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DALLAS--Freshmen and sophomore students at The University of Texas (Southwestern) Medical School at Dallas turned the tables on their professors Wednesday (May 27) and handed out a few grades of their own--all "A's."

The "grades" in this instance were the first annual Distinguished
Teaching Awards, presented to 10 basic sciences faculty members who in
the judgement of more than 200 first and second-year medical students
"most exemplify the art of teaching."

Receiving the teaching awards from the freshman class at a Wednesday luncheon in the Skillern Student Union on the UTSMS campus were:

Dr. John E. Meeks, associate professor of psychiatry; Dr. Ezio A. Moscatelli, former assistant professor of biochemistry and neurology; Dr. John C. Porter, professor of physiology; and Dr. William D. Willis, professor and chairman of anatomy and professor of physiology.

Recipients of awards from the sophomores were:

Dr. Jack A. Barnett, professor of internal medicine and chairman of the Division of Preventive Medicine and Public Health; Dr. William R. Beavers, clinical associate professor of psychiatry; Dr. J. Richard Crout, associate professor of pharmacology and internal medicine and chairman of the Division of Clinical Pharmacology; Dr. Bruce D. Fallis, professor of pathology; Dr. Donald V. Moore, assistant professor of microbiology; and Dr. Robert R. Sexton, associate professor of ophthalmology.

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Presenting the awards were Michael Shasby of Dallas, president of the freshman class, and James D. Waltner of Freeman, S.D., president of the sophomore class. About 175 persons attended the informal awards luncheon.

Student spokesmen said the award recipients were chosen for their overall teaching effectiveness, including lecture style, clarity of presentation and selection of material, and for their helpfulness in the laboratory.

Three of the doctor-teacher awardees are themselves graduates of the Dallas medical school. They are Dr. Barnett, a 1956 graduate; Dr. Beavers, who finished in 1953; and Dr. Willis, of the class of 1960.

The UTSMS students were assisted in establishing the award program by the school's Alumni Association, the Student American Medical Association and members of the UTSMS administration and faculty.

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