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Center's Service to State Grows

U to Consider Out-of-State Medic Applicants

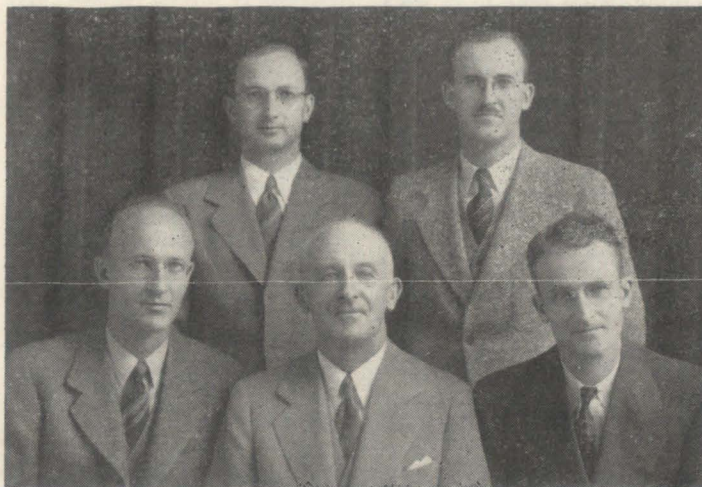
The School of Medicine is in a position at this time to admit a limited number of qualified out-of-state students to its beginning class for the term opening next September.

The policy of permitting Dean Theodore Harwood and the medical faculty to consider out-of-state applicants has been approved by the State Board of Higher Education.

Formerly all person not North Dakota residents were discouraged from applying for entrance to the medical school, but increased facilities now permit training of a class of 40 students. At present, only 25 qualified North Dakota residents have sought entrance.

Additional North Dakotans interested in a medical career and who consider themselves qualified still can be considered up until the time the quota is filled however, and (Continued on Page Three)

Drs. Fawcett Make N. D. Medic History



Taken in 1942, this picture shows the late veteran practitioner, Dr. W. C. Fawcett of Starkweather, and his four doctor sons—all UND School of Medicine graduates. In front, from left to right, are Dr. John Fawcett, the senior Dr. Fawcett, and Dr. Newton W. Fawcett. In back, Dr. Robert M. Fawcett and Dr. Donald W. Fawcett.

51 of 53 N. D. Counties Aided By Blood Bank

Service to residents of North Dakota is being developed to a high degree of proficiency by the State Blood Bank, operated by the Medical Center with headquarters on the University campus.

The bank's services, since its inception April 1, 1952, have reached 51 of the state's 53 counties and into 260 individual communities, Melvin E. Koons, its director, reports.

More than 8,000 persons in 6 communities have had their blood typed in a service that literally makes them "walking blood banks." Another 13,798 person have had their blood referred to the bank for blood group and Rh typing, and cards with this information have been issued.

Importance of having persons with known blood types available in time of epidemic or emergency cannot be overestimated, physicians, health and civilian defense officials have emphasized.

Transfer of whole blood to hospitals in Minneapolis, Rochester, Minn., and other points as needed by North Dakota residents undergoing major operations has meant a big saving to the persons involved. The Blood Bank provides the blood, thus saving the patient both money and inconvenience, and then goes to the home town of the patient to pick up replacement blood.

A total of 60 North Dakota residents have received blood for surgery in this manner since April, 1951.

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NOTICE OF ALUMNI MEETINGS

New York: Saturday noon, February 20, 1954. Oak Room, Hotel Martinique (Bdwy. at 32nd St.) Robert S. Smith, Linden, N. J., in charge of arrangements.

Washington, D. C.: Monday, February 22, 1954, 6 p.m. National Press Club. Lawrence Slater, Carillon House, 500 Wisconsin Ave., Washington D. C., in charge of arrangements.

North Dakota definitely is not a "one medical family" state.

For in addition to the Doctors Leigh of Grand Forks, there are the Doctors Fawcett of Devils Lake and Starkweather.

Like the Leighs, the Fawcetts are strictly a product of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine.

