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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

The new class of Freshman is on hand and the class of '65 begins its final year in medical school. A few faces grown familiar in faculty ranks in the past few years are no longer on the campus and in their place are new faces and new names on the roster. This is life in the groves of medical Academe. It's only eight months to the bell for this academic year and only twelve till it's time to write this same kind of vale atque ave.

One of the great delights of teaching is the hope in each new class of striking a spark, exciting the imagination, of watching ideas catch hold, but the real achievement is to turn out better doctors each year. Better doctors than the previous years, better doctors than one is oneself. It's not only a hope, but a necessity.

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## COMPETITION QUICKENS

A review of the situation with respect to admissions to medical schools over the last several years produces rather interesting comparisons. From 1957 to 1961, the number of applicants declined steadily until in '61, the total number of applicants to Southwestern was about 460. This was also the lowest year nationally. The following year saw an increase of nearly 200 applicants and there has been a slow but steady rise each year since.

The present class of 100 Freshman comes from almost 700 applicants. Again this reflects locally the national trend. In 1961 there were about 1.6 applicants for every Freshman place, but this year the ratio is just over 2.0 applicants per place. In the meantime, of course, there have been a few new medical schools but most of the projected new schools are not yet ready for classes and probably



not many more Freshman places will be available before 1968.

As a result of these changes the present Freshman class shows both the highest scholastic average and the highest average aptitude test of any class in several years.

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#### BLUE PRINT DIVISION

The Danciger Building is nearing completion. This will provide about 80,000 square feet of research space but no additional class room or student facilities. Present indications are that the building will be saturated almost as soon as the contractor unlocks the door.

The Dallas Hospital District is preparing a bond election that will allow complete air conditioning of Parkland, the addition of three stories to the present structure, the addition of a floor to the outpatient wing and the construction of a new pediatric wing to be connected with the new Children's Center.

That long - delayed construction, a private pavilion for children to be adjacent to Parkland, is supposed to go out for bids very soon and ground breaking ought to occur just before January 1.

Preliminary plans for a new library building, intended to be large enough to supply any future needs are being passed

around. The money, approximately 2 million, is in hand and work on this building should get underway by next fall.

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#### ARRIVALS

The full-time faculty now lists 148. In past issues the editor has tried to keep up with changes as they have occurred from time to time, but July 1 always produces a new series. This new academic year finds the following additions to the faculty:

Dr. James Belli - Radiology  
Dr. James Bertz - Oral Surgery  
Miss Imogene Bramhall- Psychiatry  
Miss Dorothy Clement- Psychiatry  
Dr. William Cook- Cardio Surgery  
Dr. James Garvey - Surgery  
Dr. Kenneth Haltalin- Pediatrics  
Dr. G. C. Hoskins - Anatomy  
Dr. Ann Hughes - Psychiatry  
Dr. Norman James- Anesthesiology  
Dr. Robin Johnston- Internal Med.  
Dr. Ronald C. Jones - Surgery  
Dr. Robert I. Kramer- Pediatrics  
Dr. Harold Ludvigson- Psychology  
Mr. William Romans = Biophysics  
Dr. Steven Schenker- Internal Med  
Dr. Robert M. Souda - Psychiatry  
Dr. Pedro Stastny- Internal Med.  
Dr. Stuart Tauber- Internal Med.  
Miss Anita M. Titone- Psychiatry  
Dr. William D. Willis - Anatomy  
Dr. Henry Yeager - Internal Med.

Of particular interest is the appointment of Dr. Heinz Eichenwald, formerly of Cornell, as William Buchanan Professor of Pediatrics and Chairman of the



Department.

S.M.S. also welcomes Dr. Werner Weimold, Professor of Pediatrics at Dusseldorf, as visiting professor in our department for the present year.

Not a new arrival, but of great significance, is the appointment of Dr. William D. Willis ('60), as Professor of Anatomy and Chairman of the Department.

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#### '45 & '55 CLASS REUNIONS PLANNED

Members of the '45 and '55 classes are starting to plan their reunions to be held at the Annual Spring Dinner-Dance. This year's affair is scheduled for Monday night, March 22, 1965.

Last year more than half of the '44 and '54 classes attended and had themselves a memorable **reunion**. It's been said that **these** two classes were rather **special** and that it is doubtful that other classes will do so well in getting together for their reunions. '45 and '55 classmates - here's your chance to show your stuff, and have a grand time as well.

