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This year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of Southwestern Medical College. Since its humble beginnings in 1943, UT Southwestern has earned its place among the world’s best universities and was recently ranked as the sixth best medical school in the world in the Academic Rankings of World Universities, published by Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The ranking is the latest of many for UT Southwestern. Publications such as *U.S. News and World Report* consistently place UT Southwestern among America’s top universities. While each list uses a different set of criteria, taken together the rankings give us reason to be proud.
In this issue of Alumni eNews, we celebrate these achievements by reflecting on UT Southwestern’s rich history and meteoric growth from a small, war-time medical college housed in army barracks to the academic medical center of international renown that it is today. As alumni, each of you has played a key role in elevating the stature of our institution, especially our superb medical education and training programs.

According to science historian James Burke, “If you don’t know where you’ve come from, you don’t know where you are.” In this retrospective spirit, I am indebted to our Medical School Library for an exhaustive effort they have recently undertaken to create an expansive online photography archive documenting the Medical Center’s 70-year history. We are delighted to share a small sampling of the photos in this issue, with a link to the complete archive on the UT Southwestern website.

Also in this issue are alumni and student profiles that may span many generations, but are linked together by a shared commitment to compassionate patient care. Charles Tandy, M.D., class of 1953, served his Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas for more than 50 years as an anesthesiologist, until his retirement last year. He remains actively involved in a volunteer role at UT Southwestern, currently serving as a steering committee member for a campaign to create a chair to memorialize A.H. “Buddy” Giesecke, Jr., M.D., for his 52 years of service to UT Southwestern’s Department of Anesthesiology.

Meanwhile, UT Southwestern fourth-year medical student J Mack Slaughter, Jr., commits himself not only to his studies, but also to Music is Medicine, a non-profit organization he founded that donates instruments and teaching time to teenagers being treated in children’s hospitals.

While we look to the past for inspiration and guidance, transformation requires an eye on the future. Our faculty must ensure that we are preparing today’s medical students to practice the medicine of tomorrow. I am so proud to share with you profiles of eight UT Southwestern faculty members who have recently been honored with teaching awards from the UT System.

Additionally, our facilities must provide an outstanding environment for medical students and residents to learn the practice of 21st century medicine. The new William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital—scheduled to open in the Fall of 2014—will have teaching spaces embedded throughout the facility, with an emphasis on technology that will provide the necessary infrastructure to prepare our students and residents for a collaborative approach to medicine. And the new Parkland Memorial Hospital—scheduled to open in early 2015—will allow our students to train in one of the busiest and best public hospitals in the country. No other medical school will provide students and residents with the opportunity to train in two state-of-the-art hospitals within a half mile of one another.

A blend of human skill, technological innovation, and teaching opportunity is exactly what makes our Medical Center one of the most exciting training institutions in the world. It’s a tremendous privilege to be in this place, at this time, with an eye to UT Southwestern’s next 70 years.

Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.
A Look To The Past: UT Southwestern’s Online Photo Repository

By Betsy Lewis

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so there is no place more fitting to catalog the visual history of UT Southwestern Medical Center than its own Medical Center Library. A major focus of the Library is the expansion and organization of its photography archive.

Their latest online exhibition, “UT Southwestern Images, 1943-Present,” contains roughly 600 images from all over campus, beginning in the year that Southwestern Medical College opened to students and continuing to the present day.

Bill Maina, Manager of Archives and History for the library, hand-selected photographs for the new exhibition. He looked for interesting photos that “show how the campus evolved,” he said, “with scenes of campus life and the physical environment.” Many were culled from Southwestern Medical College’s first yearbook, while most of the modern photographs were shot by UT Southwestern’s Chief Medical Photographer, Dave Gresham.

For each photograph, Maina assigned a title, assigned a date, and furnished a description. The archives may be searched by year or key word.

Maina hopes that students thinking of coming to UT Southwestern for medical school will peruse the exhibition to get a sense of what the campus is like today, and that alumni will enjoy looking at pictures from their respective eras.

