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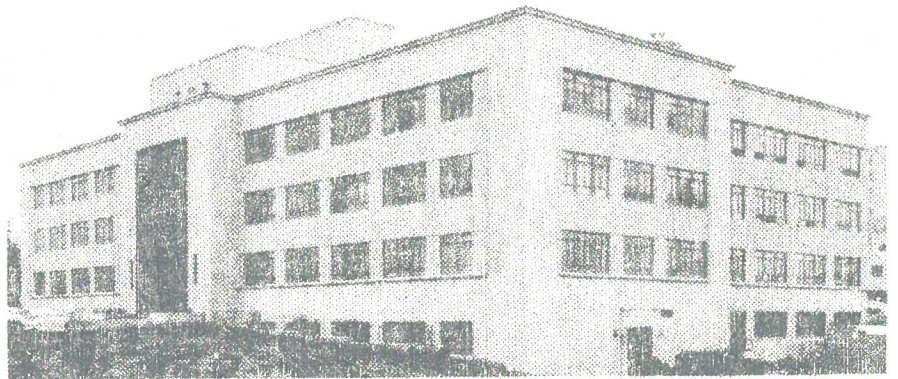
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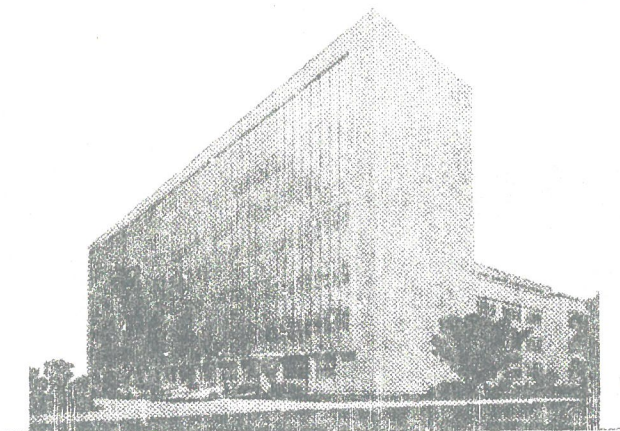
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First Unit of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School

The dedication ceremonies for the Basic Sciences Building, Hines Blvd., were held January 29, 1955. Doors were opened to first and second year students on February 14. The Administrative and Business Offices, and the Library are also located in the new building.



Architect's Drawing of Proposed Clinical Sciences Building



It is hoped that the new quarters for the Clinical Science Departments of the Medical School will be completed late in 1958. This structure will be located adjoining the Basic Sciences Unit, and in close proximity to Parkland Memorial Hospital.

ALUMNI NEWS

REGENTS APPOINT PERMANENT DEAN

On January 29, the Board of Regents of The University of Texas, meeting for the first time in Dallas, appointed Dr. A. J. Gill, Professor of Pathology and Acting Dean since October, as permanent Dean. In the appointment of Dr. Gill they recognized the advantage of securing a person with a clear knowledge of the local situation, both in medical and lay circles. Dr. Gill is almost, but not quite, a native of Dallas and, as the oldest alumnus ought to know, has been with the School since 1943. The SOUTHWESTER herewith scoops the press of the Nation by publishing Dean Gill's first contribution to lay literature -- so far at least as the editor can learn, and so far as you can call this a lay journal.

THE DEAN'S MESSAGE

We are currently occupying the new basic science building and plans are moving forward very rapidly for the remainder of the physical plant which is to provide for the clinical departments. It is our hope that an overall plan for campus development will be available in the near future.

The solving of our physical plant problems will go far towards making many of our other problems easier. We look forward to an early opportunity to take any and all alumni on a conducted tour.

FIRST BUILDING DEDICATED

January 29 is further incarnadined -- that means red letter, by the dedication of the Basic Science Building. A Souwester was blowing, but not such a hot one, as President Logan Wilson called the out-door assembly to order. The principal address was delivered by Dr. W. B. Martin, President of the American Medical Association. Another prominent speaker was Mr. Fred Florence, Treasurer of the Southwestern Medical Foundation and President of the Republic

National Bank. Among the notables present, in addition to the Board of Regents and to other members of the Southwestern Medical Foundation, was Mr. Karl Hoblitzelle, the donor of the land for the new campus, in memory of whose wife a bronze plaque was presented and installed in the foyer of the new building.

