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# Emergency funding eases School of Medicine plight

The School of Medicine at the Health Sciences Center has won a reprieve from financial crisis.

With the promise of half a million dollars from the Legislative Emergency Board, the School will be able to retain certain basic programs that otherwise would have gone under the knife.

The School of Medicine went to the Emergency Board in Salem on July 27 seeking \$750,000 in state general funds to ease the School's projected deficit of nearly \$1 million.

Although the board turned down the full request, it did reserve \$500,000 in the Special Emergency Fund for Student Aid or Equipment to help the School through its fiscal plight. "That, in my estimation, is solid dollars," said M. Ronald Parelius, HSC's acting vice president for administration and finance.

At the same time, the board asked the Oregon State System of Higher Education to identify any of its own funds that could be used to help the School.

"So," said Mr. Parelius, "what they're really telling us (the OSSHE and School of Medicine) is, 'We've set aside \$500,000, which you can have if you need it, but first you've got to look to your own resources and

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utilize those to the extent that you can."

To Dr. M. Roberts Grover, acting dean of the School of Medicine, "It appears that we have a potential short-range solution to the fiscal problem. We look forward to getting a permanent solution during the 1979 legislative session, which will be acting on our 1979-81 budget request."

Already, the School has solved part of its \$990,000 deficit problem by imposing

budget cuts throughout its departments to the tune of \$240,000.

The Emergency Board's recommendation for funding will save the School from having to increase the cut in departmental budgets to a hefty 10 per cent. Such a cut would have "significantly affected" the School's educational programs, Dr. Grover believes.

Assigning six students to each cadaver in anatomy class (the current number is four) and discontinuing the animal surgery course for senior medical students are examples of what would have ensued. Further, pointed out Dr. Grover, such curtailment would have increased the possibility of resignation of department chairmen and other key faculty.

He hopes he can provide some relief from the current self-imposed cuts, now at 6 per cent, during 1978-79.

Also rescued by the Emergency Board decision was the School's Child Psychiatric Day Treatment Center, which would have had to be eliminated or drastically curtailed. However, in the face of the fiscal shortage, the School of Medicine will probably have to renege on commitments to the departments of medicine and clinical pathology. Although the School considers the commitments "part of the maintenance of our basic program," the Emergency Board viewed them as "program improvements" and therefore not essential. Cutting out the commitments will salvage \$160,000.

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In his presentation to the Emergency Board, Dr. Richard T. Jones, acting president of the Health Sciences Center, stated, "We are in a serious financial situation which has been developing for several years. I believe the quality and effectiveness of our programs are being eroded significantly. Symptomatic of this, in my opinion, is the exodus of four of the top executives of the Health Sciences Center in a little over one year's time."

Forcing the School of Medicine into financial straits have been several anticipated rev-(continued on page 4)

# Shriners Hospital would make a welcome addition

It's hard to tell which institution will benefit more if the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland relocates at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center.

The Shriners Hospital will have easy access to the array of facilities, services and expertise that only a major university medical center can offer.

The Health Sciences Center, meanwhile, will enjoy an important addition to its programs of medical care, education and research.

In keeping with changing trends and times, the Shriners are planning to erect a new \$6.5 million, 40-bed facility at the Health Sciences Center.

"I'm pleased that they're interested in locating the Shriners Hospital on the campus," said Dr. M. Roberts Grover, acting dean of the School of Medicine. "It makes it possible for us to develop even closer cooperative arto contain up to 20,000 square feet of research space.

Dr. Grover added, "The greater volume of services done by the University Hospital (in connection with the Shriners Hospital) will result in reduced unit costs for patrons of the Health Sciences Center."

Ever since the Portland Shriners Hospital was built 54 years ago, it has had a sharing relationship with the Health Sciences Center. Introducing that cooperative spirit was Dr. Richard B. Dillehunt, dean of the U of O Medical School from 1920 to 1943 and the first chief surgeon at the Shriners Hospital.

HSC's residents in orthopedic surgery spend one-fourth of their training time at the Shriners Hospital. Faculty members from anesthesiology, child psychiatry and orthopedics provide service at the hospital, and others from HSC also participate.

Dr. William Snell, head of HSC's division of



rangements with this fine institution."