The photo archive will continue chronicling the growth and development of UT Southwestern, as well as celebrating its past. As Maina says, “the present today becomes the history tomorrow.”

Click below to view the entire photo archive:
http://utswlibrary.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16135coll1
The construction of two state-of-the-art hospitals in the Medical District, as well as being home to one of the world’s best biomedical research programs, is preparing UT Southwestern to deliver the future of medicine. Here’s a sneak peak at what the future holds.
New Hospitals to Provide Unprecedented Training Opportunities

With the construction of two new hospitals in the Medical District—Parkland Memorial Hospital and the William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital—UT Southwestern Medical School students and residents will have the unprecedented opportunity to train in two state-of-the-art hospitals within a half mile of one another.

Together, Parkland and Clements University Hospital will provide a wide range of training opportunities, from trauma and care for the city’s most vulnerable to tertiary and quaternary care for patients with highly complex medical conditions.
Finding – and fighting – the fat that fuels cancer

Scientists at UT Southwestern have made a key observation regarding how fat cells (also referred to as adipocytes) interact with tumor cells and thereby allow a cancer to thrive in dense breast tissue or fatty livers.

Unique peptide could treat neurological disorders and infectious diseases

UT Southwestern scientists have synthesized a peptide that shows potential for pharmaceutical development into agents for treating infections and neurodegenerative disorders through an ability to induce a cell-recycling process called autophagy.

Researchers reveal new enzyme that acts as innate immunity sensor

Two studies by researchers at UT Southwestern could lead to new treatments for lupus and other autoimmune diseases and strengthen current therapies for viral, bacterial, and parasitic infections.

Scientists identify bone-marrow environment that helps fight infection

The Children’s Medical Center Research Institute at UT Southwestern has deepened the understanding of the environment within bone marrow that nurtures stem cells, this time identifying the biological setting for specialized blood-forming cells that produce the infection-fighting white blood cells known as T cells and B cells.

Shown left to right: Dr. Xiang Chen, Dr. Fenghe Du, Dr. Lijun "Josh" Sun, Dr. Zhijian “James” Chen, Dr. Chuo Chen, and Dr. Heping Shi
I only came to Dallas to go to medical school, and I’ve been here ever since,” said UT Southwestern Medical School alumnus Charles Tandy, M.D., class of 1953, who retired in the summer of 2012 after 59 years of practicing medicine. He spent 54 of those years at Methodist Dallas Medical Center in the Oak Cliff neighborhood that is also his home.

He is considered a legend in the field of anesthesiology in North Texas. Some 60 years since first gaining admission to Southwestern Medical School, Dr. Tandy continues to impact his profession, his city, and his two alma maters: UT Southwestern Medical School and Hardin-Simmons University, where he matriculated as an undergraduate biology major.

To Hardin-Simmons, a private Baptist university located in Abilene, Dr. Tandy made a gift of his collection of rare Bibles. And to UT Southwestern Medical Center’s Library Archives, he donated the “Tandy Collection” in June 2004, comprised of his notes, texts, and assorted materials from his student life, shedding a unique historical light on midcentury medical education at UT Southwestern.
“To me, it was the most fantastic opportunity in the world,” said Dr. Tandy, “to be able to go to school! I was learning things that I had never known. I just loved it. I finally decided I was going to throw my medical school notes away, but I thought they might be valuable, so I decided to call the library, just to see. Nowadays students don’t take notes because it’s all on their computers.”

Dr. Tandy’s work ethic was molded in childhood at age ten. When his father died suddenly, his bewildered mother was left to support herself and three small children. Guiding the young widow in running the family’s monument business were two strong female figures – executive secretaries at the Cotton and Oil Company, one of whom was cousin to the late Mr. Tandy.

