is another new member of the ARC. She is a surgical technician

George Lawton, our Necropsy expert, was presented his five year pin last month. The Department of Comparative Medicine (ARC and Pathology) celebrated this event with a wine and cheese tasting party.

A fond adieu was bid to **Bob Nelson**, our Accountant. **Becky Kidwell** can now be seen fretting over our accounts. Becky and her husband took an Easter holiday to canoe the Casatot River in Arkansas.

Kathy Kendrick was married on May 9th. A beautiful wedding in the pasture beside the bride and groom's house.

Some vacations were taken early this year; **Anne Schlachter** left for London, Wales, Scotland, and maybe Ireland on May 27th. **Dr. H. Hugh Harroff, D.V.M.** has taken a permanent vacation back to Ohio. Dr. Harroff has been with the ARC for almost two years and we will miss him very much.

The Department of Comparative Medicine wishes to extend sincere sympathy to **Mrs. Barbara Dzieniszewski** for the loss of her husband Pete. Pete died after open heart surgery at St. Paul's Hospital. Pete and Barbara have been very close and special people to everyone at the Medical School. All our prayers and thoughts are with Barbara.

Cell Biology

We are very proud to report that cell biology was well represented at the recent Medical Freshman Awards Banquet. Our two most well known T.V. personalities, **Dr. Alan Beer** and **Dr. William Neaves** were the Most Outstanding Teacher and the Runner-Up for Outstanding Teaching awards, respectively. **Dr. Neaves** also was the recipient of the Best Sense of Humor award and last, but not least, the Best Choreography award for his rendition of the "Harvard Two-Step." Other award winners were: **Dr. Leonard Seelig**- Alex Karras look-a-like, **Dr. Sue Griffin**- Most Helpful, and the Haute Couture award went to our own, **Dr. Fred Grinnell**. Our graduate teaching assistants were not overlooked either. **Pat Galvas** winning the Trivia award and **Lawrence Kaler** running away with the Mighty Mouse award. Heartiest congratulations to each of you-our own special celebrities!

Ah, such a multifarious range of talents lurks in the Cell Biology Department. **Larry Wagnon** sang and danced his way to stardom in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" musical presented at the First Methodist Church in Dallas. What a ham! Our "Van Gogh", **Alison Hanson**,

presented us with an original chalk mural (on the office wall yet) which we are all enjoying. **Marcia Turner** has completed the basic level in ice skating, so watch out, Dorothy Hamill! Just don't take lesions from **Suzanne Martin**; she can't teach you how to skate, but she sure can illustrate how not to fall on ice - just ask her!

Congratulations are in order to our new grandmother, **Roselyn Powell** who was presented on May 6th with her second Sean Baniel, Topping the scales at 7lbs. 15oz. Daughter, Marianne and baby are doing great.

And also in line for congratulations, is **Bill Duncan**, our new Ph.D., who passed his final oral examination on April 30th.

We have two new faces in our department, **Sara Howard** and **Pam Hodges**. Welcome aboard, girls.

Family Planning

Family Planning is proud to announce that two of the social workers were awarded their Masters degree in Guidance and Counseling. **Thelma Fuller** and **Kay Lucas Starks** received their degrees May 3, 1976.

Not to be outdone, **Lewis** and **Rubye Cager** (also of social services) were the recipients of the fruits of nine months effort — baby boy Stephen, born April 5. The nursing staff, wishing to contribute also, did so as **Thomas** and **Susan Clark** become the parents of Thomas Wesley on April 1.

The nursing staff is sorry to lose **Judy Davis, R.N.**, who has resigned and is moving to Houston. She will be missed.

Chiquita Juneau, community health worker, has resigned after five years with family planning to return to Oklahoma. She plans to continue her work with the American Indians there. Our loss is their gain.

Newest and welcome additions to family planning staff are: **Beatriz Land**, **Sally Figliolino**, **Edwina Bailey**, **Daria Valtierra**, **Virginia Hall**, **Helen Perez**, and **Ruth Bowdridge**.

Biomedical Communications

Congratulations to **Bill** and **Gloria Christensen** on the arrival of their son, **Todd Alan**, who was born May 17. Dr. Christensen was surprised in April by a "Daddy" shower given by the department.

We are pleased to announce that **Tom Sims** of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston will fill the position vacated by Steve Harrison as instructor and medical illustrator.