A record in state and national medical history was established when all four brothers became members of the medical profession.

Three of the Fawcett brothers—Dr. John, Dr. Donald and Dr. Robert—are associated in

the practice of medicine in Devils Lake as members of the Lake Region clinic. The fourth, Dr. Newton, was with the clinic from 1934 until 1946, when he left to do general surgery in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The four are the sons of the late Dr. W. C. Fawcett, who came to Starkweather in 1902 and pioneered the practice of medicine as a real horse and buggy doctor.

Always active in state medical circles, the elder Dr. Fawcett was an ardent supporter of the University's School of Medicine—and he championed (Continued on Page Three)

Murrey Again Named to Head Advisory Board

W. W. Murrey of Fargo was re-elected president of the North Dakota Medical Center Advisory Board, at the group's annual meeting conducted on the University campus in January.

Dean Theodore H. Harwood of the School of Medicine was renamed secretary.

Others attending the session were Judge R. W. Sherman of Bismarck, representing the State Board of Administration; Dr. Archie D. McCannell of Minot, representing the State Board of Higher Education; Dr. Russell O. Saxvik of Jamestown, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane; and Harold D. Shaft of Grand Forks, representing the public. Murrey is the representative of labor on the board.

E. W. Olson, University business manager, reported on the status of Medical Center funds, while Dr. John C. West, University president, entertained the group at a luncheon in the Student Union.

Ready to Equip New Laboratories

Authorization to ask bids on basic laboratory equipment for installation in the all-but-complete \$600,000 addition to the Medical Science building addition has been given the School of Medicine by the State Board of Higher Education.

Laboratories to be equipped include biochemistry, complete equipment; anatomy, expanded facilities; physiology and pharmacology, extensive additions.

In addition, filing shelves in the library will be expanded to provide additional needed reading room space.

The building itself is all but complete, with finishing of minor details all that remains before final approval and acceptance by the architects.

A license to practice medicine in North Dakota has been granted Dean T. H. Harwood, head of the U Medical School.

High and Dry!

Young Medic Left Without Home Town

The School of Medicine is never prouder of the young men it starts out on a medical career than when, their training completed, they return to their own North Dakota home town to begin practicing.

But consider the plight of Dr. Herbert C. Winge, 1950 graduate, now completing a year's residency at Yankton, S. D.

Visiting the medical school, he reported that he would like nothing better than to go back to his old home town to practice—but he can't.

His home town is Van Hook, the site of which soon will be covered by reservoir waters backed up by Garrison dam. To practice there, he'd need one of those new atomic submarines.

He'll find some other N. D. spot, he indicated.

Plan Additions To Medic Staff

Additions planned to the School of Medicine faculty in the near future are linked with the increased service that the school is performing for residents of North Dakota under the Medical Center program.

These include a highly technical type of blood determination work being performed by the Department of Biochemistry and an increasing number of post mortems and tissue examinations by the Department of Pathology.

It is planned to add to the staffs of both departments, Dean T. H. Harwood said.

Towns without pathological equipment are getting direct service from the Medical Center through the tissue examination program. New hospitals in smaller communities without necessary funds to maintain pathological laboratories are able to get this important work performed at the University.

1st 9 of Medic Seniors Accepted for Transfer

Nine members of the School of Medicine Senior class already have been accepted for transfer to medical schools where they will complete the final two years of the medical school.

While there are 24 seniors in the class this year, Dean Theodore Harwood emphasized that it is still early for the transfer program. "Many schools do not accept transfer students until after the start of the spring semester," he said.

"We have had no difficulty in transferring students since our school received full accrediting by all of the leading medical organizations," Dean Harwood said.

Of the students accepted for

transfer, William A. Beck of Corvuso, Minn., and Erwin L. Samuelson of West Fargo will go to Temple University in Philadelphia; Jack R. Lees, of Fargo, Alvin J. Reisch of Van Hook and Mervin W. Campbell of Mylo will go to Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Hugh D. Thorfinnson of Lisbon and Robert W. Tuttle of Grand Forks will finish at the University of Illinois, Urbana; Albert D. Samuelson of Turtle Lake will go to the University of Cincinnati; and Walter B. Eidbo of Jamestown will take his clinical work at the University of Chicago.