As planned, the new hospital will use a number of the support services of University Hospital. These include clinical and pathology laboratories, laundry, pharmacy, respiratory therapy, engineering and occupational therapy.

If the circumstances arise, Shriners Hospital patients may be treated in operating rooms or special-care units of University Hospital. Diagnostic procedures of the University also are to be available to the young patients, who will be able to be transported directly via a connector between the new hospital and University Hospital North.

"The close proximity of the new facility will allow us to improve our educational program and health care research," said Dr. Grover. Students will have the opportunity to follow the clinical care of the Shriners patients on a daily basis.

Both students and faculty will be able to take advantage of the new hospital's research and care programs—the hospital is expected orthopedics and rehabilitation, is one faculty member who's "delighted" with the Shriners Hospital's proposed move to Marquam Hill.

Not only will the orthopedic faculty be able to visit the hospital more frequently and easily, Dr. Snell noted, but students in orthopedics will probably have more contact with the hospital.

Also enthusiastic about the new Shriners Hospital is Dr. Robert Neerhout, chairman of the department of pediatrics. He sees the benefits reaching beyond those of students and faculty in orthopedics and pediatrics.

"I think it will be an asset to the entire Center, including, potentially, nursing and dentistry," Dr. Neerhout said. "There are broad possibilities for the affiliation of a variety of the Center's training programs with the Shriners Hospital."

Over the years, the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children at NE Sandy Boulevard and 82nd Avenue has aided more than 20,000 youngsters.

However, the structure is now outmoded

and will not meet future hospital building codes, according to David O. Johnson, chairman of the Shriners Hospital building committee.

"Furthermore," said Dr. Donald Kassebaum, HSC's vice president for hospital affairs, "handling more complicated conditions and undertaking more extensive surgical procedures require juxtaposition to an acute, full-service medical center."

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Since it opened in 1924, the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland has helped thousands of youngsters like 4-year-old Nikola, who is being treated for a clubfoot. The hospital provides diagnostic services; surgery; application of casts; braces and artificial limbs; X-rays; physical therapy, and outpatient treatment. Supported entirely by the Shriners, the hospital helps crippled children ranging in age from birth to 15 years whose parents cannot afford to pay for treatment. The Shriners Hospital has had a cooperative relationship with the Health Sciences Center for over 50 years. The sun was out and so were the art lovers when the Sam Jackson Crafty Art and Buffalo Grass Society held its annual art sale and show. A total of 368 paintings were sold at the July 30 event on the Health Science's Center campus. A watercolorists' group connected with HSC, the Buffalo Grass Society each year donates a portion of the sale proceeds to the Center's Student Loan Fund.

### Nursing alumni get call for help

Alumni of the Health Sciences Center's School of Nursing are being asked to give a shot in the arm to their alum association and their alma mater.

Nursing alumni have received letters requesting their financial support for the School of Nursing Alumni Association and for a new Nursing Research Fund in the School. So far, the response has been excellent, said Jean Bates, president of the alumni group.

Sponsored by the nursing alumni association, the Nursing Research Fund will fulfill a vital need, pointed out Carol Lindeman, dean of the School of Nursing.

"Faculty and students involved in research would address issues of health care delivery such as cost, utilization of nursing personnel and distribution of services," Dr. Lindeman noted. "They would also investigate issues of nursing practice such as patient education, maternal attachment and post-surgical recovery.

"Alumni would benefit by being able to acquire this knowledge through continuingeducation programs. Oregonians would benefit from improved nursing practice."

The School of Nursing has appropriated funds to enlarge the scope of the alumni association's activities. In addition to the research fund, alums may designate donations for other alumni association projects—the Nursing Library Fund, Student Activities Building, and Dean's Discretionary Fund.

Anyone wishing to contribute may contact the alumni office.



# HSC hospital left a good impression

"We are not here to pass out bouquets and so forth; we are here to tell you the errors that we have observed, which we feel will help you to be a better hospital. But we do want to say in general that we are very impressed with what you are doing here...."

That is part of what the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals had to say after its inspection July 12-14 of University Hospital.

Although it probably will be late September or early October before the Health Sciences Center receives the commission's final decision, Dr. Michael Baird, director of medical services, said he is confident that accreditation will be given.