We are also happy to welcome **Debbie Kahn** who is joining our design section as a reproduction artist. Debbie is very interested in metal work and some of her work was recently exhibited in the Dallas Museum of Fine Art.

Personnel

Kathy Kolb has joined our personnel staff and will be working with **Owen Sherman** in the employment section. **Kathy** has come to us from New York. Welcome to Texas, **Kathy**! She is also a new member of our own Charlie's Angels.

Personnel has been on vacation: **Carolyn LaRue** is off for two weeks in the mountains, **Johnnie L. Reynolds** went

to West Texas for a wedding, **Terry Tyndall** has just returned from Missouri, and **Connie Ferrus** has been swinging down Mexico way, while **Debbie James** has been cutting some waves at Lake Quitman.

Birthday time again for **Cynda Favors**, she was twenty two on June 6. Happy Birthday **Cynda**!

Mail Room

Keith Green vacationed in Houston where he did some sightseeing which included the Astroworld and the Astrodome.

Bob McKee enjoyed a family reunion in Arkansas Petit Jean Park, June 3-7.

Physical Plant

Ken McNeill attended Central Control and Automation Seminar sponsored by the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges in Washington, D.C., May 10 and 11. We have had several new employees in the physical plant, these include: **Karen Hardy**, secretary; **Warren Brewster**, drafting technician I; **Linda Smith**, senior clerk typist.

Lynn Eden has been promoted to accounting clerk I. **Loren Howard** to supervisor, control Center, and **Arnold Patterson** to technician staff assistant IV.

Mike Thomas of the paint shop is now the proud father of a 7lb. 10 oz. baby boy, born May 10. His name is Timothy.

The physical plant's bowling league, Pot Luck, has just about finished it's winter league. We have about 8 teams from physical plant on the league and some are very good bowlers like **Betty Fuston**, **Lynn Eden** and **Terry Letz**. We bowl at Cotton Bowling Palace on Friday nights at 8:45, come out and give us some cheering.

Psychiatry

Congratulations go to **Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Kiser** on the birth of their baby daughter, **Katie Allie**, born April 25th. **Dr.Kiser** also has a new secretary, **Cora Alexander**.

Nicky Atkinson left the department in April. Nicky also worked for Internal Medicine. Replacing her will be **Cheryl Martin**

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Since last report we've added **Joan Howell** and **Lou Roberts** to the roster, and **Sherry Burton** has replaced **Sandi Hauschel** as secretary to Dr. Pritchard. **Sandi** returned to Colorado after 3 years here, and much as we miss her we hope "back home" will prove to be the right move. . . Replacing **Sherry** in ultrasound is **Lauri Daniels**. . . **Brenda Nobles** comes to Dr. Cunningham's lab from Children's. . .Welcome all of you!

IT'S A BOY!!!! Congratulations to **Dr. and Mrs. Barry Schwarz** on the arrival of **Martin David** on May 18, weighing 6lbs, 9 oz.

School's out, vacations are coming up, and (thank goodness) summer camps are opening! **Bob Trubey's** son **Bryan** will be seeing Disney World while singing with the touring **Cliff Temple Baptist** choir.

Dr. Peggy Whalley had a few days in Martinique - nice beaches, nice sun! *Eleanor Coulter*

Radiology

Recently, **Dr. & Mrs. Tom Curry** held a staff picnic in their back yard which was enjoyed by all. Also, many of the faculty attended a dinner party at the **A. C. Harris'** which was to introduce and honor **Dr. and Mrs. H.W.C. Ward**, recently moving to Dallas from England.

Surgery

Welcome to **Dr. William Fry**, new permanent chairman of surgery. Two other new members to the department include, **Dr. Frederick Sklar** in neurosurgery and **Karen Neel** in bookkeeping. **Karen** transferred to surgery from accounting.

Student Store

Sallie Allen attended the National Association of College Stores Convention in New Orleans where she was awarded a diploma for graduating from the NACS Seminar in Personnel Management which was held in Burlingame, California in December.

Scott Snyder and **Don Fowlks** have departed from the student store. Our new full time replacements are **Mia Timmerman** and **Janet Bufford**.

Wedding plans for July 10 have been announced by **Brian Andersen**, formerly of Surgery, and **Sallie Allen**. **Sallie** will continue to manage the student store. **Brian** is currently the photographer for *Society Section*.