Word on additional transfers is expected soon.

Med Tech Course Going Strong

A notable start has been made by the still young and growing medical technician program, reports Dr. Robert G. Fischer, associate professor of bacteriology, who is in charge of the work.

Started in 1949, the program had its first graduating class last June. Of the seven graduates, Dr. Fischer said, five are employed in clinics and hospitals in North Dakota.

Thirty-four students currently are enrolled in the course, including 17 freshmen.

A survey conducted by Dr. Fischer indicated that, at present, 11 per cent of the technicians now working in North Dakota were trained in this state. Most of the others received their training in Minnesota.

The survey indicated that 63 per cent of the clinics and 64 per cent of the hospitals in North Dakota required the services of fully-trained, registered technicians.

Three of last June's graduates were men, Dr. Fischer said, stressing the point that the field is becoming recognized more and more as a high grade career for men. The three remained in North Dakota, he said, declaring that salaries paid technicians in this state compare favorably with those offered in most sections of the United States.

AT VA CENTER

Dr. Alden W. Squires, '30, is with the Veterans Administration medical center at Tagus, Maine.

Rare Bird!

Here's Booster For N.D.-Style Winter Weather

The temperature outside was down around 30 below, and you wouldn't expect anyone to be boosting North Dakota's winter climate—but Dean Theodore Harwood insisted he didn't mind it at all.

In fact, he declared, things are better here at this farthest-north U. S. medical school than at Burlington, Vermont, where he was assistant dean at the University of Vermont School of Medicine before coming here last fall.

The dean avers (1) there are many more sunny days here than in Vermont and (2) the damp, chill cold at around zero in New England is more uncomfortable than the below-zero variety here.

So the weather isn't likely to scare the new dean away.

Medical History For N. D. Made By Drs. Fawcett

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its cause through some precarious periods in its existence.

His particular interest was maintenance of the school's Class A rating. When it was in imminent danger of losing this rating in 1937, he was delegated as a special representative of the North Dakota Medical Association to appear before the American Medical Association in its behalf. His plea at the Atlantic City convention cleared away the immediate barriers to accreditation.

Largely through the efforts of Dr. Fawcett and Dr. H. E. French, the school kept its accrediting through the difficult depression years and set the stage for its later gains under the Medical Center program.

The senior Doctor Fawcett took great pride in the fact that all four of his sons took their first two years of medicine at North Dakota and then returned to North Dakota to enter practice. Most of them spent the first year or so of their practice with their father at Starkweather, before moving on to the Devils Lake clinic.

It was another source of satisfaction to their father that all four of his sons followed his profession, but he often explained that he had played no part in influencing their decision, that it was entirely of their own choosing.

Dr. John C. Fawcett, the first to finish at UND, obtained his bachelor of science in medicine degree here in 1927. Dr. Newton followed in 1930, and Dr. Donald in 1934 and Dr. Robert in 1938. The three older brothers finished their medical education at Northwestern University, while Dr. Robert completed his medical course at the University of Pennsylvania.

Like their father, who died in 1942, all remain ardent boosters of the University of North Dakota and its School of Medicine.

Dr. H. S. Cersonsky, '49, Williston, will soon complete his residency at Rochester, N. Y.

Must Add 4th Year Nurse Course by '55

The nurses training program at the University is expanding so rapidly that it will be necessary to develop a clinical program within the state of North Dakota by September, 1955.

That report was made by

Thousands Get Blood Bank Aid

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More than 3,000 blood samples have been collected through volunteer walk-in donor clinics in 35 communities of the state, and this work will be expanded in the coming year, Koons said.

In the past six months, such clinics have been held at Langdon, Harvey, Ashley, Rollette, Bowman, Kenmare, Cooperstown, Tioga, Crosby, and Larimore, with 492 donors contributing 457 whole blood units. During the same period, 810 whole blood units were collected from 881 donors at the central bank for a total of 1,267.

