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## CLINICAL SCIENCE BUILDING

As the Sou'wester has prophesied all these many months, the new, eight-story Clinical Science Building finally managed to get itself open. During the last week of August bundles, bales, boxes and people began swarming all over the place as Medicine, Surgery, Ob-Gyn and Pediatrics rejoined their colleagues on Hines Boulevard. If you should come to pay the place a visit, you would find animals on the eighth floor, Surgery on seventh, Ob-Gyn on sixth, Medical Art on sixth, Pediatrics on fifth, Medicine on fourth, Psychiatry on third, Experimental Medicine on second and Biophysics on first. Anatomy, Bacteriology, Biochemistry, and Pharmacology have expanded into small sections on each of the new floors adjoining their original floors in the Basic Science Building. At one end of the first floor in the new building is a large and well equipped area which houses Student Health.

By this time everyone is reasonably shaken down and things proceed sedately. Only one thing is lacking: the new building hasn't been dedicated yet, largely because the Regents haven't been able to find a satisfactory occasion to get here. But undedicated work goes forward and the mice, rats, bats and dogs don't seem any the worse for it.

## CLASS OF '62

One hundred ladies and gentlemen of the class of 62 pulled along-side and piped themselves aboard about Sept. 1. They are distinctive in several categories. Only 36% of this class is married going in. 6% are women--a figure that remains just about standard for our school. Finally this class has proved itself a lot tougher than some of the recent classes in that up to this writing no one has dropped out.

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S. C. Q. S.

Those who remember from Caesar S. P. Q. R. will wonder what gives. For the sake of any better title the Sou'wester is using this designation which stands for Senatus Corpusque Studentorum, to apply to a group Dean Gill has just pulled together. Composed of the Dean and his administrative assistants, of the president of each class and president of the Interfraternity Council, the combo is set up to do business about anything that affects faculty and students. The first piece of business on the agenda last week had to do with tickets for the OU-TU game. Other weighty matters came before the group. To the editor this seems a very good idea and one that has the potenti-



ality of promoting the general welfare as well as the peaceful pursuits of arts and sciences--especially sciences. (If any of you have difficulty in translating the name, the editor will be glad to furnish a well-thumbed trot for Caesar's Gallic Wars and a correspondence course in Latin upon the receipt of one box top and a couple of Spanish Doubloons.)

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#### POSTGRADUATE

The postgraduate division, with the enthusiastic and able cooperation of Dr. Claude Winborn, Chairman, and the faculty of the Otolaryngology Division has just presented a two-day session in Ear, Nose and Throat. Attendance, over forty paid registrants with a considerable number of residents and internes additional, was one of the best we've had. It was very good indeed to notice among the registrants 11 alumni from our own school. It won't do any harm to add that the postgraduate division will present a session in Orthopedic Surgery on October 30, and one in Psychiatry on November 3.

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#### CESSIONS AND ACCESSIONS

The Sou'wester notes with much regret and not a little pride that Dr. Richard T. Smith, erstwhile Associate Professor of Pediatrics, has resigned to accept appointment as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Florida School of Medicine. With him he takes Dr. Donald Eitzman, formerly Instructor in Pediatrics. To our local department Dr. Pratt has recently added Dr. Jo Anne Whitaker, Assistant Professor and Dr. Teresa Vietti, Instructor, whose principal interests are in hematology.

Dr. Ruth Rawson, otherwise the wife of Dr. Morris Ziff who joined the department of Medicine as Professor last Spring, has been appointed Instructor in Physiology.

The Sou'wester congratulates Dr. Leonard Madison, Dr. William F. Miller and

Dr. Marvin Siperstein upon their promotions to the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine. Similar recognition to Donald S. Wiggans, now Associate Professor in Biochemistry, to Richard A. Sparr, now Assistant Professor in Obstetrics & Gynecology, to William S. Bell, Fred Hinman, and Mrs. Sophia May, now Assistant Professors in Psychiatry.

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#### VERB. SAP. SAT.

For some reason this seems to be the season for the editor to remember tags and bits of Latin. Anyhow (no box-tops for this one) he means "a word to the wise", and judges, rightly he hopes, that most alumni are wise. In a previous issue something has been written about grants for research. This note is to add the suggestion that alumni may serve their school exceedingly well. In many communities there are both individuals and organizations in search of some mechanism through which their monies may be productive of the common weal. You all can do much good in this respect. As of now there are enough different kinds of investigation under way to attract a donor of even the most specialized interest. At the same time there is a free fund of some size that may be applied to any kind of research the faculty deems worthy of support. Gifts and bequests of this character are of the utmost value to the school. So if you know of organizations or individuals in search of research to support, put them in touch. If you don't know of such people, look around. If you don't see such people, try to get your friends oriented in this direction. The editor has in his bank box a genuine hand-painted-in-oils abstract or non-objective objet d'art which he will present personally, signature and all, to the alumnus who seduces--erratum, induces--the largest grant in the forthcoming academic year.