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Welcome to **Brenda Meadows** and **David Isbell**. **Brenda** is a new addition to the systems software group. She will be doing all data entry work besides regular clerical duties. **David** is in the operations department, working as a computer operator I.

Congratulations go to **Mike Kay**. **Mike** is received his BA degree in mathematics from Austin College in May. **Mike** is a computer operator I in our operations department. He will be attending graduate school this fall.

University Police

Congratulations go to **Dudley Cottle**, **Bester Lewis**, and **John Dunbar**, who graduated from the U.T. System Police Academy on April 15.

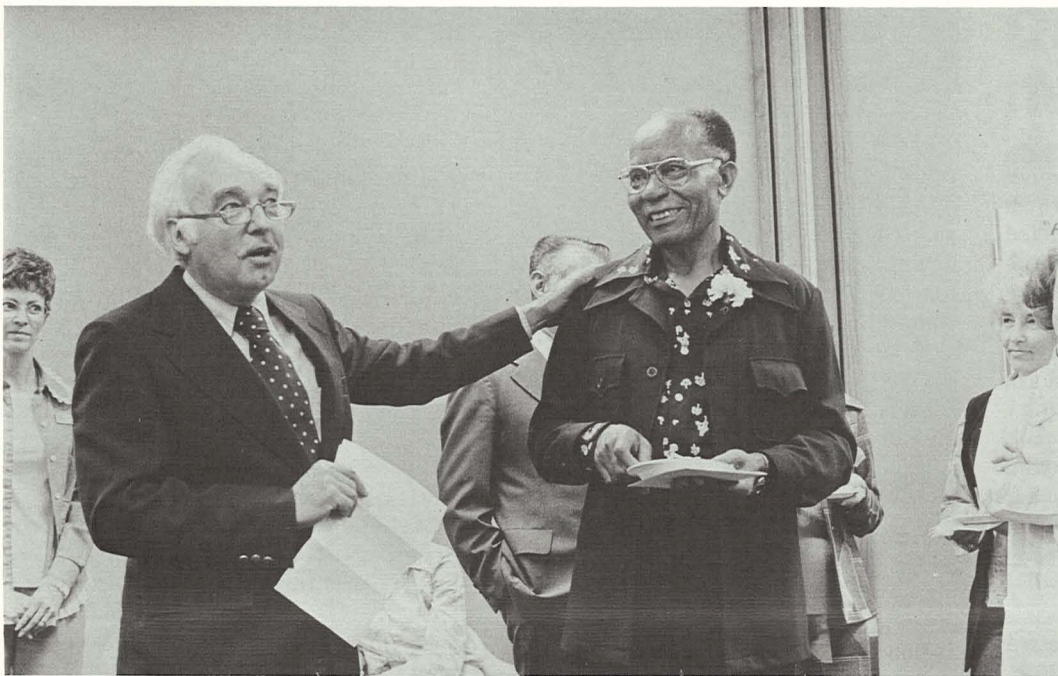
Officer **Mike Eggleston** and Sergeant **Bobby Gibson** represented the center in the Chancellor's Pistol Trophy Match on June 9 and 10 in Austin. Competing in the match were two officers from each of the U.T. System components.

A non-commisioned officers training course was held on campus this past month. **Joe Webb** was the instructor and the guest speaker was **Bill Dawson** of the Texas Department of Public Safety. The course was comprised of officers from UTHSCD, U.T. Dallas, and U.T. Arlington.

Officer **Bob Edington** left our department and went to the Dallas Police Department.

Congratulations to **Freddie Burleson** and his wife on the birth of their baby girl, **Rebecca**, born in April. Also, we would like to congratulate **Melvin Snyder** who was married on May 22nd.