Back in the days when funeral homes did ambulance calls, a teenaged Charles Tandy mowed the grass, washed the cars, and did whatever menial task was necessary. He lived at the funeral home, sleeping in the basement, for three years during high school.

As an undergraduate at Hardin-Simmons, Dr. Tandy majored in biology and chemistry, taking electives in English. He believes his fascination with history was fueled by being unable to fit history courses into his university schedule, and now collects publications and ephemera related to his field. “The history of anesthesia is a uniquely American history,” he said. “I became totally enamored with the history of anesthesia, and I’ve got a big collection on the history of medicine. I’ve got a copy of the first textbook of anesthesia, and my copy was owned by the first female physician in the United States (Elizabeth Blackwell).”

Dr. Tandy served on the Dallas City Council for seven challenge-filled years. Today he’s on the board of the historic Oakland Cemetery at Martin Luther King and Malcolm X Boulevards in Dallas.

“I had a fascinating opportunity in life, and it’s been fun, and I’m still having a lot of fun,” he said. “I’ve just had more fun practicing medicine than you can ever imagine.”
Music is a way of life for fourth-year medical student J Mack Slaughter, Jr. From an early age, he started singing with his family, and by the age of eight he was performing for the professional theater Casa Manana. Soon he was placed in the boy band Sons of Harmony, which toured with stars such as Jessica Simpson, Bon Jovi, and Destiny’s Child.

After leaving the band to pursue a solo music career, J Mack was drawn towards acting. He appeared on numerous hit sitcoms, but after his first movie project, he decided that while acting was a rewarding career, too much of an actor’s fate lies in the hands of others.

J Mack Slaughter, Jr. giving a music lesson

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He decided to take his future into his own hands and begin the demanding, seemingly unending road toward becoming a doctor. During his studies at Texas Christian University, he volunteered at Cook Children's Hospital. Meanwhile, his mother was diagnosed with Stage-2 breast cancer. Through these experiences, J Mack was inspired to create Music is Medicine, a non-profit program that donates instruments and teaching time to teenagers being treated in children's hospitals.

The search for identity, independence, and accomplishment is frequently on the mind of teenagers. Unfortunately, prolonged treatment in children's hospitals makes this search difficult, if not impossible. Music is Medicine supplies these teenagers with free music lessons and always makes instruments available. When J Mack was asked why Music is Medicine is important to him, he responded, "My heart is beaming when I leave the hospital. I knew that it was important for me to find a way to incorporate everything I have learned from being a performer, musician, and medical student." Through Music is Medicine, J Mack is able to give these teenagers the opportunity to continue to develop their identities, find some independence in a time of dependence, and achieve a sense of accomplishment.

Music took on new meaning to J Mack and his family during his mother’s chemotherapy treatments. One of the side effects of Mrs. Slaughter's chemotherapy was severe nail discoloration and potential nail loss. As a preventative measure, she had to submerge her hands and feet in an ice bath during hour-long chemotherapy infusions. J Mack and his sisters would bring their guitars and play music while she received her treatment to pass this uncomfortable time more quickly.

According to Jeff Kendall, Psy.D., Clinical Leader of the Oncology Supportive Services Program, "music therapy is a powerful tool used to promote emotional health and improve quality of life for people coping with physical health conditions." Dr. Kendall launched a music therapy program at UT Southwestern's Simmons Cancer Center last fall, working with Southern Methodist University music therapy students. "One benefit of music therapy is it allows people to express themselves in a way that is different from directly speaking with another person," said Dr. Kendall. "Through the techniques of music therapy, people process the emotional content of their physical concerns and potentially increase their ability to adjust to and cope with their illness."

While Mrs. Slaughter was receiving treatment at UT Southwestern Medical Center, J Mack was very impressed by the superb care and compassion exhibited by UT Southwestern physicians. "One of the many reasons that I wanted to come to UT Southwestern for medical school was for the outstanding clinical faculty—they had a different level of sincerity and patient connection," said J Mack. "I wanted that well-rounded training."

