

NEWSLETTER

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DALLAS

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WORK UNDERWAY ON ALL PHASE ONE BUILDINGS

All major buildings in the Phase One construction program for UTSWMS are now underway. Pouring of piers for the Auditorium and Cafeteria structure began about the first of February with similar work for the Bio-information Center having begun a week or so earlier.

Les Braun, resident construction manager for the Dallas area for the Office of Facilities Planning and Construction, gave the following percentages of completion at the first of the month: Basic Sciences Teaching Building 11.8 per cent, Auditorium-Cafeteria 2.8 per cent, Academic and Administration Building 21.5 per cent and Bioinformation Center 4.9 per cent. The contractor, who experienced considerable delay because of utilities relocation, has been able to begin catching up. As of Jan.31, exactly 22.8 per cent of the contractor's time had been used--not counting possible extensions due to bad weather.

Most noticeable progress has been made on the 12-story Academic and Administration Building. Workmen had reached the ninth level by the first of the month. On the Basic Sciences Teaching unit, pre-cast were being installed. The Garland firm which makes the walls was already at work casting those for the Academic and Administration building. "It's the contractor's intent to make up time," said Mr. Braun. Contract completion date is August of 1974.

LANDSCAPE AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULED

A preliminary planning meeting has been held at UTSWMS on an approximately \$100,000 landscape and recreation development program authorized in January by the UT Board of Regents. Dallas Landscape Architect Richard Myrick has been selected to plan the various improvements which include: 1. Dry stack terracing north of the physical plant area. 2. A jogging, hiking and bike trail with rest-picnic areas in the wooded area of the campus. This project will include lighting. 3. Two tennis courts of "laykold" construction with lighting. 4. Planting treatment in the northwest parking lot and Inwood-Hines area. This will include earth berm sculpture, planting, irrigation and lighting. 5. Entry sign and island development. A sign with lighting, planting and irrigation will be designed for the Harry Hines entrance.

REGIONAL COMPUTER CENTER TO BE BUILT ON CAMPUS

The University of Texas Board of Regents has approved establishment of a North Texas Regional Computer Center on The Southwestern Medical School campus. The center will serve the medical school, UT Dallas and UT Arlington. The regents authorized a building to house the new center and appointed Fisher and Spillman of Dallas as project architects. The structure, estimated to cost about \$420,000 and contain about 10,000 gross square feet, will be built on the triangle of land formed by Inwood Rd., Medical Center Dr. and the C.R.I. & P. Railroad tracks.

E.D. Walker, UT System deputy chancellor for administration, explained that the three North Texas components and the System administration "have been studying for some time the feasibility and desirability of establishing a joint computer facility to service the administrative, educational and research needs of the three institutions."

He said recent studies indicate that a regional computer facility, utilizing a much larger central processing unit than those now in use at any of the three components, could provide greater computer capability to all the institutions within the range of current costs, "and at less cost than this capability could be provided by individual installations."

Mr. Walker added that the North Texas Regional Computer Center "would fit in with the concept of developing other regional computer centers to better serve UT System component institutions throughout the state in the most economical manner possible."

He said projections indicate that the annual operating budgets of such a central facility, including amortization on an initial advance for the down payment on the purchased equipment and start-up expenses, would average about \$1.1 million over a six-year period.

SOUTHWESTERN TO PARTICIPATE IN COST STUDY

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas will participate in a nation-wide study to more exactly determine the cost of educating physicians.

"It is vitally important for the medical schools of this country to come up with more accurate program costs," declared Dean Charles C. Sprague in announcing the study. He noted that some earlier studies on the subject were not well designed and had produced erroneous information which made it difficult for the schools to obtain adequate funding.

One problem associated with determining exact cost of educating an individual physician is that his teachers are often engaged in research and perform patient care as well. Facilities too serve the triple functions of education, research and patient care.

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Dr. Sprague has appointed a faculty committee to oversee the study. They are Drs. Dan Foster, Ronald Estabrook, Donald Pool and Douglas Lawrason, associate dean. Principal Investigator will be Julius Weeks, associate dean for business affairs, and Miss Suzanne Cunningham will be coordinator.

A number of other members of the Association of American Medical Colleges are participating in the study and Dr. Sprague is both chairman of this AAMC committee and chairman-elect of the entire organization.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN EMPHASIZED

UTSWMS is under directions from the Office of the Chancellor of The University of Texas System to revise its "Equal Employment Opportunity--Affirmative Action Program" in keeping with Revised Order No. 4 recently issued by the federal government.

Revised Order No. 4 is intended to accomplish for women the equality in employment which the original Order No. 4 was designed to accomplish for members of the minority groups. It requires that "affirmative action" be taken to remedy the "underutilization" of women, and that goals and timetables be established to correct this underutilization, and any other deficiencies which exist in the employment of women and members of the minority groups. It further requires that "personnel relations staff, department and division heads, and local and unit managers be involved in the goal setting process."

