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DALLAS--The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School will graduate its 2,000th doctor Monday night.

Since the school was founded in 1943, a total of 1,971 M.D. degrees have been conferred. The 1968 graduating class numbers 97, which will send the total to 2,068.

Dr. Philip R. Lee, Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs, will be the speaker for the 26th commencement exercises of the medical school at McFarlin Auditorium on the Southern Methodist University campus.

In addition to the M.D. degrees, SWMS will confer three masters degrees and five Ph.D. degrees.

The 2,000th person to receive an M.D. degree from Southwestern will be Charles Douglas Fox Jr., 26, of 11840 Oxlea Dr., Dallas. Fox, son of a Dallas attorney for the Veterans Administration, plans to intern at Methodist Hospital here.

A graduate of Jesuit High School and SMU, Fox is as yet undecided on specialization, although he will take a general surgery residency after internship. His wife, Janice, is employed at Texas Instruments, Inc.

Fox has been cited for a research paper on metamorphosis of the Mexican Axolotle (a salamander-like animal) and, for practical experience, "I delivered about 200 babies at Parkland Hospital last summer."

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At the commencement exercises, the invocation and benediction will be delivered by Rev. Wilford Virless Bane, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Temple. The third person to receive the M.D. degree will be Rev. Bane's son, Jerry William Bane of Arlington.

Robert David Ashworth, who is candidate for a Ph.D. degree in anatomy, is the son of Dr. Charles T. Ashworth, former chairman of the Department of Pathology at SWMS. Young Ashworth will return next term as a junior medical student.

The graduation ceremonies Monday night also will feature the annual Award of Ho Din, the medical school's top honor. This will be presented by John M. Stemmons, member of the Executive Committee, Southwestern Medical Foundation.

Dr. Charles C. Sprague, dean of Southwestern Medical School, will preside at the exercises. The academic procession will include Herbert Collier Tidwell, marshal; and Ivan Edward Danhof, Robert Merrett Pike, Rockwell Irwin Schulz and Julius Emmett Weeks, assistant marshals. Processional and Recessional music will be by Mrs. Martin Wagner.

Presentation of candidates for M.D. degrees will be by Dr. Reuben H. Adams, assistant dean for student affairs; and presentation for MA and Ph.D degrees will be by Dr. Frank Harrison, associate dean for graduate studies.

Degrees will be conferred by Frank C. Erwin Jr., chairman of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System.

Administration of the Physician's Oath will be by Dr. John Stewart Chapman, assistant dean for postgraduate education.

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