
Medical School

Medic Association History

The history of Alumni Association of the School of Medicine dates back to November 17, 1938, when graduates of the School of Medicine met at a dinner and formed an Alumni Association of the School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma. Dr. J. T. Phelps of El Reno was elected president, Ralph McGill of Tulsa, vice president, and Robert H. Akin of Oklahoma City, secretary-treasurer.

This organization maintained a very active function until war-time conditions made this virtually impossible, so that during 1943, 1944 and 1945 the Alumni Association did not hold regular meetings. During this period, however, all of the alumni serving in the military forces were furnished with monthly issues of the State Medical Journal and "Medical School News" was directed toward keeping them abreast of developments in their alma mater.

Today, with dozens of medical men returning to civilian life from the armed forces, the Association is launching its new programs. Special projects will be stressed and a regular schedule of meetings are underway. The Association is this year under the leadership of Dr. Lee K. Emenheiser, president, and Dr. John H. Lamb, secretary-treasurer, assisted by ten district counsellors.

Fund for the Advancement Of Medical Science

Recently the officials of the School of Medicine Alumni Association announced their plans for securing gifts for the Fund for the Advancement of Medical Science. In a letter addressed to more than 1500 physicians and surgeons of the state of Oklahoma and many O. U. graduates scattered throughout the world, the president of the O. U. Medical Alumni, Dr. Lee K. Emenheiser, and the secretary, Dr. John H. Lamb, outlined the needs for gifts and bequests to this worthy cause and the manner in which the gifts may be supplied to this important field of work. Their announcement in part was as follows:

The School of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association with the aid of the endowment committee of the School of Medicine and the State Medical Association have established the Fund for the Advancement of Medical Sciences in Oklahoma. This fund has been set up to accept endowments and grants for the School of Medicine for general improvement of the educational and research programs of the school or restricted for medical research in specific problems.

Building needs include a \$400,000 Research Institute with \$100,000 worth of cancer research equipment, a \$250,000 medical library, a \$400,000 student union for medical students and \$150,000 for radium.

Endowments or annual gifts are needed for special chairs and lectureships in such fields as: institute directorship, physical medicine, psychosomatic medicine, experimental medicine and experimental surgery, ranging in cost from \$5000 to \$10,000 per year.

A gift of \$900 to \$1,500 will furnish a hospital room, and \$30,000 to \$50,000 will endow a hospital room.

Gifts of \$300 to \$500 are needed for medical student scholarships. Fellowships, ranging in cost from \$1,800 to \$2,400 a year are needed by fifteen different departments in the Medical School and University Hospitals.

The Fund for the Advancement of Medical Sciences in Oklahoma will be administered by a board which will be composed of faculty members, including the dean, the officers and members of the council of the Oklahoma University Medical Alumni Association, representatives of the Oklahoma State

Medical Association, the Oklahoma State Nurses Association and several lay members.

All grants and endowment funds will be held in trust by the University of Oklahoma Foundation.

The University of Oklahoma Foundation is independent of the University. In no event may its funds or resources be used in such a way as to decrease the financial responsibility of the State Legislature for maintaining the regular functions of the institution.

There are three ex-officio trustees: the president of the University (George Lynn Cross); the president of the Alumni Association (now George D. Hann, Ardmore); and the president of the University Dads' Association (now Norman Brillhart, Madill).

The other trustees, a minimum of eight in addition to the ex-officio members, will be elected by donors to the Foundation as soon as there is a sufficient list of contributors. Donors of \$100 or more receive voting certificates entitling them to vote in the election of trustees. This insures that



Dr. W. Langston, acting dean, School of Medicine, O. U.

donors will have a voice in the proper investment and disposition of the resources of the Foundation.

Temporary officers of the Foundation, who were elected to serve until the full board of trustees can elect permanent officers, are: George Lynn Cross, acting president; J. L. Lindsey, acting treasurer; and Roscoe Cate, acting secretary. Room 112, Administration Building on the campus has been designated as the Foundation Office. Complete copies of the trust declaration are available to any prospective donor or his banker, attorney or tax counselor.

The council of the Oklahoma State Medical Association has endorsed this program and the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine Alumni Association already has raised \$2,000 for a nationally-known company to make a survey and aid the board in a campaign to raise the money for the Fund for the Advancement of Medical Sciences in Oklahoma.

In order to make a gift to the Fund, write a check payable to the University of Oklahoma Foundation Fund for the Advancement of Medical Sciences in Oklahoma. Mail to Roscoe Cate, acting

secretary of the Foundation, University of Oklahoma, Norman. This donation will be earmarked for the Fund for the Advancement of Medical Sciences in Oklahoma to be administered by the Medical Board as specified by the donor.

Postwar—Postgrad

The School of Medicine began their postwar program of training and refresher courses on December 3, 1945. The first course was in general medicine, consisting of a total of 134 hours over a period of four weeks. Of the seven attending this first course, four were alumni of the University. The second course of similar length began January 7th. This is a course in general surgery and its specialties and is being attended by eleven men, six of whom are alumni.

This postgraduate program was formulated and directed especially towards meeting the needs of returning medical veterans. It is hoped that this program will continue and will grow to include many specialties so that it will be of real value to physicians wishing postgraduate training.

The O.U. Medical Dean

Dr. Wann Langston was appointed temporary dean of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine on December 11, 1945, by Dr. George L. Cross, president of the University.

Dr. Langston graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine in 1916, but even before his graduation was instructor in pathology and clinical microscopy. In 1917 he was made associate professor of pathology and clinical microscopy, and was officially appointed director of the laboratory, a position which he had filled without official recognition in the preceding year.

In the years 1918-19, Dr. Langston served with the Army; nine months of his service being overseas. After the Armistice, he was a member of the faculty and organizer of the department of bacteriology at the A.E.F. University at Boone, France.

He again became associated with the School and Hospitals as associate professor of clinical pathology and medical superintendent in 1920. In 1924 and 1925, Dr. Langston studied in Europe. In 1929 he was appointed executive assistant to the dean and superintendent of the hospitals, and was acting dean in the absence of Dr. Long. Later his title was changed to administrative officer. He resigned this position in 1931 and was given the rank of professor of clinical medicine and director of the outpatient department. In 1944 he became professor of medicine and chairman of the department of medicine.

Medical Center Visioned by New O.U. Medical Dean

Plans to make the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine the medical center of the southwest is the goal of Dr. Wann Langston, recently named acting dean upon the death of Dr. Tom Lowry, dean.

Dr. Langston hopes to establish an experimental medicine unit which would conduct research for heart disease, arthritis, cancer and tuberculosis, which account for hundreds of deaths in Oklahoma each year.

Dr. Langston, who has been associated with the Medical School since his graduation in 1916, said that the medical center at present is lacking in accommodations, facilities and equipment.

Gardening Art To Be Offered As O. U. Class

Gardening has invaded the classroom. Students attending the University of Oklahoma may now learn what to do and what not to do as far as gardens are concerned by taking a new course "Introduction to Landscape Art."

Offered for the first time this semester, the class will be taught by Robert H. Rucker, landscape architect and assistant professor of plant sciences.

Plant propagation, literature in the field, the history of gardening and horticultural practices will be studied in the class.