"There were practically no major deficiencies found," Dr. Baird said of the three-person team's survey of University Hospital. Most of the recommendations call for minor modifications of facilities or for improved reporting methods.

Incomplete requisitions for X-rays, an improper door on a laundry chute, and a notquite-perfect level of humidity in the surgical unit were among the areas that the survey team suggested need shaping up.

"They did a good job; they were attentive," said Dr. Baird. "I'm not sure I agree with everything they said, but I feel that they gave a thoughtful and considerate site visit."

Dr. Donald Kassebaum, vice president for hospital affairs, said, "The Joint Commission and the hospital have a mutual concern for the quality of patient care and for the quality of the hospital operation. The survey visit tells us how well we measure up to the standards of quality." Maintaining high standards of medical care is the goal of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, a private, voluntary, national organization. It is composed of members of the American College of Surgeons, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians.

While it is not required by law that a hospital be accredited, health care facilities have sought accreditation because it represents a benchmark of quality that is higher than governmental licensure alone.

Reimbursement by federal insurance pages grams requires that a hospital meet basic accreditation standards.

Dr. Baird noted that University Hospital hopes to receive a two-year accreditation, which it was granted in 1976.



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Richard T. Jones, M.D., Ph.D.,

## Keller legacy includes new health program

Ira C. Keller died last April, but his support of the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center is still very much alive.

Mr. Keller served as the first chairman of the Center's Advisory Council from 1975 to 1977 and as chairman emeritus until his death at age 79 on April 29.

Now, thanks to gifts and pledges from Mr. Keller and his widow, Lauretta Taylor Keller, a program on reproductive health will be established at the Health Sciences Center. The program will be funded by a grant of \$500,000 over the next five years from the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon.

"Ira Keller's contributions to the Health Sciences Center were great," said Dr. Richard T. Jones, acting president of the Center. "He was a staunch advocate of this institution and its quest for excellence in all its programs. We will miss him." care during pregnancy, and sexuality counseling.

"We expect that this new program in reproductive health will provide better access for Oregonians to family planning services," said Dr. Jones. "The School of Medicine's department of obstetrics and gynecology, chaired by Dr. Leon Speroff, hopes to develop the concept of regional care in the area of reproductive health to successfully complement the five-year-old regional care system for perinatal medicine."

According to Dr. Speroff, the existing perinatal care system has been very effective in coordinating care for mothers and infants



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The University of Oregon Health Sciences Center is an equal opportunity institution in the provision of employment and student services without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, and mental or physical handicap. Besides serving as founding chairman of the Advisory Council and helping establish the Keller Institute of Oregon Program for Reproductive Health, Mr. Keller helped evaluate and restructure fiscal systems of the Center, was the first Center representative on the Portland Council of Teaching Hospitals, and was active in his support of the replacement on Marquam Hill of the Veterans Hospital. He was a leader in Portland business and civic affairs.

The Keller grant for reproductive health will allow the Health Sciences Center to organize an interdisciplinary teaching program for medical and nursing students as well as a statewide educational and research program. The statewide program is for those involved in a regional network of providing reproductive health services such as family planning, at risk or in life-threatening situations.

The new program, Dr. Speroff explained, will build on the community foundation that already exists for the perinatal care system and will emphasize education and research in the areas of population medicine, fertility control and human sexuality.

"We need to prepare our future physicians and nurses, as well as current health practitioners and those working in family planning facilities, to help Oregonians of all ages—from teenagers through those in the middle ages and including our senior citizens—who have problems in birth control or sexuality," he said.

For example, Dr. Speroff pointed out that there are no coordinated education programs for the people working in family planning facilities around the state; that community physicians have not been trained in how to use public health services; and that effective interrelationships among agencies, schools and clinics have not been established.

Objectives for the first year include offering



IRA C. KELLER first chairman of Advisory Council

an elective course on "Reproductive Health and Population Problems" to medical and nursing students; assessing current continuing-education offerings for community physicians (the same procedure later would be applied to family planning clinic workers, maternal health care providers, school health eduction instructors and other related workers); assessing reproductive health services that now exist in the state; and developing grant proposals to meet the needs identified in the two assessment phases.