Welcome to our three new officers, **Rita Hall**, **L.V. Jones**, and **Mike Birdwell**. *-Kathy Seitzler*

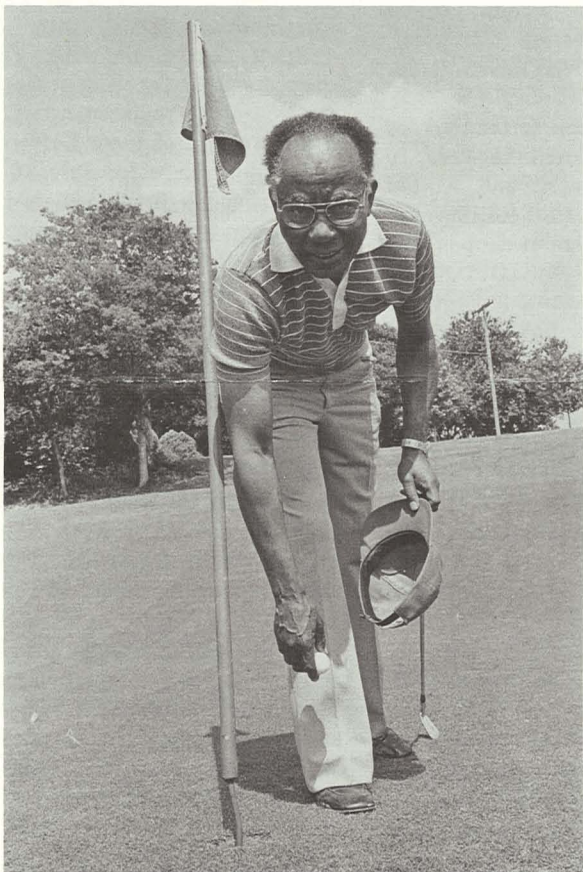


“However far I travel in medical circles there are always former students of Southwestern. And when they learn where I’m from, the first thing that they ask is ‘How is L. O.?’ ” says Dr. R. E. Billingham, chairman of cell biology, speaking to a crowd of well-wishers at the May 24th goodbye festivities. Dr. Billingham praised L. O. Kennedy, the school’s anatomical embalmer since 1944, as a professional, a sportsman, a humorist and a dear friend of faculty, staff, and students.

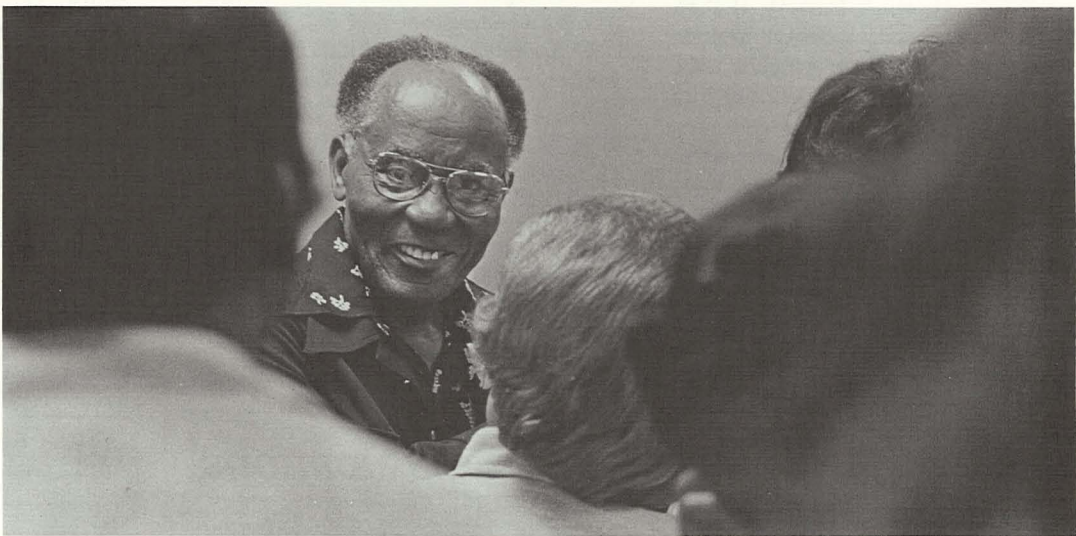
UTHSCD says goodbye to L.O. its ‘ambassador of goodwill’



L. O. is presented with the first “chair of Embalmology.” However, he hasn’t set it rocking yet, as he is already active in teaching peewee golf, has a part-time job as a starter at Cedar Crest golf course and has plans to become more involved in civic affairs.



Naturally, he’s out on the golf course in the days since retirement. A recognized amateur golfer, L. O. is trying to improve his already super record of 3 holes-in-one.



Ready with a joke for all occasions and never without a smile, L. O. greets his many friends, with his well-known one-liners: “Oh, everything is just dead today,” or “well, everything looks pretty grave.”

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