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******Health Science Center will dedicate
\$50 million complex April 27.*

DALLAS--A new \$50 million building complex which will enable The University of Texas Health Science Center to meet added health education, research and care needs will be dedicated Sunday, April 27.

Dr. Lewis Thomas, president of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center of New York, will be main speaker for the event. A researcher who has specialized in the field of tissue damage caused by infection and immunity processes, Dr. Thomas is a well-known medical columnist.

Former Gov. Allan Shivers, chairman of The University of Texas System Board of Regents, will preside at the dedication program beginning at 2:30 p.m. on April 27.

The program will include a tribute to Southwestern Medical Foundation by Dan C. Williams of Dallas, vice-chairman of the Board of Regents. Responses will be given by James W. Aston, president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, and by Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of The University of Texas Health Science Center.

A public open house with tours of the new facilities will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The dedication is the culmination of a building program begun with the administration of Dr. Sprague in the late 1960's.

The institution has grown from a medical school into a Health Science Center comprising three schools.

Since 1967, five major buildings have been added to the campus just north of Parkland Hospital at Harry Hines Blvd. and Inwood Rd. Currently, another major building is under construction, bringing total dollars involved to more than \$50 million.

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The new construction more than doubled the size of the Health Science Center, bringing total square feet to something more than 1.2 million.

It has enabled Southwestern Medical School to begin accepting entering classes of 200, as compared to around 100 before the expansion began. It also means expansion of the programs in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences which now counts about 140 student medical scientists and of the School of Allied Health Sciences which now has more than 190 students enrolled in nine programs.

The Health Science Center annually conducts more than \$10 million worth of medical research and furnishes several millions worth of professional care to patients at Parkland. The center has affiliation agreements with the major hospitals of Dallas whereby education of interns and residents is accomplished, plus supervision of services.

The new buildings that will be dedicated under auspices of the Board of Regents include:

The Eugene McDermott Academic Administration Building, a 12-story tower containing administrative and educational functions of the school.

A considerable portion of the grounds surrounding the administration tower are being landscaped as result of a gift by Margaret and Erik Jonsson.

The Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium, a 1,200-seat structure of two levels. Lower level contains the Gallery Cafeteria which seats 500.

The Fred. F. Florence Bioinformation Center, a five-story structure containing the center's medical library with a 200,000 volume capacity, the Alfred Harris Memorial Faculty-Alumni Center, the Annie Berry Pierce-Mary Pierce Ebie Memorial Biomedical Instructional Communications Center, medical journal offices and other facilities.

The Cecil H. and Ida Green Science Building, a five-story building containing multi-purpose laboratories for the training of students in the first two years of medical school, plus a number of basic sciences departments and research areas.

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The buildings are grouped around a large landscaped plaza under which is built a large circular area containing four pie wedge-shaped lecture halls. They are the L. Storey Stemmons Memorial Lecture Hall (freshman), the Jesse H. Jones and Mary Gibbs Jones Memorial Lecture Hall (sophomore), the Zale Foundation Lecture Hall dedicated to Edna and Morris Zale, Sylvia and William Zale (junior) and the senior lecture hall, a gift of the Sid W. Richardson Foundation.

Now under construction is the nine-story Harry S. Moss Clinical Science Building which will house departments of Neruology, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Surgery, as well as research animal facilities. Completion date is March 27, 1977.

In observance of the Health Science Center dedication, the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts has scheduled the exhibition of "Ars Medica," a collection of 135 prints from the Philadelphia Museum of Art, from April 27 through May 18. The prints, depicting various categories of medical history and practice, range from the first etching by Albrecht Durer to a 20th century lithograph by Paul Klee.

The third annual Medical Center Woman's Club art festival, which benefits emergency student loans above the baccalaureate degree, will be another special dedication event. The work of 75 Southwestern artists will be exhibited for sale in the area adjoining the new classrooms. There will also be an auction at the event, which will be held April 25 from 7:30-11 p.m. Chairwoman is Mrs. Eugene Bumpass.

The Dallas Public Library also has scheduled an exhibit to coincide with the dedication. Brochures on great books on medicine will be available at the branches as well as the new center medical library.