Mr. Keller's family suggests that remembrances be contributions to the Keller Institute of Oregon Program for Reproductive Health or to the Oregon Graduate Center.

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# Schools join forces for first combined commencement

The big event for hundreds of Health Sciences Center students—commencement was especially big this year.

For the first time, the Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Dentistry came together for a combined commencement ceremony.

About 500 students received degrees or certificates in the June 9 ceremony at Portland's Memorial Coliseum.

Previously, each school in HSC held separate commencement ceremonies, or occasionally the Schools of Medicine and Nursing had a combined commencement.

Dr. Richard T. Jones, HSC acting president,

conferred all degrees and certificates.

A total of 186 students received bachelor of science nursing degrees, 113 earned doctor of medicine degrees, and 78 received doctor of dental medicine degrees.

Forty-three students received bachelor of science degrees in medical technology; 30, bachelor of science degrees in dental hygiene; 16, master of nursing degrees; and 15, graduate certificates in dentistry.

Eight students received master of science degrees and six earned doctor of philosophy degrees from the School of Medicine.

The ceremony marked the School of

Medicine's 91st commencement, the School of Dentistry's 86th, and the School of Nursing's 34th.

Dr. Maureen M. Henderson, assistant vice president for health sciences, University of Washington, delivered the commencement address, "The Health Center Alumnus."

Recipient of the top honor for School of Medicine students was M.D. graduate Michael Stadius.

He received the coveted Edward S. Hayes Gold Headed Cane Award as the graduate who will "forever epitomize and uphold the traditions of the true physician."

Larry Hancock received the highest honor presented to a graduating dental student, the Alpha Omega Scholarship Award. It is presented to the senior who attains the highest scholastic average in four years of dental study.

Beverly Jones received the top School of Nursing honor, the Golden Lamp Award, presented in recognition of scholastic achievement, leadership, devoted service, innovative contributions, and humanitarian ideals.

The Dr. Allan J. Hill Teaching Award, given annually to two members of the full-time School of Medicine faculty, went to Dr. Anthony E. Gallo, professor of neurosurgery, in clinical science, and Dr. Vaughn Critchlow, chairman, department of anatomy, in basic science. Dr. Gallo received the award for the second year in a row.

Dr. Kenneth Melvin, associate professor of

In a jubilant mood as they get ready for the commencement ceremony are nursing graduates Molly Marcum, left, and Jan Nicholson. medicine, received the Oliver M. Nisbet Teaching Award for outstanding teaching by a volunteer faculty member in the School of Medicine.

For the second year in a row, Dr. John McAnulty, assistant professor of cardiology, earned the David W. E. Baird Award. The award recognizes teaching excellence in a junior faculty member who has been with the institution less than five years. He also received the J. David Bristow Award, which also honors teaching excellence.

Drs. Gallo, Critchlow, Melvin and McAnulty each received a check for \$500, made possible through a \$40,000 grant to the School of Medicine by the directors of the Kaiser-Permanente Foundation Hospitals.

The Howard P. Lewis Award was presented to two senior residents for outstanding teaching: Drs. Daniel Elliott, internal medicine, and Larry Tice, neurosurgery. Each received \$125 from the School of Medicine Alumni Association.

Named to receive the School of Nursing's Teaching Award was Shelley Young, assistant professor of medical-surgical nursing. She received the award for the second time.

Recipients of the Outstanding Achievement in Teaching Awards in the School of Dentistry were Drs. J. Henry Clarke, director, division of behavioral sciences (who won the award previously for dental hygiene teaching); Frederick F. Cowan, chairman, department of pharmacology (for the 10th year); John E. Holt, associate professor of removable prosthodontics (for the second year); and Herbert B. Laffitte, chairman, department of periodontics.



DR. M. ROBERTS GROVER acting dean, School of Medicine

# Presidents' physician will speak to dentists

The woman who served as physician to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson will be the featured speaker at the School of Dentistry's

### Dr. Grover leads School of Medicine

Dr. M. Roberts Grover, associate dean of the School of Medicine at the Health Sciences Center since 1968, is serving as acting vice president of the University and acting dean of the School of Medicine.

