

Future Dentists Get Added Studies At U-M



MARCH OF DIMES LEADERS - Mrs. Robert Fox (left) of 29757 Hilbrook in Livonia, discusses program plans for the coming year with Richard T. Kelly, chairman of the Wayne County Chapter, The National Foundation-March of Dimes. Mrs. Fox has been elected as a member of the Chapter Executive Committee which directs March of Dimes activities throughout Wayne County.

ANN ARBOR
Future dentists will have to take one extra term of study to receive their doctor of dental science degree from The University of Michigan, under a curriculum revision approved by the U-M Regents Friday. The revision stems from a five-year faculty study in the School of Dentistry seeking ways to improve this professional program. The desired changes could not be made, however, and enrollments increased until additional physical facilities be-

came available. The school is now starting to phase into its new building. The Regents authorized the Dental School to lengthen its curriculum to a total of nine terms, effective for freshmen entering in August 1969. The extra term will be the spring-summer term between the junior and senior years.

DR. WILLIAM R. MANN, dean of the School of Dentistry, said that "the new curriculum will

facilitate the integration of the basic and clinical sciences through the development of additional courses in the applied sciences." Under the new plan, students will be introduced to clinical dentistry at an earlier point in their program. "In addition," Dr. Mann said, "it will make possible greater emphasis upon subject areas which the faculty believes should be strengthened. It will stress individualization of learning...

(and) provide for elective time and greater clinical experiences." The last major addition to the U-M's Dental School's curriculum occurred in 1958 when the school adopted a compulsory four-year program. For the preceding eight years, students had the option of taking a four-year course, but only three years were required to earn the D.D.S. degree.

established in 1876. At that time, students were graduated after two six-month semesters. This was increased to two nine-month semesters in 1884, then to three nine-month sessions in 1889, the fourth year in dental school optional up until 1935. Continued trials and reas-

essments led to the creation in 1918 of a program almost identical with the one approved Friday: a four-year curriculum plus one summer session. However, at that time, students could still enter the School of Dentistry straight out of high school. Subsequent changes increased the pre-dental requirement to two years of college, and decreased the dental curriculum to three years, with the fourth year in dental school optional up until 1935. Dr. Mann told the Michigan Regents that the faculty believes the new nine-term curriculum "will greatly improve dental education at the University of Michigan," and that it is likely to influence dental schools throughout the nation.

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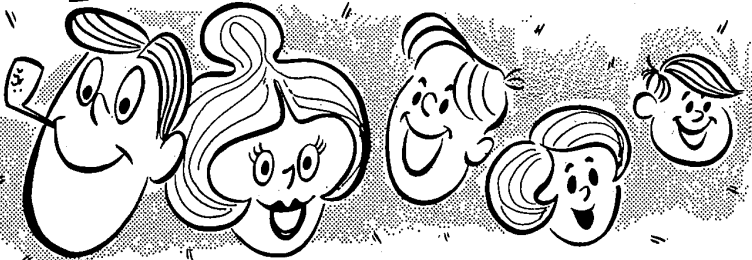
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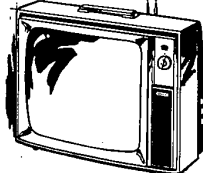
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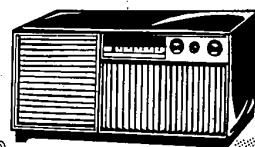
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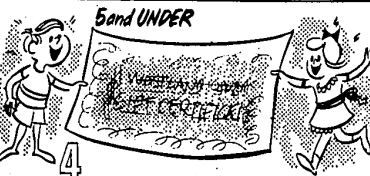
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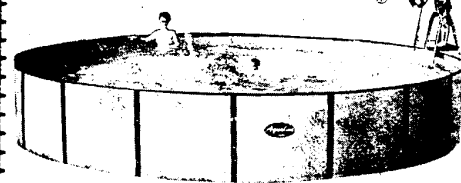
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