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DALLAS--A well-known architect will put Dallas under the microscope Tuesday, Sept. 4 for the biggest freshman class ever at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Harold Box, chairman of the Department of Architecture at UT Arlington, will attempt to show the 150 students that:

"Dallas is a living, growing thing with parts that are healthy and parts that are unhealthy. It grows and duplicates itself in cellular ways."

Incoming classes of medical students traditionally are given orientations by the medical school which include a candid look at the city.

This year Mr. Box agreed to take part in the latter phase "so that we can describe the city to the new students in the same way as architects and city planners describe it to ourselves."

The orientation will begin at 9 a.m. with welcomes by Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of The University of Texas Health Science Center, and Dr. Fred Bonte, dean of Southwestern Medical School.

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Introductions to medical education will be given by Dr. Donald Seldin, chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine; Dr. Rupert Billingham, chairman of the Department of Cell Biology; and Dr. Ronald Estabrook, dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

The students will board four buses for a look at the city from a skyscraper, a tour of the downtown area and some other points of interest.

Some of the problem areas of the city will be toured and box lunches are planned in a park, according to Dr. Bryan Williams, Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

This year's 150 freshmen were selected from nearly 2,000 applicants, he said. A total of 500 of the applicants were interviewed. Last year's incoming class numbered 128.

Goal of the medical school is 200 students per class--or a total of 800--when facilities of the \$40 million plus Phase One building program are completed.

Of this year's 150 freshmen, 21 are women and 15 represent minority groups. The students come from 40 different colleges and universities. Less than ten per cent are non-Texas residents.

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