

Dean Gill has announced that his annual Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 15th, from two to four o'clock in the First Floor Lecture Room. Invitations will be sent to faculty, staff & students; and, if other assignments are not too pressing, students should feel free to make arrangements to attend.

THE ROLE OF THE STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM

The function of the annual Student Research Forum at Southwestern is twofold: to recognize meritorious research by students and to serve as a means of informing the student body of the value of research experience as a component of modern medical education. The first function speaks for itself; it is the latter purpose which every student should consider seriously.

The dilemma of medical education today is not just how present medical knowledge can be reviewed and condensed for the student so as to insure maximum competence at the time of graduation. A more pressing problem is how to prepare students for careers in a rapidly changing discipline where obsolescence within a few years of graduation is inevitable unless the individual is intellectually equipped to keep up with the ever accelerating rate of change in medical knowledge. Many of us feel that one answer to this problem is in research as a part of the student's curriculum.

The advantage of such experience transcends the simple acquisition of specific scientific knowledge. Indeed, it is the nature of research that many of the best planned experiments do not work out no matter how clever and industrious the investigator may be. The specific knowledge derived from the research project may rapidly become obsolete. It is rather as a generator of habits of critical inquiry and intellectual excitement that investigation exerts its most important educational function. The student learns how to come to grips with a problem of the unknown. He learns how to evaluate results, to ask answerable questions, to design proper controls, to use statistics as a means of distinguishing warranted assertions from fancy. In short, he develops a familiarity with the methodology of modern medical research that cannot be acquired in any other way. As a consequence, he is better prepared to read critically the results of others and to

discipline himself in the difficult task of continuing self-education after the formal training of medicine is completed. These very real and pertinent advantages are independent of the type of career planned in medicine. A very strong argument can be made that a practitioner of medicine is likely to be a better doctor as the result of a preceptorship in an investigative laboratory.

The Student Research Forum admirably publicizes the many and diverse research opportunities open to those students who want to share in this exciting educational opportunity.

Jean D. Wilson, M.D.

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PHI BETA PI CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 12th
3333 Cedar Plaza Lane
Refreshments Provided

8:30p.m.

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PHI BETA PI

Special Called Meeting
Thursday, December 17th, 6:30 p.m. at
the House.

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PHI CHI CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 12th
Members will be notified

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PHI CHI FORMAL INITIATION

Saturday, December 12th 1:00 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

Winners of the football trophy are the Phi Chi's. Runners up, Phi Rho.

Merry Christmas (continued)

ideas, and it is most rewarding to all of us to receive the helpful and active aid of many of the staff members in this work.

While on the subject of supplications, I feel that some firm statement should be made concerning THE NEW PHYSICIAN, our national magazine. Even though it is considered by many to be a mythological figment of the printers' art, THE NEW PHYSICIAN actually exists and is available with a reliability which is centered on your addressograph tape in Chicago. If you have been missing your copies, then give us your correct address (in Judy Turner's mailbox). The freshmen students will begin to receive the magazine with the December issue which is in the mails now. The main problem in delivering these mailings is that the post office will neither forward nor return the magazines and a missed address means a permanently missed magazine. Good luck to us all in getting our issues.

Let me bring to a close this trying task of filling space beneath our first annual Christmas wreath by reminding you once again of the research forum which will be held in February, and the all-school dinner which will give us a chance to get together for some food and satire in March. Between that time and this we have a holiday season and a vacation, and for added enjoyment we can follow the directions of Mrs. Thweatt, our artist...color the candles red and the wreath green.

John Heard

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BIG WIVES-SAMA DINNER DANCE

The Big Wives-SAMA Dinner Dance for students and faculty has been scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 1965, at the Marriott Motor Hotel. Music will be provided by Hyman Charmisky. Invitations will be mailed to all students in January, and the cost will be about \$6.00 per couple. Married couples may buy their tickets from Big Wives' representatives, and single students from SAMA representatives.

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MARCUS CONTRIBUTION FOR RESEARCH

An amount in excess of \$11,000 has been awarded by Neiman Marcus to Southwestern Medical School. This contribution is designated for support of research within the department of Internal Medicine, and the funds resulted from the N-M Danish Fortnight celebration last month.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY INTERVIEWS

Students from both out-of-state and Texas colleges have been invited for interviews on December 19th, 22nd, and 29th. Miss Rucker has urgent need of volunteers (from those who will be in Dallas during the holidays) to offer to assist on those dates. Please see Miss Rucker right away if you can be here.

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BASKETBALL

The first round of intramural basketball will begin Saturday, December 12th, at 3:00 p.m., PHI CHI vs. PHI RHO. All games this season will be played in the Walnut Hills Gym at Walnut Hill Lane and Midway Road. The rest of the schedule will be posted on the SAMA Bulletin Board.

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ANATOMY DEPT. PLANS

Some of the development plans in the Dept. of Anatomy have been announced by Dr. William D. Willis, Jr., Chairman of the Department.

Functioning as a part of the Department beginning in September will be a Division of Biophysics. As a result, several hours of lecture will be added to the freshman Medical Physics course.

New to the Anatomy Department this year is Dr. Godfrey C. Hoskins who is teaching the freshman microanatomy course. Dr. Hoskins received his M.D. from SMS, and has engaged in research at King's College of the University of London, and Karolinska Institute for Cell Research and Genetics at Stockholm, Sweden.

The department recently acquired a Phillips EM-200 electron microscope for use in the tissue culture division in the soon to be completed Danciger Building.

Dr. Willis, chairman of the Anatomy Dept. since September of this year, received his B.S. and B.A. degrees from Texas A&M in 1956, an M.D. from SMS in 1960, and a Ph.D. from Australian National University in 1963. He has held a postdoctoral research fellowship in Australia under Sir John Eccles, and at the University of Pisa, Italy, under Professor G. Maruzzi, Instituto di Fisiologia.

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DR. PANNILL TO HEAD NEW SCHOOL

The University of Texas has announced the appointment of Dr. F. C. Pannill as "Interim Dean" of South Texas Medical School in San Antonio on January 1, 1965. Dr. Pannill stated that this re-assignment of duties will require that he spend most of his time in San Antonio for the next few months, but that he hoped to resume his full-time activities here next fall.

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CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER

The Children's Medical Center "Stake-Out" ceremonies were held Sunday, December 6th, at 3:30 p.m. at the site of their new hospital. Present were Mr. Joe Dealey, president of CMC, Dean Gill, Mr. George MacGregor, president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, Dr. Heinz Eichenwald, chief-of-staff at CMC and William Buchanan Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics at SMS, and many other notables. The new Children's Medical Center will be at Amelia and Hines.

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THINGS HAVE CHANGED

Here is a comparison of the full-time and the clinical faculty members at SMS when it became a part of The University of Texas, when this year's graduating class entered, and today.

Date	Full-Time	Clinical
1949	25	365
1960	105	707
1964	150	938

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PARKLAND BOND ISSUE

Be sure to vote Saturday, December 12th, on the \$7.5 million bond issue for the Parkland and Woodlawn Hospital projects.

These bonds will finance a new 100-bed wing for children; expansion in the outpatient clinic, the emergency room, x-ray, labs, physical therapy and food service areas; more operating rooms, labor rooms and delivery rooms; 300 more adult beds; patient to nurse intercoms; better lighting; new emergency room entrances from Hines, Inwood and Stemmons; more and closer parking; air conditioning of Woodlawn and the Nurses' Residence; and, a remodeled Psychiatry Unit at Woodlawn.

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