"Dr. Grover's familiarity with all facets of the School's operation will provide continuity of leadership during the period in which a search for a permanent dean is being conducted," said Dr. Richard T. Jones, acting president of HSC.

The former dean, Dr. Robert S. Stone, left the Health Sciences Center at the end of June to become dean of the new School of Medicine at Texas A & M University, College Station. A graduate of Cornell University Medical School, Dr. Grover came to Oregon in 1954. He completed both internship and residency training in internal medicine as well as a master of science degree in neurophysiology at the HSC School of Medicine.

In 1958 he became assistant medical director of hospitals and clinics, a position he held until 1967. Dr. Grover served as program coordinator for the Oregon Regional Medical Program in 1967-68 and as director of continuing medical education from 1965 to 1976.

He has served on the advisory board of the Northwest Regional Library, on the Council on Medical Education for the Oregon Medical Association, and on the executive committee of the Oregon Regional Medical Program advisory board. Additionally, he was on the editorial board of Northwest Medicine from 1964 to 1973 and on the advisory board of the Mountain States Regional Medical Program from 1967 to 1973. He also served on the board of trustees of the Multnomah County Medical Society from 1972 to 1976.

His main research and teaching interest is coping with stress. He teaches workshops on this topic to HSC students and their spouses as well as a wide variety of public groups.

# Search goes on for a new dean

About 100 nominations have poured in from all over in response to the Health Sciences Center's quest for a new dean of the School of Medicine.

Appointed in early June, the Dean's Search Committee is involved in "a vigorous national search for the best-qualified candidates, whether they're inside or outside the institution," said Dr. James Shore, chairman of the committee.

The committee expects to identify formal



Alumni Days '78 in September. Dr. Janet Travell will speak on ''Head Pain Referred from Myofascial Trigger Points'' during the Sept. 28-29 event in Portland.

Recognized as an outstanding scholar from her early days, Dr. Travell graduated in 1922 from Wellesley College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Four years later she graduated first in her class from Cornell University Medical College.

Her postgraduate study in the New York area was concentrated in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, neurology and pharmacology.

During her appointment as physician to the President of the United States, Dr. Travell served John F. Kennedy until his death in 1963 and Lyndon Johnson until April 1965.

Also featured on the Alumni Days agenda will be a Portland art tour, class reunions, a banquet and awards. The event will be at the Sheraton Portland Hotel.

Reservations are due Sept. 8 and may be made through the alumni office.

M. Ronald Parelius, acting vice president, administration and finance

### Parelius managing money matters

Handling the Health Sciences Center's money matters is M. Ronald Parelius, who has been appointed acting vice president for administration and finance.

Mr. Parelius, assistant vice president for business services, has assumed on an interim basis the duties of Robert A. Peterson, who left to become vice president for administrative services at the University of Arizona.

A search will be conducted for a permanent replacement for Mr. Peterson after Dr. Leonard Laster, the new HSC president, assumes his duties Sept. 1.

Mr. Parelius, who has served in various posts at HSC since 1960, is a 1953 graduate

of the University of Oregon. He holds a master of science degree from New York University, was graduated from Northwestern College of Law in Portland, and is a member of the Oregon State Bar.

Of his interim job, Mr. Parelius said: "I am enjoying the opportunity of working with the organizations outside the Health Sciences Center, such as the State Board of Higher Education and the Advisory Council.

"It's a day-to-day learning experience.... It opens your eyes to the broader policy issues of the institution, which you cannot see really clearly until you have to function at the vice presidential level." candidates for the deanship in September.

"We want someone who has the leadership skills and the flexibility to see the unique needs of this institution," Dr. Shore said of the future dean. "And we want someone who has the capacity to do two things—be a strong dean of the School of Medicine, and at the same time be capable of collaborating with the management team of the executive staff. It's asking a lot," he added with a smile, "to get all that!"

The Dean's Search Committee has been kept busy lately with talking to key people at HSC about the role of the new dean and communicating with potential candidates.

Dr. Shore is professor and chairman of the department of psychiatry. Serving with him on the committee are Drs. Robert Koler, Stephen LaFranchi, Jules Hallum, J. Job Faber, Frances Storrs, Margaret Berroth, Frank Yatsu and John R. Campbell, all of the School of Medicine; Dr. Gordon Grout, alumnus and volunteer faculty member; and Anne Goulart, senior medical student.

