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*****AMA president-elect to speak at
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DALLAS--Dr. Tom E. Nesbitt, president-elect of the American Medical Association and a 1948 graduate of Southwestern Medical School, will address the 36th annual commencement ceremonies of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Saturday, June 3, at 8 p.m.

Dr. Nesbitt, an outspoken opponent of federally regulated national health care insurance plans, is the first Southwestern alumnus ever elected president of the AMA.

Two hundred and twenty medical and graduate students will receive diplomas at this year's commencement exercises, which will be held on the McDermott Plaza of The University of Texas Health Science Center, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd. Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of the center, will preside.

A highlight of the program will be the presentation of the \$1,000 Ho Din award, given annually by Southwestern Medical Foundation to an outstanding senior medical student or students. This year two students will receive the award, presented by Mrs. Leland Fikes, a trustee of the foundation.

Presentation of the 23 women and 164 men candidates for Doctor of Medicine degrees will be made by Dr. Frederick J. Bonte, dean of Southwestern. Dr. Kern Wildenthal, dean of the graduate school, will present the 33 candidates for graduate degrees, including 15 Doctor of Philosophy, 10 Master of Arts and eight Master of Science degrees. One Ph.D. and two Masters of Arts are joint degrees with The University of Texas at Arlington.

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The physician's oath will be administered to the medical students by Dr. Bonte. Marshals for the academic and faculty processions will be Dr. Donald Seldin, professor and chairman of internal medicine; Dr. Jack Reynolds, professor and vice-chairman of radiology; Dr. Bruce D. Fallis, professor of pathology; and Dr. Alan K. Pierce, professor of internal medicine.

The invocation and benediction will be given by Dr. Hal Weathersby, professor of cell biology and health care science.

Representing The University of Texas System will be Jess Hay, a member of the Board of Regents.

Special music will be provided by a brass ensemble comprised of faculty members from North Texas State University in Denton.

Dr. Nesbitt, a native of Oklahoma, has practiced urology in Nashville since 1957. He has been speaker of the AMA House of Delegates since 1973, after serving as vice-speaker in 1972, and is a former member of the AMA's committee on private practice and the speaker's bureau on national health insurance.

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