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## THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS

Nineteen hundred and sixty-three is the twentieth year of the Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. The institution was created in 1943 by the Southwestern Medical Foundation of Dallas and operated as a private locally supported school of medicine under the auspices of the Foundation from 1943 until 1949. On September 1, 1949, the medical school became a part of The University of Texas complex of educational institutions and since that time has been operated and directed by the Board of Regents.

The twenty-year developmental history has been an impressive one. Until 1955 the entire operation was conducted in temporary wooden buildings. The first unit of the permanent physical plant was the basic science building, completed in 1955, which made available student classrooms, laboratories, and other teaching facilities of the first two years. The second major unit, which provided the minimal required space for the clinical sciences primarily concerned with the programs of the third and fourth years, was occupied in 1958.

The full-time faculty has grown from 25 in 1949 to a present figure of 130.

The library has expanded from 17,000 volumes to more than 60,000 volumes.

Ancillary personnel employed by the medical school in all categories have increased from 53 to 485 in this same period of time.

The medical school has provided the basic educational experience for 1,518 Doctors of Medicine and in recent years has maintained a graduate program in conjunction with the Graduate School in Austin for 8 students who received the Ph.D. degree and 10 students who received the Master of Arts degree. Also, the Master of Medical Art degree has been conferred upon 22 students.