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UT SOUTHWESTERN ALLIED HEALTH SCHOOL FORMING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

DALLAS - August 23, 1994 - The University of Texas Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School has scheduled an alumni reunion for Sept. 24, the first step toward creating an official alumni association.

The allied health sciences school - one of the schools of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas - has graduated more than 2,500 students since its first class in 1971. Dr. Nancy C. Fain, associate dean, said 1,400 graduates are on the school's mailing list, and most should have received information about the alumni reunion. She said alumni who may not have been contacted by mail are welcome.

The event is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Simmons Biomedical Research Building, 6000 Harry Hines Blvd., and will be an all-day affair. The reunion will feature speakers and include the introduction of officers for the new association. During the afternoon, specialty-section meetings will be held for graduates from each of the school's departments, offering an opportunity to discuss their particular interests and goals for the alumni association. A barbecue is planned for the evening on the Eugene McDermott Plaza, with alumni, their families, faculty and current students welcome.

Alumni will not be charged dues to join the association, although a \$25 fee to pay program costs is required of anyone attending the reunion. An additional charge will be levied for the evening buffet.

Organizers hope the association will raise the allied health school's profile in the community, Fain said. The graduates will provide faculty and

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students with information about practices and trends in the various professions and should serve as important contacts for other alumni and students seeking employment.

Rehabilitation case manager Evelyn Hartman served as chairwoman of the alumni steering committee and Jane Tucker, a graduate of the school's gerontology program, served as co-chairwoman.

Anyone interested in attending the reunion or finding out more about the new association should contact Fain at (214) 648-1507.

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