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#### ROCKEFELLER APPOINTMENT



S. M. S. now has the distinction of providing to the Rockefeller Institute two members of its faculty. Dr. Jules Hirsch, '48, has been there for several years. As of September this year, Dr. James L. German, '49, became associated with the Institute as a result of his work, begun at the National Institute of Health, on disseminated lupus erythematosus.

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#### CONCERNING ATTITUDES

Among practitioners in the state there is always some interest and apprehension in regard to influences exerted by schools on students. The question arises most frequently in regard to the student's choice between general practice and specialty.

S. M. S. tries to stand completely aloof in this decision. A man who has finished an internship should be mature enough to make a rational decision on his own account. If he can be swayed very decisively from his original interest, he's not likely to be a very determined or mature individual.

That unconscious influences play a part it would be foolish to deny. Every teacher who is any good at all has enthusiasm for his subject and tries to communicate that enthusiasm to his students. But if teachers are somewhere near equal in ability the net result, so far as the student is concerned, is on enthusiasm for all of medicine.

The resolution of this impasse in the student's mind is probably the result of his own subconscious, and it is highly improbable that the years in medical school change that part of the mind very significantly.

The position of S. M. S., therefore, is that it should produce an enthusiasm for medicine and a good basic training in it. What happens to the student after that is his affair--and even he can't do too much about his own subconscious organization.

The best indication that S. M. S. adheres to its principles is that since we became a part of the University, though teachers come and go, the proportion of general practitioners to specialists remains pretty constant in each successive class.

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#### ALUMNI OFFICE APPEALS FOR HELP IN SEARCH FOR LOST

We are making every effort to locate our "Lost Alumni". We make countless telephone calls--futile; we try to trace down relatives--they are generally lost too; We send out tracer cards--they wind their way back to us--blank. Do you know any of these Doctors? Sure you do. You went to school with them. WHERE ARE THEY? If you know the whereabouts of any one of them, drop us a line and let us know. The information concerning them would be greatly appreciated.

Eldridge Franklin Avery, '56; Ernest Meade Bralley, M'44; Robert Legate Brutsche, '47; Geroge Olen Crisp, '52; Eddie P. Hill, '56; Henry Landis, '56; Donald Milner Moore, '56; George A. Reed, '53; William Thomas Skinner, '53; William Lake Watson, '55; David William Young, '55.

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#### WAY OUT YONDER

Dr. Edwin Low (45) and Anita arrived back in Africa via England July 19, 1958. They write: "You may remember that our future assignment is in Northern Nigeria at Kantagora to establish and operate Baptists' fifth Nigerian hospital. A 30-bed general hospital and preventive medicine center will be the means of presenting the Gospel to Moslem and pagan people. With self-government expected next year, it is rumored that possibly 50% of the government doctors in the North, who number around 50, may resign next year. With virtually no private doctors and only some 25 mission doctors in the area, 340,000 of the 17,000,000 people may have to depend on each doctor."



## ALUMNI NOTES

Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. Brownstein (50) announce the arrival of a daughter, Nancy Kay, on May 14, 1958.

Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Caperton (55) have a new baby boy. Dr. Caperton is in Germany and is the Flight Surgeon for a helicopter battalion. He plans to return to Brooke Army Hospital in January for a Dermatology residency.

Dr. Walter Feinberg (52) received a degree of Master of Science in Medicine at the University of Minnesota July 17, 1958.

Dr. Leon Burk (53) has completed a four-year residency in Plastic Reconstruction at Parkland Memorial Hospital, and has gone into practice with Dr. Donald P. House in Sacramento, California. The Burks adopted a baby boy, James Kavin, on April 14, 1958.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter H. Stapp (46) from Harbel, Liberia, West Africa, are the proud parents of a son, Stephen Hansford, born on April 26, 1958. Dr. Stapp has recently been appointed Acting Chief of Staff to Firestone's Harbel Hospital. It is 160-bed hospital serving about 40,000 people, employees and their families with a normal staff of nine M. D.'s.

Dr. Harold C. Boehning (53) is practicing Anesthesiology at 915 St. Joseph Street, Dallas. He writes: "This has followed two years of residency at Charity of New Orleans, preceded by two years in the Army stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. I left town upon graduation with one offspring, Helen, now aged six. I return with four, made up of one boy and two more girls. They are: Gregory, aged four; Katherine, aged two and a half; and Susan, aged one. I don't know how permanent this situation is, but we don't anticipate any more in the near future."

Dr. Philip Christianson (53) is now at the Indiana University Medical Center where he is Assistant Professor of Medicine and Gastroenterology at the Veteran's Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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