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Dr. Edward W. Dempsey, dean of Washington University School of Medicine, has been named by President Lyndon B. Johnson as special assistant to Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The nomination was confirmed by the Senate on September 24. Dr. Dempsey succeeds Boisfouillet Jones, who is now executive director of the Woodruff Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Dempsey has resigned as dean to accept the post and has taken a leave of absence from his position as professor and head of the department of anatomy.

In the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Dr. Dempsey will act as an advisor on matters of public health and make recommendations on the budget for the National Institutes of Health and on the safety of new drugs.

Dr. Dempsey was recently appointed chairman of the Manpower Panel of the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Stroke and Cancer.

Mrs. Dempsey and their son, Richard, are now in Washington with Dr. Dempsey. Their address is 344 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20024.

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Dr. M. Kenton King has been named acting dean of Washington University School of Medicine, Chancellor Thomas H. Eliot has announced. Dr. King has been associate dean since July 1962.

Dr. King will assume all the duties of the dean until a permanent dean is named, Chancellor Eliot said. During his term as dean he will also continue his responsibility for student affairs.

"Dr. King is familiar with the duties of the dean's office and is well qualified to serve as acting dean," Dr. Carl V. Moore, vice-chancellor for medical affairs, said. "He has the full support of the faculty."

The vacancy was brought about by the resignation of Dr. Edward W. Dempsey, who had served as dean since 1958. Dr. Dempsey is now special assistant to Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Anthony J. Celebrezze. He is on leave of absence from his post as professor and chairman of the department of anatomy.

Dr. Moore said a committee to recommend a new dean had been appointed and was at work to secure a nominee for the post.

Dr. King joined the faculty of Washington University School of Medicine in 1957. He was physician in charge of the Student Health Service from 1957 to 1962. He was named assistant dean in 1961 and associate dean in 1962. He also holds the title of assistant professor of medicine and of preventive medicine.

He received his B.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma and his M.D. degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.
Dr. Sarah Luse to be Acting Head of Anatomy Department

Dr. Sarah A. Luse has been named acting head of the department of anatomy while Dr. Edward W. Dempsey is on leave of absence. She is professor of anatomy and pathology and has been a WU faculty member since 1954.

GRAHAM COLLOQUIUM IS OCT. 6

Alexander Buchan, associate professor of English at WU will speak at the Graham Colloquium at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, in Olin Penthouse. His topic will be "Why Keep on Reading Poetry? with samples from the literature of Scotland."

This is the first program of the 1964-65 season of the informal evenings arranged for medical students on non-medical topics. The series was made possible by a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Evarts Graham, Jr. Mr. Graham, managing editor of the Post-Dispatch, will speak later in the year on management of the news.

Faculty and house staff are invited to attend and participate in the discussions.

DEADLINE CHANGE FOR PHS

Two changes in deadline dates for Public Health Service research grants will go into effect January 1. Deadline for new and supplemental applications has been changed to February 1 from March 1 for the June/July council meetings.

Deadline for renewal applications has been changed to January 1 from February 1 for the June/July council meetings.

Nutritional Anemias Conference to be Held Here Oct. 14

Washington University will be host for a symposium on Nutritional Anemias, Wednesday, October 14, in Clopton Amphitheatre.

The symposium is sponsored by the Council on Foods and Nutrition of the American Medical Association with WU, the Missouri State Medical Association and the St. Louis City and County Medical Societies.

Dr. Robert E. Shank, head of the department of preventive medicine, is chairman of the Nutrition Council.

Among speakers will be Dr. Max Wintrobe, University of Utah; Dr. Victor Herbert, Mt. Sinai Hospital; Dr. Robert Schilling, University of Wisconsin; Dr. Frank Huennekens, Scripps Clinics; Colonel William Crosby, Walter Reed Institute; Dr. Clement Finch, University of Washington; Dr. Robert Heyssel, Vanderbilt University; Dr. Ernest Beutler, City of Hope Medical Center, and Dr. Carl Moore and Dr. Elmer Brown, WU.

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STUDENT STATISTICS

The 1964 freshman medical class numbers 87 with 8 female representatives. Sixteen of the class are married, none to each other, although one freshman girl is married to a senior student.

They come from 28 states with Missouri credited with 15, Illinois with 13 and Texas 10.

They represent 47 colleges and universities including 12 from WU and 4 each from Notre Dame, Purdue, and the Universities of Texas and Wisconsin.
Officers Chosen by Medical Society

Dr. Sam L. Clark, Jr., associate professor of anatomy, was elected president of the Washington University Medical Society October 28. Dr. Gerald Perkoff, associate professor of medicine, was named vice president and Dr. Adolph Cohen, assistant professor of anatomy and ophthalmology, was named secretary.