He has high hopes of expanding Music is Medicine. "Every day I am receiving emails and phone calls from musicians that I don't even know who want to offer their talents to hospitalized children and donate old instruments." The fast-growing program currently offers music lessons at Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Cook Children's Hospital, and Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

Music is Medicine held its annual fundraiser on Saturday, March 2, 2013, at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum. The extraordinary evening was filled with touching performances by local up-and-coming performers.

Click here for more information about Music is Medicine.
Alumni Annual Fund

Gifts to the Alumni Annual Campaign will help UT Southwestern Medical Center recruit talented students regardless of financial need, as well as enhance the learning experience of students. To date, the 2012–2013 Alumni Annual Fund has raised more than $200,000 from 622 generous alumni. And during this year’s Phonathon, medical students connected with over 200 alumni, raising nearly $31,000 in mere hours.

Every year, support from the Alumni Annual Fund helps ensure the exceptional quality of the educational experience provided to UT Southwestern students. Your support is critical to providing student scholarships. Considering that the average medical student loan debt for UT Southwestern’s 2011 graduating class was $107,000, the impact of your gift really does make a difference to the next generation of physicians. Scholarships directly impact the ability to attract and retain top students.

Please consider making a contribution online at www.utsouthwestern.edu/donate-now or by mailing your response to the upcoming letter that you will receive in March.

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The University of Texas System Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Awards

Offered annually in recognition of faculty members at the nine academic and six health University of Texas System institutions who have demonstrated extraordinary classroom performance and innovation in undergraduate instruction, the Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Awards are the Board of Regents’ highest honor. The Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Awards are among the largest in the nation for rewarding outstanding faculty performance. Given the depth and breadth of talent across the UT System, the awards program is likewise one of the nation’s most competitive.

Faculty members undergo a series of rigorous evaluations by students, peer faculty, and external reviewers. The review panels consider a range of activities and criteria in their evaluations of a candidate’s teaching performance, including classroom expertise, curricula quality, innovative course development, and student learning outcomes.

The following UT Southwestern Medical Center faculty members were honored in 2012 by the Board of Regents:

Preston H. Blomquist, M.D.  
Ponciano D. Cruz, Jr., M.D.  
Frederick Grinnell, Ph.D.  
Biff F. Palmer, M.D.  
James A. Richardson, D.V.M., Ph.D.  
John Z. Sadler, M.D.  
Jerry W. Shay, Ph.D.  
Ellen S. Vitetta, Ph.D.
Calvin Peters, M.D., a 2010 graduate of UT Southwestern Medical School, recently auditioned for American Idol. Known as “The Singing Doctor,” Dr. Peters wowed the judges during his audition in Baton Rouge, LA, and went on to compete in Hollywood. Despite his best efforts, Dr. Peters was not one of the lucky singers to make it to the finals. But his story won the hearts of viewers and provided a glimpse into the important work he is doing as a UT Southwestern resident in Physical and Rehabilitative Medicine.
CLASS NOTES

Upcoming Medical School Reunion Dates:

_Friday, April 5, 2013:_
Reunion for the Platinum Classes (1944-1962)

_Thursday, May 2, 2013:_
50th reunion dinner for the Class of 1963

_Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4, 2013:_

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Class of 1968: Leonard M. Riggs, Jr., M.D., was presented by the Presbyterian Communities and Services Foundation with the “Each Moment Matters Award.” This award recognizes individuals who exemplify the following attributes:

- Compassion and excellence in daily living;
- Faith in serving others with joy, gratitude, respect, kindness and love;
- Courage in empowering, educating, and giving hope to others;
- Integrity in maintaining high level of ethics, reliability, trust, and decency.

Class of 1983: Cynthia Sherry, M.D., was installed as the 130th president of the Dallas County Medical Society on January 24, 2013. Dr. Sherry is chairman of the Department of Radiology at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, and a member of Radiology Associates of North Texas, the largest radiology practice in the United States.

