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NINETY-FOUR MORE MORTAR-BOARDS

June 3 was the big day for 91 new Doctors of Medicine. The big annual show was held this time in the Theatre section of Dallas' new municipal auditorium. The acoustics weren't very good and the public address system had attacks of somnolence, but the auditorum is quite handsome--and the big news is that it is air-conditioned. (Physicians of 1957 and onward won't have the hardihood and stamina of the old grads but they may smell and look better when they take off their robes.)

Correct. 91 3. 94 There was also a degree of Master of Medical Art to Miss Penelope Wiseltier, a of Arts to Sidney degree of Master Halperen and the Doctorate of Philosophy to Jack Kenneth Jeanes. If memory serves one right, this is the second Ph. D. conferred by the Graduate School of the University of Texas to an individual who has carried out all his work in Dallas. The field is Biophysics.

Dr. Logan Wilson, President of the University, delivered the Commencement address, which dealt predominantly with the educational problems that confront the University. The problem ahead seems to be that of a steadily increasing demand for higher education, an increasing difficulty in securing instructors of the highest quality, and the ever-present and recurrent fiscal problems of a rapidly expanding school caught in a rapidly progressing inflation.

The editor laments, as he has done on many another occasion, the lack of exotic academic paraphernalia. The old grads will confer a great favor upon the editor and not a little color to the ceremonies if they will bestir themselves to secure proper honorary degrees for various from universities that let faculteers themselves go sartorially speaking. The parade is definitely in need of bright red, gold, and bright blue robes. and the line would be none the worse for looks if a few of its members sported some other type of head-gear than the classical flat-top.

HO DIN TO HURT

That's another good leader. The odds are four to one that the reader has gone along this far to find out whether the editor's a share-cropper or only has one (currently it's more remunerative to be than to have one.) From Jules Hirsch at Rockefeller Institute came a rapid letter protesting the editor's French. Says Hirsch, it's good to see the Sou'wester but frightfully embarrassing to find a gaffe produced, sanctioned or overlooked by its learned editor. It's Hirsch's confirmed opinion that proper French is le chose, not la chose. He's quite correct. In defense either of the original composition, the proof-or copy-reading. or the accuracy of our composing room, the editor enters a demurrer. The editor

thinks he was probably thinking about a line or two from Shakespeare in which a not very attractive and rather loose lady was referred to as a-thing. But of course that was English and the French are much too polite to make a thing feminine or to make a feminine a thing. They have other terms more complimentary and evocative--e. g., poulet. So Jules, many thanks for the letter; write us again soon and always maintain that un chose est un chose est un chose, pas une chose.

Add: Dr. Charles T. Ashworth, long familiar to Dallas, who returns as Professor of Pathology and Chairman of the Department.

Dr. Robert Stubblefield, formerly of the University of Colorado, a native of this hyar state and graduate of that thar Med. Branch, as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry. And if we don't need him, who does? He brings with him a small, solid corps (or core) of assistants.

Dr. Robert L. Johnson (Parkland Resident 1952-5) who returns from a year in Dr. Comroe's physiology lab. at Philadelphia, as Instructor in Medicine.

Dr. Dennis Canter, formerly of the Birmingham Medical Center (England, not Alabama), to the Department of Anesthesiology as Clinical Assistant Professor.

Dr. Robert M. Capps, late of Wisconsin U, to the same Department as Clinical Assistant Professor.

Dr. Norman L. Biggs, Ph. D., Ill. '57, to the Department of Anatomy as Instructor.

Dr. Bruce D. Fallis, Washington U, to the Department of Pathology as Assistant Professor.

Substract: Dr. Morris J. Fogelman, Professor of Surgery, resigned, to enter private practice in Dallas.

Dr. Harlow Ades, Professor of Anatomy, resigned, to work full-time in research at the Naval Air Station, Pennsacola, Florida. Dr. James Hamilton, for some years with Dr. Grollman, to take a place as Assistant Professor in the Nutrition and Metabolism Laboratory at Tulane.