More donor clubs will be formed in rural areas in the near future—with teams from the Blood Bank traveling to the club's section to obtain the blood.

Establishment of a San Haven Blood Pool has proved successful and Dr. George L. Loeb, superintendent of the State Tuberculosis sanatorium has expressed his gratitude, the director said. By cross-matching bloods sent to San Haven, the sanatorium is assured of having blood available when needed, it was explained.

Approximately 2,000 units of dried plasma have been prepared for distribution for use free of charge in the state. Eighteen communities have obtained blood from the bank and 58 communities have plasma on hand for use of patients in their area.

In addition, the bank has served as a training center in blood bank techniques. Ten technicians have been trained in this work to date, including one from Indonesia.

Miss Beatrice Horsey, director of the Division of Nursing Education, to the Medical Center Advisory Board at its January meeting.

Miss Horsey reported that four seniors in the course now are receiving final clinical training at the University of Minnesota. Eight juniors now are in clinical work at the Deaconess Hospital, and it is possible that Minnesota might find room to accept them for senior clinical work.

However, for the 27 sophomore nursing enrollees now doing basic work on the campus and learning general nursing arts at the Deaconess, and for the 21 freshmen enrolled in the course, clinical facilities in North Dakota will have to be developed.

The fourth year clinical work consists of training as psychiatric nurses and in public health work. Much of the psychiatric program, it is hoped, can be conducted at the Jamestown and Grafton hospitals. Dr. Russell Saxvik, superintendent of the Jamestown hospital, pointed to the great need for nurses trained in psychiatric work in North Dakota in indicating co-operation of his institution in the program.

Research Projects Being Conducted

All of the many and varied research projects being conducted by staff members of the School of Medicine are progressing normally, Dean Theodore Harwood reports.

Explaining the philosophy behind the research program, the dean explained that the school maintains a proper balance between its teaching program and research.

"All good teachers want to do research, considering it largely in the nature of a hobby or avocation," he said.

WITH U. S. ARMY

Dr. Harris Hanson, '49, who completed his M.D. degree at Loyola in 1950, has joined the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army.

Vacancies Still Remain in 54 Starting Class

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Dean Harwood urges such students to contact him at once.

The dean emphasized, however, that all students accepted "simply must meet the prescribed scholastic standards."

Requirements for medical school at the U are three years of pre-medical work including chemistry, two years of foreign language, 10 credit hours of algebra, a year of physics and two years of biology.

The dean suggested prospective students fill in their schedule with liberal arts courses such as literature, political science, psychology and social science.

When a student has made formal application for medical school his grades are reviewed and he takes the medical college admissions test after which he is interviewed by the admissions committee which makes the final decision.

Honesty and sound moral standards are the most important qualifications for prospective doctors, the dean added.

The dean emphasized his interest in bringing North Dakota boys and medical education together. He stated the only thing that matters is if a boy is alert, intelligent and using a down to earth approach. He frowns on the plain emotional appeal to medicine.

It takes intellectual desire rather than emotional desire to successfully complete the tough medical course.

Dr. Harwood advises high school students thinking about medical school later to learn good study habits and study for the sake of learning rather than just for grades.

There is more opportunity now for medical school than in the early post-war years now that the excess of applicants is ended.

AT COUNCIL SESSION

Miss Beatrice Horsey, head of the division of Nursing Education, attended sessions of the advisory council of the American Association in New York City. A member of the advisory council, Miss Horsey is president of the North Dakota Nurses Association.

Stress Clinical Needs For Expansion at UND

As charting of the future growth and development of the UND School of Medicine progresses, officials point to the great amount of work that remains to be done in the field of clinical facilities, materials and opportunities.

The needs are three-fold:

(1) Patients for teaching purposes.

(2) An internship program.

(3) A residency program.

Teaching beds in hospitals and institutions of the state are vital, if medical students are to receive proper training in doctor-patient relationships and if clinical training is to be added to the pre-clinical work now provided at the University. No teaching beds are available in the state at present.