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#### TIME TO THINK OF '65

The value of a medical school is best measured by the quality of its graduates. To improve the value of Southwestern we need the very best students to enter our freshman classes. You out in practice often have the opportunity to counsel prospective

students and their families. By your example and encouragement, Southwestern can fulfill its greatest need. Be on the lookout for the bright, the imaginative, the well-motivated prospect - and steer them to Southwestern.

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#### ALUMNI CONTRIBUTION

As you've read, big plans are being made for new buildings at our school. In hopes of making a lasting and meaningful contribution to the progress of Southwestern, the Alumni Association will soon begin a drive to raise funds for construction of an Auditorium Building. As you see on the map, the Auditorium will be built along-side the new Library. It will seat 1500 and thereby be available for use by the entire medical community of our State.

The estimated cost is \$250,000 but no source for these funds is now available. We have about 1800 alumni. If each of us pledged only \$100.00, the major cost of the Auditorium would be met, and we alumni would really be repaying only a small part of our debt to our school. The pledge could be paid out over a 5 year period, so that no real burden would be imposed at any one time. You'll be getting more details in the near future.

Norman M. Kaplan  
Secretary-Treasurer

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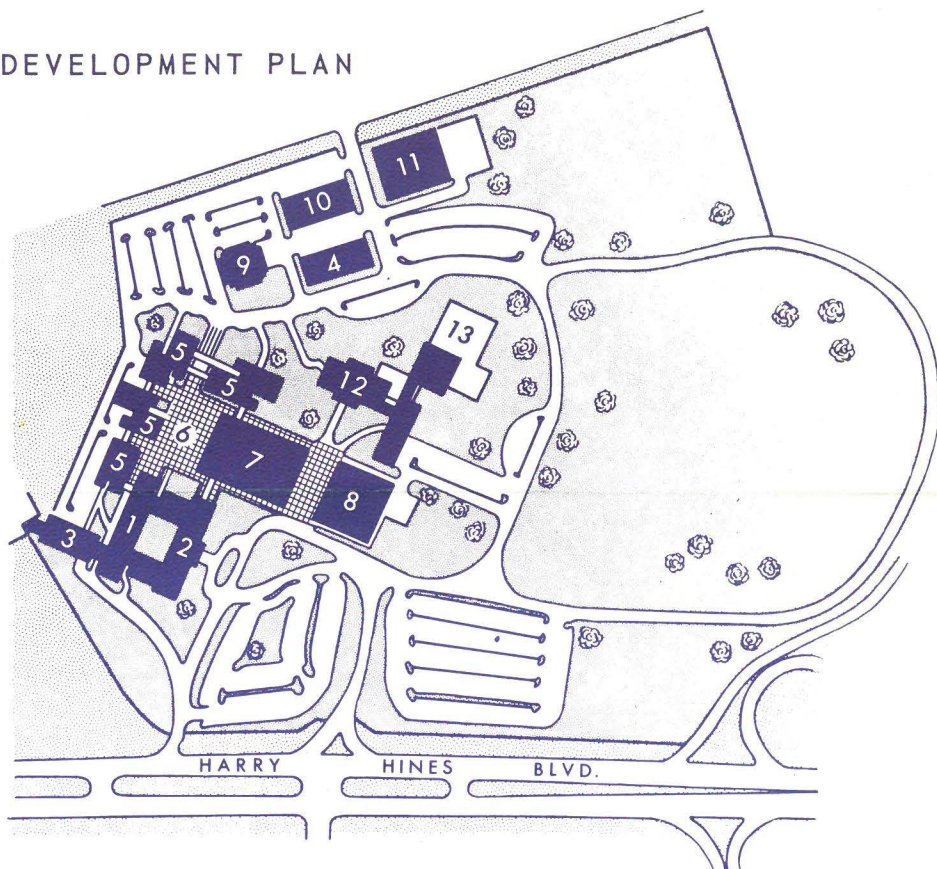
## PROPOSED CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

### EXISTING BUILDINGS

1. CLINICAL SCIENCE BUILDING
2. BASIC SCIENCE BUILDING
3. THE DANCIGER BUILDING WHICH WILL OPEN SOON.
4. SERVICE BUILDING

### FUTURE BUILDINGS

5. RESEARCH LABORATORY BUILDING
6. LANDSCAPED PLAZA OVER TWO-LEVEL UNDERGROUND PARKING--172 CARS
7. THE PROPOSED LIBRARY
8. THE PROPOSED AUDITORIUM
9. CENTRAL HEATING AND COOLING PLANT
10. SERVICE BUILDING
11. ANIMAL BUILDING
12. THE STUDENT UNION WHICH WILL BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION SOON.
13. TENNIS AND GAME COURTS



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