As stated in Revised Order No. 4, the occupational areas in which women are most likely to be "underutilized" are: officials and managers, professionals, technicians, craftsmen.

DALY, MICHAEL NAMED BY EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

Dr. David Daly, acting chairman of Neurology at UTSWMS, has been named vice president, and Dr. Carmen Michael, clinical professor of psychology, has been re-elected president of the Dallas Epilepsy Association.

MRS. HASCHKE HEADS ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Marilyn Haschke, chairman of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics in the School of Allied Health Professions at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, has taken office for a one year term as president of the Texas Dietetic Association. She was named president-elect at the previous general meeting in Lubbock.

EMPLOYEES HONORED AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Ten veteran staff employees of Southwestern who have reached milestones of 15, 20 or 25 years of service to the school were guests of honor at the third annual service-awards luncheon hosted by Dean Charles Sprague. The luncheon was held in the El Dorado Room of the Marriott Motor Hotel Dec. 15. Twenty-three other longtime staff members, whose service anniversaries had been recognized at earlier awards events, also attended as guests of the Dean, along with several faculty members and administrative officials.

The audience heard Dr. Donald W. Seldin, professor and chairman of Internal Medicine, pay tribute to the honored employees in brief remarks. The essence of Southwestern, he said, is not to be found in "external trappings" but in its human element--"not the brick and mortar but the community of people that make up the university." "What perpetuates the institutional arrangement is the pattern of people working together in a meaningful way," he said. He expressed on behalf of the faculty "our rich appreciation" for the loyalty of the longtime employees.

Gifts of digital clock radios and 25-year certificates were presented to Billie H. Cantrall of the Student Affairs Office and Surone S. Stuart of the Animal Facility staff. A 20-year citation was given to Imo R. Nordenbrock of Internal Medicine.

Fifteen-year certificates were awarded to Clifton Drennan, Pharmacology; Johnny M. Green, Internal Medicine; Leo D. McKinney, Wilford M. Windle and Clayton E. Organ, all of Physical Plant; Gwendolyn Chase, Obstetrics & Gynecology; and Geraldine Polley, Medical Art.

Dr. Sprague made the presentations and added his own personal appreciation to the staff members for their long, devoted service.

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From left: Billie H. Cantrall, Surone Stuart, Dean Charles Sprague and Imo Nordenbrock at UTSWMS' employee service-award luncheon.



From left: Leo McKinney, Clifton Drennan, Wilford M. Windle, Geraldine Polley, Dr. Donald W. Seldin, Gwendolyn Chase, Clayton E. Organ and Johnny M. Green at annual fete for veteran medical school staffers.

Separate departmental ceremonies were held before the Christmas holidays to present certificates to 14 other employees with 10 years of service to Southwestern and to 34 workers who have served the school five years.

Receiving 10-year certificates were Delbert D. Heard, James E. Hendricks, Miller E. Johnson, Tom G. Largent, Melvin Main, Charles Lee Matocha, Allen C. Nunn, James Franklin Lee, M. Maxine Corley, Cleo P. Ewalt, Eleanor R. Kamperman, Rena M. Maloy, Estelle Robinson and Sharon L. Shelton.

Five-year certificates were presented to A.C. Davison, Llewellyn G. Davis, Jack S. Fennig, Aldon Louis Hall, Isaac L. Hopkins, Bennie F. Patton, Paul M. Apel, Bobby F. Athey, Alvin A. Williams, John E. Schelin, Robert H. Trubey, Jesse R. Jones, Claire O. Dawley, Alice Joyce Easley, Helen I. Howie, Willanee Hodge, Marlee L. Jameson, Judith K. Johns, Billie Kaye Johnson, Nelda Jane Johnson, Helen T. Kusmiesz, Myrtle M. Nichols, Mary Lee Altom, Joanna M. Allen, Mary G. Banks, Lea S.G. Peters, Janis A. Spear, Grace D. Thomas, Norma J. Wilcox, Elizabeth A. Williams, Edythe L. Woodman, Madelon V. Smith, Joan M. Pickard and Elsie B. Ryan.

UTSWMS POLICE EXCEL AT UT POLICE SCHOOL

Three officers from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School's campus police placed first, second and third in a class of 24 at the UT Police Basic Training School at Austin recently. Chief Dan Talkington

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said Tommy Caperton, David Fowler and Ray Graham took the top spots in that order. A total of six medical school officers graduated from the course. Patrolman Jerry Welborn was first on the pistol range, firing a qualifying score of 99.2, the chief added. Two new officers, Kirby Robinson and Manuel Sanchez, are attending the Jan. 17-March 22 school session.

