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*****Noted alumnus to address graduates
at UT Health Science Center rites.

DALLAS--A distinguished Southwestern Medical School alumnus whose "roots" go back to the founding of the school will be the principal speaker at its 37th annual commencement exercises.

Dr. Charles A Sanders, a member of Southwestern's class of 1955 and now general director of Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, will address the 196 graduates of the medical school and 36 graduates of its sister component, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

The graduation ceremonies will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 2, on McDermott Plaza of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, parent institution of the two schools.

Dr. Sanders, a native Dallasite, is the son of Harold B. Sanders, Sr., who served for 35 years as an official of Southwestern Medical Foundation, the private philanthropic entity which in 1943 organized the Dallas medical school. The foundation operated the school until it became part of The University of Texas System in 1949, and continues to provide it financial support.

The elder Sanders has played a key role in guiding the foundation, serving as a trustee and as secretary and general counsel. He retired from the latter posts in 1977 but remains on the foundation board. He also taught a course in medical jurisprudence for medical students at Southwestern for a number of years.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sanders will be special guests of the health science center at the graduation exercises.

Another son, H. Barefoot Sanders, recently was sworn in as a federal district judge in Dallas.

Dr. Charles Sanders has been general director of Massachusetts General, one of the nation's largest and most prestigious hospitals, since 1972. Prior to his appointment, he served in a number of teaching and staff positions at MGH and at Harvard Medical School. He is a 1951 graduate of UT, Austin.

A highly regarded cardiologist as well as administrator, Dr. Sanders was chief of the cardiac catheterization laboratories at Massachusetts General from 1962 to 1972. He has published nearly 50 research papers, primarily in the areas of heart function and disease.

Another high point of the health science center's annual graduation will be presentation of the Award of Ho Din, given annually by Southwestern Medical Foundation to the graduating medical student who best exemplifies "those qualities of wisdom and understanding inherent in all great physicians." Dr. Frank A. Selecman, a trustee of the foundation, will make the presentation, which includes a pin and a \$1,000 prize.

Degrees will be conferred by Dan C. Williams of Dallas, chairman of The University of Texas System Board of Regents. Candidates for the 196 M.D. degrees, largest number ever awarded by Southwestern, will be presented by medical school Dean Frederick Bonte. Candidates for graduate degrees, including 25 Ph.D.s, seven M.A.s and four M.S. degrees, will be introduced by Dr. Kern Wildenthal, dean of the graduate school.

Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of the health science center, will preside over the ceremonies.

The Physician's Oath will be administered by Dr. John E. Eisenlohr of Dallas. The Rev. Don L. Fischer, chaplain of the University of Dallas, will give the invocation and benediction.

Marshals for the academic procession will be Drs. Bruce Fallis, Robert McClellan. Allan Pierce, Jack Reynolds and Donald Seldin of the health science center faculty.