PLANS FOR SECOND BUILDING MOVING ALONG

Hardly had the Basic Science Building been occupied before drawings of the second building to house the Clinical Sciences became available. On the cover of this Newsletter you will find the Medical Art Department's drawing of the proposed new building. It is to be eight stories in height, standing between the Basic Science Building and the new Hospital. The south or southeast facade will be almost entirely of glass while the north or northwest will be solid -- no fenestration (you'll find that in Webster's). Tare is reduced to around 29%, a phenomenally low figure, while the eighth story, approximately 3000 sq. ft., has been gained at a considerable saving over the expected cost of an additional floor on the Basic Science Building. Perspective drawings of the new building suggest a design somewhat similar to that of the U.N. Building on East River (New York, of course, not a branch of the Trinity.) The Regents are in process of approving preliminary plans. Construction may well start within a few months. In the meantime the clinical science departments still occupy the old buildings at 2211 Oak Lawn.

POSSIBILITY OF A MASTER PLAN

There is the strong probability that within another few weeks it will be possible to announce a grant to the School which will permit the development of a complete plan for the entire tract that lies from the southborder of former Woodlawn to Inwood Road, a tract shared by the University of Texas, the County,

Dallas Independent Hospital District and the City and County of Dallas. (The Devil has just brought word that the font's out of capitals. It doesn't matter, e.e. cummings, who's a notable guy, never uses them at all). Such a plan would lead to an orderly, optimal and most aesthetic development of the entire center.

SOUTHWESTERN ALUMNI NEWS ACQUIRES NEW NAME

The previous editor was so haphazard a wretch and published a rag so marked by illiteracy, misanthropy and misinformation that the current editor, Dr. McVerity, is very happy to see the end of him and to usher in a new regime devoted to sound journalism, irregular periodicty and adequate punctuation. A pox on the former editor. To indicate this raw new deal, it has been decided that the name of this journal shall be changed to the SOUTHWESTER, which as any one who has lived here very long knows, is a hot, dry wind of considerable velocity that starts in the Gulf of California, loses all its water vapor on the West Coast, heats itself to 160° over the deserts of northern Mexico and descends on miserable inhabitants of the Lone Star State in August. It's a wind that's hot, fast, and full of helium and ozone. Is there a better title for this august sheet?

STUDENT UNION NEAR AT HAND

On that same January 29, 1955, the local papers carried news of the fact that Mr. Rae Skillern had added another \$100,000 to his previous gift of the same amount for the construction of a student union building. Students accustomed to our former union in the old buildings will probably view so small a thing as this with considerable condescension, but we must be brave and try to get by. It's quite useless to allow yourselves to speculate on the facilities available---hot and cold running maids, a champagne fountain, double thick sirloins for a quarter, cabanas for summer, skiing to the north, a fine white beach on the

south, "OUT OF BOUNDS FOR FACULTY"; live burlesque every evening; peyote, hashish or nembutal?

DR. MENGERT RESIGNS

Along with the good news of the end of January came a bad blow. Dr. William F. Mengert, the first of the original faculty and through all these years Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, announced his resignation to accept the top post in obstetrics at the University of Illinois. Dr. Mengert currently is President of the American Academy of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The SOUTHWESTER deeply regrets his decision to leave us and wishes him every good thing in his new position.

ALUMNI PLANS REUNION

At the last annual assembly of the alumni, it was decided to refer to the members the question of when and where next to meet. The referendum indicated that the majority favor their reunion during Dallas Southern Clinical. The police, having been advised, blanched and replied "Oh, dear, not that"!! But promoter Milton Davis is adamant. If the alumni meant it and will be here, there will be a bust at Chez Maurice, corner of Northwest Highway and Hines, at the Circle, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 15. \$6.50 for drinks, dinner and dancing all night. (Davis' idea of a good time, apparently). It's time to elect some new officers anyhow. Please send advance registration (with checks, says Davis) to: The Dean's Office, Southwestern Medical School, payable to Southwestern Alumni Association. The Dallas Southern Clinical Society has prepared an unusually fine show for this year, and it's all deductible.

THIS AND THAT

Ralph Wexler's ('52) -- 3rd Daughter
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