Name Dr. Cardy Demonstrator At AMA Session

Dr. James D. Cardy, head of the Department of Pathology, has been invited to join the list of "big name demonstrators" at the annual convention of the American Medical Association in San Francisco June 21 to 25.

Dr. Cardy has been asked by the chairman of the convention pathology section to arrange an exhibit of fresh tissue specimen.

Such guest exhibitors prepare and set up exhibits for one day, and then explain the exhibit and answer questions throughout the day. The project is planned to enhance the post-graduate education of the several hundred doctors who annually attend the convention.

"Big name demonstrators" is the official designation of the feature.

This is the first time that North Dakota has been honored with such an assignment, and alumni of the University medical school are urged to contact Dr. Cardy during the sessions.

Internships must be developed, if proper continuity to the students' training is to be provided. A small start has been made on such a program in North Dakota hospitals.

Residencies, in which young doctors, who have completed their internships, spend two to three years in postgraduate work as full-time members of hospital staffs, probably form the most important need.

Resident physicians have proved invaluable in teaching medical students hospital and patient procedures. Busy practitioners can spend too little time at hospitals to give students the close supervision necessary to this training and which the resident doctor can perform.

It is hoped, members of the medical staff declare, that such a clinical program can be developed throughout the state.

It was pointed out that patients available for teaching purposes never, under any situation, become guinea pigs. "The doctor performs all necessary ministrations," it was emphasized. "Students merely get the benefit of first hand examinations, observations and diagnosis."

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Has Busy Program:

Dean French Spends Vacation in Hawaii

Dean Emeritus Harley E. French arrived at John Rogers Airport, Honolulu, Hawaii, January 8, after an airline trip from San Francisco. He plans to spend the next two months in Hawaii, visiting relatives and graduates of the University and its medical school.

Meeting Dean French at the airport were Dr. Robert Katsuki, UND medic graduate (1933); Mrs. Faith Ishii, neice of Dr. A. K. Saiki, University professor of pathology; and Mrs. Wong, sister of Dr. Thomas M. Mar, another U medic graduate (1943).

Almost all North Dakota graduates now practicing medicine in Hawaii attended a dinner given in Dean French's honor in Honolulu. Taking part in the program were Dr. Min Hin Li, '20; Dr. Clarence M. Burgess, '30; Dr. Sanford

Katsuki, '27; and Dr. David Katsuki, '26.

Dean French visited at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu with Gregg M. Sinclair, president of the University and a former resident of St. Thomas, N. D., and Joseph M. Skorpen, Hawaii U treasurer and a UND graduate.

The dean was shown the huge research laboratories and the experimental fields of the Pineapple Research Institute by Dr. J. L. Collins, assistant director of the institute.

For the next month, Dean French will visit his brother-in-law, Paul H. Townsley, business manager of the Lihui sugar plantation on the island of Kauai.

Following that, he will spend three to four weeks as the guest of the family of Dr. Thomas Mar at Hana on the island of Maui.

Indonesian Gets Training at U

Soekra Soeriadarma, sent to the United States by the Red Cross of Indonesia and the health department of that nation, completed his three-month training in blood and plasma techniques at the State Blood Bank here January 2.

Sponsored by the Foreign

Operations Administration of the U. S. State Department's Point Four program, Soeriadarma plans to return to Indonesia to set up a plasma drying plant.

North Dakota was selected for his training by the American Red Cross because the plasma program fits that which he hopes to establish in his homeland. Six widely scattered blood programs now serve the 70 million Indonesians. He indicated that he felt that his training here, which included observation of donor clinics, was entirely adequate.

The American Red Cross has indicated that two medical men, one from Turkey and one from India, will be sent to Grand Forks in the spring to observe blood bank procedures.

CONTRIBUTE TO LIBRARY

Recent contributions to the Medical School library came from Dr. L. R. Parson and Dr. Lillian Bendeke Parson, both '19, of Elbow Lake, Minn., and Dr. Fred E. Kolb, '33, of Calumet, Minn.

OPENS OFFICE

Dr. Paul W. Nordquist, '41, recently completed a residency in surgery and opened an office at Redwood City, Calif.