Councillors for the society are Dr. Neal Middelkamp, associate professor of pediatrics; Dr. William Newton, associate professor of surgery; Dr. Malcolm McGavran, assistant professor of pathology, and Dr. Charles Parker, assistant professor of medicine.

Students Receive Awards

Seven student awards for excellence in scholarship were also given at the meeting. Robert Clark, Peter Schwartz and William Wood received the Dr. Richard Brookings Medical School prize. Mr. Wood also received the Roche award for outstanding scholarship during his first two years of Medical School. The Dr. Robert Carter Medical School prize went to Stephen Corrie, Michael Jacobs and Richard Myers. Mr. Jacobs and Paul Simons received the Gill prize and Chouke prize for superior work in anatomy.

The McCordock Book prize for excellence in pathology went to Louis Dehner and the Alumni Scholarship Award was awarded to Leland Melson.
Not many physicians in this country ever see a patient with leprosy; however, a new member of the WU faculty has spent more than 30 years caring for those suffering from Hansen's Disease.

Now a member of the recently reorganized division of dermatology, Dr. Herbert Gass has spent his entire life in India except for those periods studying at WU and in other medical centers. Starting a new career in academic medicine in this country, Dr. Gass has said he felt he left the department of dermatology and leprosy at Christian Medical College, Vellore, in the hands of competent and well trained young doctors.

Dr. Gass recalled that this availability of specialists was in contrast to his early professional days when he was the doctor to a 600-patient leprosarium in the central provinces of India. Then his greatest desire was to have the help of a specialist—an orthopedist, a plastic surgeon. But there were few exchange programs as one sees today so he adapted his own talents to fit the needs of the hospital. He learned what WU didn't teach about leprosy at the School of Tropical Medicine in Calcutta. He studied ophthalmic surgery, so necessary to remove cataracts from the eyes of victims of leprosy, by traveling and observing in India and later in Switzerland.

"I was young to take responsibility for the hospital but that was the place of greatest need," Dr. Gass has said about stepping from his internship into the post of medical superintendent at Chandkhuri Leprosy Hospital. However, his early years in India with his Swiss missionary parents had developed his sense of duty to accept the challenge.

He stayed at Chandkhuri until 1950 when he joined the faculty of Christian Medical College, where he was later appointed professor of dermatology. At the Medical College he not only was responsible for teaching and clinical duties in dermatology but also for the leprosy clinic and for treatment of venereal diseases. During these years his investigations included a study of the leprosy bacillus in bone marrow and changes in the cutaneous nerves of leprosy patients.

Dr. Gass has said that the most encouraging, most hopeful sign in the treatment of leprosy in India is that patients are coming in for treatment when the disease is in its early stages. "When these people are treated early, they can be cured. And when there are no visible defects, they are generally accepted back into society." He said that the stigma of leprosy is not as severe as it was previously as a result of private and governmental educational programs.

Here at WU, where he was a member of the class of 1930, Dr. Gass is assisting with the clinical practice and teaching at the School of Medicine, Cochran V.A. Hospital and St. Louis City Hospital. He and his wife are living in the University Apartments on the Main Campus. A daughter is here with them teaching in the University City School system. A son, Michael, a WU graduate of 1958, is serving a residency in the Canal Zone, and another son is a missionary now serving in India.
Graham Colloquium

Richard Dammkoehler, director of Computing Facilities at WU, will speak at the Graham Colloquium at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 10, in Olin Penthouse. His topic will be "Computers--Masters or Servants?"

This program is for medical students, staff, house officers, and their wives.

DR. LOWRY NAMED TO NIGMS COUNCIL

Dr. Oliver Lowry, professor and head of the department of pharmacology, has been named a member of the National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council. As a member of the Council, he will review and advise on the activities of the NIGMS which directs and administers the NIH programs of support for research and training grants in the sciences basic to medicine and biology. Dr. Lowry will serve a four-year term ending September 1968.

A six-year wager paid dividends for Miss Mattee Rowan, a glassware cleaner in the metabolism labs. Dr. William Daughaday, professor of medicine and head of the division of metabolism, promised to take Mattee to a World Series game in a chauffered limousine if the Cardinals ever won a pennant again. The sixth game of the World Series was pay-off time. Tickets were obtained after Miss Gail Benjamin, head nurse in the Pediatric Clinical Research Center, stood in the bleacher line overnight. A shortage of chauffeurs from a commercial agency almost stopped the trip, but another lab worker, Thomas Howard, stepped in for chauffeur and a rented car was obtained.

History of Science & Medicine

Dr. John Freeman, assistant professor of history at Kansas State University, will address the History of Science and Medicine Society Tuesday, December 7 at 8:15 p.m. in Olin Penthouse. He will discuss the scientific aspects of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Dr. Freeman received his Ph.D. in the History of American Civilization from Harvard University. He spent two years at the Library of the American Philosophical Society compiling a guide to their American Indian manuscripts. This work includes the Lewis and Clark papers.