# Dr. Holman remembered for wisdom

"His wisdom was based on the fundamental idea that you have to do what's right—not what is easy and expedient—and that you have to be honest and treat people fairly and with respect. For most of us this idea is easily said and very difficult to practice. Charles was one of the few people I have ever met who consistently practiced this dictum even during the most trying times."

Those words were spoken by Dr. M. Roberts Grover at the funeral of Dr. Charles N. Holman, former dean of the School of Medicine at the Health Sciences Center, who died April 13 at the age of 69.



Dr. Holman's retirement as dean concluded a 36-year career at the Center, where he served as dean of the School of Medicine from 1968 to 1975. Dr. Grover, acting dean of the School, had been one of his long-time associates.

During Dean Holman's leadership, a number of new programs and services were established at HSC including a residency in family practice, the Oregon Eye Bank, the Oregon Kidney Donor Program, the Rosenfeld Center for the Study and Treatment of Child Abuse, and the Perinatal Emergency Transport System. Also, the School of Nursing



DR. CHARLES N. HOLMAN former dean, School of Medicine

RUTH E. MERCER former director, dietetic internship program

Newsmakers

Dr. William E. Connor, professor of medicine in the divisions of cardiology and metabolism-nutrition at the Health Sciences Center, has been elected president of the American Society for Clinical Nutrition. Members strive to define the role of nutrition as an integral aspect of health. Dr. Connor also serves as director of HSC's Lipid Arteriosclerosis Research Laboratory.

Two HSC staff members have been elected to office in the American Nurses Association. *Dr. Carol Lindeman*, professor of nursing and dean of the School of Nursing, was named to the board of directors. Selected as secretary was *Peggy Quan*, a registered nurse with the Student Health Service. Brenda Penner, a certified nurse-midwife at the Health Sciences Center, has been appointed treasurer of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. An assistant professor of maternity nursing, she is one of two registered nurses at HSC who are certified nursemidwives.

New president of the Health Sciences Center's Alumni Association is *Dr. J. Gordon Grout,* Portland physician and 1954 graduate of the School of Medicine. Other officers elected were *Drs. Richard A. Hodgson,* vice president; *Robert H. Gray,* treasurer, and *Curtis Holzgang,* secretary, all of Portland.

The four new regional vice presidents are Drs. Peggy J. Ferry, Nashville, Tenn.; Lynn A. Hamilton, Longview, Wash.; Richard P. Lewis, Columbus, Ohio; and Richard P. Tesoro, Mililanitown, Hawaii.

### All aboard for Russia excursion

Whether you'd prefer to watch Russian surgeons or Bolshoi ballerinas perform, you may be interested in a trip to Russia sponsored by the School of Medicine Alumni Association.

The eight-day excursion will be offered Dec. 5-13 for all alumni, faculty, students, colleagues and friends of the Health Sciences Center.

Departing from Portland International Air-

sightseeing and evening entertainment; a specially planned, day-long visit to Russian health care facilities; a trip between Moscow and Leningrad on a Russian railroad; visits to the Kremlin, beautiful St. Basil's Cathedral, and the Hermitage; and accommodations at a first-class hotel in each city, with full Russian-style meals.

Deadline for reservations is Sept. 15. Interested persons may contact Jeannette Goosreceived accreditation for both its bachelor's and master's programs, and Multnomah Hospital was transferred from the county to the School of Medicine.

Additions for both University Hospital North and University Hospital South were completed, and the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center, the Basic Science Classroom and Laboratory Building and a second parking structure were built.

A fourth-generation Oregonian, Dr. Holman took his pre-medical work at Oregon State University, which awarded him a Distinguished Service Award in 1974. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon in 1931 and his M.D. degree in 1936 from the School of Medicine, where he also completed his internship and residency.

Dr. Holman, a diplomate in the American Board of Internal Medicine and a fellow in the American College of Physicians, was active in numerous medical, hospital and allied-health societies and organizations. He served as president of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Association and the Oregon Association of Hospitals.

Dr. Holman is survived by his widow, Dorothy; three children; two brothers, and four grandchildren.