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM SLATED

The fourth annual Graduate Student Research Forum has been set for 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. May 17 in the third floor lecture room of the Cary building. Graduate students are invited to submit titles and abstracts by April 17. A committee, chosen by the officers of the sponsoring Sigma Xi Club, will select those papers to be presented at the forum. Students chosen to present papers will be given cash awards. Guest discussant and formal speaker at the forum will be Dr. Jonathan Uhr of New York University who will assume chairmanship of the Department of Microbiology in September.

The format of the program will be as follows: Each student will be given 15 minutes. Each presentation should be no longer than 10 minutes to allow time for discussion. Time will be called, so students should prepare presentations for completion within these time limits.

For further information, call Dr. Alvin Taurog, Ext. 2240, or Dr. Bettie Sue Masters, Ext. 337.

SIPERSTEIN HEADS HEART AND LUNG GROUP

Dr. Marvin D. Siperstein of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas has been appointed chairman of the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Heart and Lung Institute.

Dr. Siperstein, professor of internal medicine at Southwestern, will chair twice-annual meetings in Bethesda, Md., at which the advisory board reviews the institute's program of support for heart and lung research. The NHLI is a component of the National Institutes of Health, primary federal sponsoring agency for medical research in the United States.

The six members of the Board of Scientific Counselors are chosen from among the foremost members of the national scientific community, serving to help formulate policy for the institute and to review individual NHLI-funded research projects.

Dr. Siperstein will serve as chairman for two years. He has been a member of the board since 1969.

The Dallas medical scientist has been widely recognized for his own medical research, particularly into aspects of cancer and diabetes. In 1969 Dr. Siperstein received the Modern Medicine Distinguished Achievement Award for studies describing microscopic blood-vessel changes that accompany diabetes.

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He also has been recipient of a Research Career Award of the National Heart Institute, and is past president of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation. He has been on Southwestern's faculty since 1955.

COMBES HEADS LIVER STUDY GROUP

Dr. Burton Combes, professor of internal medicine at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas, has been elected president of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease.

The election came during a recent meeting of the association in Chicago. Dr. Combes had been vice president of the organization.

He has been a member of the editorial board of the American Journal of Physiology and of the Journal of Applied Physiology. Dr. Combes also has been a recipient of a research career development award by the U.S. Public Health Service and has been named an established investigator by the American Heart Association.

He is a member of a number of societies for clinical research, including the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation, Central Society for Clinical Research, American Society for Clinical Investigation and American Gastroenterological Association.

Dr. Combes received an A.B. degree from Columbia College in 1947 and an M.D. degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1951.

PRICE TO BE INSTALLED BY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

C. Jack Price, administrator of the Dallas County Hospital District, will be installed as president of the Texas Hospital Association on May 24. Price, who became administrator of Parkland Memorial and Woodlawn Hospitals in 1963, was named president-elect of the 2,300-member organization at its 42nd annual convention in San Antonio. He had served as trustee and vice president of the statewide association. Price is past president of the Dallas Hospital Council, former chairman of the Blacklands Hospital Division of THA and serves as one of two Texas delegates to the American Hospital Association. He is a fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators, a member and special consultant to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare for the neurology program of the National Institutes of Health and a clinical professor of preventive medicine and public health at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas.

BRAUN OVERSEES CONSTRUCTION

Lester A. (Les) Braun, formerly Phase One construction coordinator for The University of Texas System Office of Facilities Planning and Con-

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struction, has been promoted to resident construction manager for the Dallas area. Mr. Braun's new responsibility includes control and management of construction contracts (after award) in the Dallas area, including the medical school, UT Dallas and UT Arlington, supervision of all area construction personnel, coordination of architects, engineers and contractors; serving as contact for coordination for institutions during construction phase, approving changes and monitoring projects. His office is 513 in Stemmons Tower West.

A 50-YEAR TRIUMPH

In December of 1920, Robert A. Sage learned he had diabetes. There was no remedy, except a strict diet. It would be July 30, 1921, before Dr. Frederick Banting and Charles Best would isolate the first insulin and 1925 before Sage would receive his first injection. Recently the incorporators, trustees and staff of Joselin Diabetes Foundation took note of the fact that Sage, a retired UTSWMS medical artist, is one of the first persons to have lived with diabetes 50 years. In a small ceremony at the medical school, Dr. W.A. Godfrey, president of the Dallas Diabetes Association, presented a medal to the 66-year-old artist, citing his "courageous, faithful and conscientious effort to cooperate with your physicians and to care for your health." Present were a number of faculty members and staff of the Medical Art department.



*From left: Robert A. Sage,
Dr. W.A. Godfrey*

FACULTY WIVES NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN INFORMATION CENTER

The UTSWMS Faculty Wives Club has established an information center in the Skillern Student Union Building to assist foreign fellows, interns and others in adapting and living in Dallas. The club expresses a need for home furnishings such as baby needs (cribs, play pens, etc.), small appliances and kitchen supplies. Volunteers are needed to work in the Student Union office to answer the telephone on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those wishing to volunteer are asked to contact Stella Mullins, Dotty Fink or Barbara McCann at 631-3220, Ext. 580.