PROFESSIONAL POOP DEPARTMENT

Walter D. Feinberg (52) whom the editor may have assisted slightly in the direction of a Fellowship at Mayo Clinic breaks into the Proceedings on June 12, with a paper on Myastenia Gravis and Myxedema. A neat professional discussion. Why don't some of you other fellows send in your reprints? Mrs. Baird would like to have them for the library; you will received a card with her thanks as well as an invaluable puff from the editor--unless there are too many.

ROAD TO PARNASSUS DEPARTMENT

The editor and every body else around here take pride in the fact that Dr. Edward L. Pratt, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, was recently elected President of the Society for Pediatric Research.

END OF FISCAL YEAR DEPARTMENT

The temperature's 105, our supply of paper is exhausted till the next appropriation arrives, there's no ink left in the bottle, the electricity has been cut off, there's nothing to drink but water, and the editor's out of stuff. Besides he has to go join his tribe at Gallup for the annual intertribal Ceremonial. Geronimo!

RUMINATION AND ERUCTATION DEPARTMENT

Hardly had the editor got finished howling "Geronimo" and making with the proper ceremonial paints when the secretary came up with the news that there wasn't enough stuff on hand for this issue of the Sou'Wester. There's nothing for it but to have at it, tomahawk and all. The school opens this fall for the first time in its history with all major departments completely staffed. Here and there are minor vacancies, but there is now a full-time chairman for every clinical department, while the preclinical. departments are either at or just under their full staffs. The new clinical building won't be ready for occupancy for a time, but the faculty will certainly have moved in before this year is over. The road ahead of S M S will probably never again be as difficult as it has been; the school is entering its first stage of maturity.

What that maturity may be like is inferential now, but it's fairly certain that this school will come to have a distinctive attitude and character, just as other schools have developed them. There's no crystal ball on the editor's desk, but he is willing to hazard the guess that SMS will have as one of its traits a central urge to explore and to learn. Certainly this is a dominant characteristic of the faculty at present, and the communicability of this attitude seems to be great. Hardly any student can fail of an opportunity to work at odd hours with some member of the faculty on some piece of investigation; many students spend their entire summers as members of a team.

This, the editor hopes, will constitute another lasting characteristic of the school, for learning can never be more intoxicating than when the student and his preceptor work together on a problem. The product of such learning is not a tradesman, but an educated doctor who understands how much is yet to learn, how difficult is original thinking. A school can hope for no greater distinction than to produce such graduates. *******

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ALUMNI NOTES

Dr. Jack Cooper (54) writes from John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland: "I wish to advise you of the change in my family status. We have received a grandspanking new baby daughter, named Margie Lee. We plan to remain here for one more year after which I will be practicing Ophthalmology for the Air Force for two years. I am making an effort to get back to Texas."

Dr. and Mrs. David L. Young (56) are proud parents of Stephen Livingston Young, born June 3, 1957.

Dr. Norma Lou Kearby (55) has been appointed a Fellow in Otolaryngology at Ochsner Foundation Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Douglas M. Haynes (46) has been appointed Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Berton A. Kolp (50) is now located in Glenwood, Minnesota, a resort area of about 4,000. The Kolps have three girls and a boy. They live near a large lake where they go boating and fishing.

Drs. E. and A. Low (45) wrote recently from Baptist Hospital, Shaki, Nigeria, West Africa. The following are excerpts from their letter: "In less than a month we will be ending our second tour in Nigeria and beginning our furlough. Of course we are thrilled over getting to see all our family and friends again. Plans are for us to arrive in New York July 17th and get to Louisiana and Texas the last of July. Our temporary address is 3432 Alamo Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. We have never before had an opportunity to attend Seminary, so we are planning to live in Fort Worth and attend the fall semester at Southwestern. Edwin will be taking some refresher medical courses in the spring."

Dr. Charles E. VanCleave (53) has entered practice with Dr. William A. Allman, 202 West Tenth, Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Alan N. Miller II (54) announces opening of offices in the Plymouth Park Medical Center, 2028 W. Grauwyler, Irving, Texas.

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