Class of 1986: Philip P. Huang, M.D., was awarded the 2012 Public Health Award by the American Academy of Family Physicians at its annual meeting in Philadelphia for his extraordinary dedication to improving the health of the public through his coordination and implementation of a number of programs that have sought to reduce tobacco use and treat chronic disease.

Class of 1989: Cheryl K. McDonald, M.D., is the new chief of the medical staff at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth. She is the first woman to hold this position in the 82 years that the hospital has been open.

Class of 1995: Kevin J. Land, M.D., Senior Medical Director at Blood Systems, was named one of Modern Healthcare’s Top 25 Clinical Informaticists, published in the November 5, 2012, issue of Modern Healthcare, Modern Physician, and Health IT Strategist. The annual award is given to recognize the accomplishments of medical professionals who use data to improve both the clinical and financial performance of their organizations.

Class of 1997: Khang N. Tran, M.D., became the Chief Medical Officer for The Medical Center of Plano in October. In addition to his duties as CMO, he continues to practice internal medicine.

Class of 1998: Peter M. Valenzuela, M.D., M.B.A., medical director for PeaceHealth Medical group, has been named 2012 Physician Executive of the Year by Medical Group Management Association and its standard-setting division, the American College of Medical Practice Executives. The designation means that Dr. Valenzuela represents the highest ideals of the profession of medical practice management.

Class of 2000: Ravi S. Aysola, M.D., was featured in the PBS documentary “MONEY and MEDICINE.”

Class of 2006: Louise P. King, M.D., has joined Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center as an attending physician in Minimally Invasive Gynecology Surgery, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Class of 2008: Leslie Hutchins, M.D., and her husband, Brian, welcomed Talia Piper Hutchins, on August 17, 2012. Leslie is currently completing her Neurosurgery Residency in Richmond, VA, at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Class of 2010: Shelley Odronic Redfern, M.D., was awarded the CAP Foundation Leadership Development Award by the College of American Pathologists Foundation. Dr. Odronic was recognized for her dedication and extensive involvement with leadership, teaching, and mentoring experiences to advance the specialty of pathology in an effort to ensure optimal patient care.
IN MEMORIAM
MEDICAL SCHOOL

Reubin Andrews, M.D. '44
Thomas M. McCrory, M.D. '44
Charles B. Dryden, Jr., M.D. '45
Donald S. Brown, M.D. '46
Wallace I. Hess, M.D. '46
Elgin W. Ware, Jr., M.D. '46
William M. Lewallen, Jr., M.D. '47
Robert S. Meador, M.D. '48
Channing Woods, M.D. '49
Jerry M. Lewis, Jr., M.D. '51
Charles H. Howard, Jr., M.D. '51
C. Sam Huggins, M.D. '51
Leslie R. Ansley, M.D. '52
Jeff H. Davis, M.D. '52
James Douglas Fogleman, M.D. '52
Homer H. "Chad" Hanna, M.D. '52
John H. Keller, Jr., M.D. '53
Lauro G. Guerra, M.D. '54
Alfred E. "Son" Morris, M.D. '54
William J. Kilman, M.D. '55
Dorothy Yvonne Whissell Buechy, M.D. '56
Johnnie Jeff Jerome, M.D. '56
George Ellison Hurt, Jr., M.D. '57
Joseph C. Randel, M.D. '57
Jimmy L. Breazeale, M.D. '58
Ann Hanszen Hughes, M.D. '59
William James Kilman, M.D. '59
William Halley Zedlitz, M.D. '60
James A. Hall, M.D. '61
Richard D. Lyman, M.D. '61
Myron G. "Gayle" Glidewell, M.D. '62
Jim L. Walkup, M.D. '63
James Tyler Coggins, M.D. '64
Allen Geoffrey Reuben, M.D. '79
Scott B. Freeman, M.D. '01

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James Don Mayfield, M.D. (Internal Medicine)
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Karen Donley '84
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