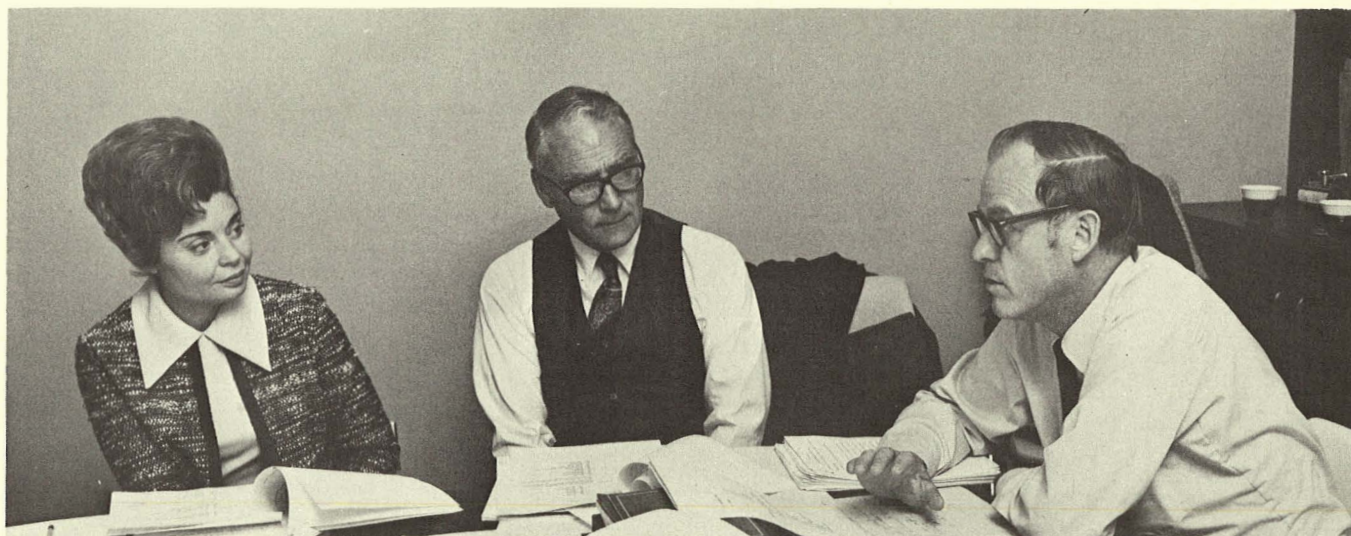
BLOOD BANK CHOSEN AS REFERENCE LABORATORY FOR HEPATITIS ANTIGEN TESTING

ASSURANCE PLAN ALSO NOTED

Dr. Ruth Guy, associate professor of pathology and associate director of the Parkland Memorial Hospital Blood Bank has announced that the facility has been chosen by the American Association of Blood Banks as one of five laboratories in the United States to serve as a reference laboratory for Hepatitis Associated Antigen Testing in blood banks. The blood bank was chosen as one of the Reference Laboratories of the American Association of Blood Banks in 1958 and has served as one of 30 such reference laboratories since that time. It is the only AABB Reference Laboratory for Immunohematology and crossmatch problems in Texas. In addition the Blood Bank was selected in 1969 by the U.S. Public Health Service as one of 12 reference laboratories for its program of Proficiency Testing in Immunohematology. The appointment has been continuous since that time. In the latter regard, the bank maintains a library of very rare sera and very rare antibodies and has a staff with the technical excellence to do the testing, Dr. Guy said. In a related matter, the blood bank director emphasized that faculty, staff and students at UTSWMS have access to the Parkland Memorial Hospital Blood Assurance Plan by which donation of a pint of blood can guarantee family blood needs for three years. The blood can be donated at time of enrollment or on call by the bank. This will assure all blood needed by eligible family members at any blood bank, hospital or clinic in the United States through credits issued by the Parkland Bank. "Actually," says Dr. Guy, "many persons give pints of blood to provide coverage as a gift to several families or friends."

ALLIED HEALTH COUNCIL MEETS

Representatives of 14 UT System components met with Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs William Knisely at UTSWMS in January. Shown are, left to right, Dorothy Damewood of The University of Texas Nursing School (System-wide), John W. Schermerhorn, dean of the School of Allied Health Professions in Dallas, and Dr. Knisely.



DO YOU PLAN TO RETIRE THIS YEAR?

The Teacher Retirement System has advised that all those individuals who plan to retire at the end of this school year, or earlier, should begin completing the necessary forms now. These forms may be obtained by contacting either Frances Woosley or David Peugh in the Personnel Office.

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