# Dietetic intern director dies

Ruth E. Mercer, 59, who had directed the Health Sciences Center's dietetic internship program since 1953, died July 19 in University Hospital.

A year ago Miss Mercer stepped down after 24 years as director of the food service and chief dietitian of the Center's University Hospital North to devote more time to the dietetic internship program, the only one of its kind in the Northwest. Applicants to the 12-month program come from throughout the United States.

Dr. Donald Kassebaum, HSC's vice president for hospital affairs, said, "Ruth Mercer's professional reputation was established as the director of the dietetic internship training program at the Health Sciences Center. But she will be remembered by countless staff physicians, house officers and nurses of the University Hospital for the quality of the menu and the hospitality of the cafeteria she managed for decades."

Born in Kansas, she was a graduate of the University of Kansas. She received her master's degree from Columbia University and completed her dietetic internship at Jewish Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y., where she worked following completion of her internship. She also had been head dietitian of the Dallas, Tex., City-County Hospital.

Miss Mercer was a member of and held various offices in the American, Oregon and Portland Dietetic Associations, the Food Service Executives Association, American Hospital Association, American Home Economics Association, Oregon Public Health Association, and Oregon Nutrition Council.

Friends have established the Ruth Mercer Memorial Fund for Dietetic Interns through

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enue deficiencies for the 1977-79 biennium, among them:

 reduction in funds for the support of medical education from the federal government (medical capitation grants);

—less income than predicted from professional fee earnings contributed by clinical faculty to the School of Medicine (Medical Education Improvement Fund);

 —less revenue from indirect costs paid by federal grants than expected; and

-reduction of the School of Medicine budget due to the under-funding of classified and academic positions as well as other payroll expenses.

Mr. Parelius and Dr. Grover will be occupied for quite a while with trying to balance the 1978-79 budget for the School of Medicine. In the meantime, they are pleased that the Emergency Board consented to help the School over its financial troubles.

"It was my impression that everyone there agreed that we had a difficult fiscal problem," said Dr. Grover, "and that we should not take any further cuts in our program, for which I'm grateful."

Said Mr. Parelius, "I think we turned a corner in our relationship (with the legislature), because I believe they understood our concern for the basic program in the School and understood that we had done everything we reasonably could to address the budgetary problem ourselves."

He continued, "From my standpoint, it was a positive E-Board meeting. The problems of the School of Medicine were discussed in considerable detail, and the under-funding problems of the School were fairly and squarely addressed."

#### Shriners Hospital

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The proposed move reflects the national Shriners' policy of locating crippled children's hospitals in close proximity to university medical centers, where basic research on crippling diseases and deformities of children can best be carried out.

According to Dr. Paul Campbell, chief surgeon at the Portland Shriners Hospital and a volunteer faculty member at HSC, "The Shriners Hospital in its present situation is isolated and in an obsolescent structure that makes it difficult to give the top-notch care we're dedicated to providing for the children. So a new facility is needed, in a medical center."

Plans call for the demolition of Katherine Hall, located just below University Hospital North, to make way for the new structure.

An application for certificate of need has been forwarded to state health planners. If the application is approved, the hospital is expected to be completed at the Center by 1981.

The City of Portland Planning Bureau is reviewing the application for a conditional use permit to allow construction.

Among the organizations that already have given the Shriners their approval is the planning committee of the Homestead Neighborhood Association on Marquam Hill. At a meeting in June, the committee voted to recommend that the association approve the Shriners Hospital plans as proposed.

port, the round-trip excursion costs only \$879, which includes hotel (double occupancy), meals, sightseeing and transportation. Highlights of the trip will be shopping,

### Library gets a name

There's something new outside the department of neurology's library—a handsome bronze plaque that reads, "The Roy L. Swank, M.D., Ph.D., Library and Conference Room."

The library was dedicated in May in honor of Dr. Swank, professor emeritus, who headed the division of neurology from 1954 to 1974. The room in Mackenzie Hall is right across the corridor from where he spent years doing research in multiple sclerosis.

In the late 1960s, Dr. Swank and his wife established the Roy and Eulalia Swank Fund for Neurological Research in the neurology department. The fund receives their ongoing financial support. tree in the alumni office.

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