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UT Tyler Receives \$1.5 Million From Mrs. Maurine Muntz

A major contribution to The University of Texas at Tyler by Mrs. Maurine Muntz of Tyler and the naming of the UT Tyler library the "Robert R. Muntz Library" in memory of her husband was announced Monday by George F. Hamm.

Mrs. Muntz has given \$200,000 and pledged to give a total of \$1.5 million within an eight-year period to establish a Robert R. Muntz Memorial Fund for the purpose of promoting academic excellence at UT Tyler.

Dr. Hamm, in announcing the gift and pledge, said the UT System Board of Regents has approved the naming of the library. He said a ceremony will be planned for a future date.

"We are gratified to have the opportunity to make this announcement and are very appreciative for the generous efforts of Mrs. Muntz," Dr. Hamm said.

"We all thank Mrs. Muntz and her family for the confidence they have placed in the university and give her and all the community the assurance that we will continue to work extremely hard to take a good university and make it a great one," he added.

The president continued by saying "the naming of the library will provide a lifetime memorial for Robert R. 'Bob' Muntz, a man who was keenly interested in books, libraries and the opportunity to learn."

VAUGHN GIFT APPROVED

The acceptance of a gift from the Vaughn Foundation of Tyler to The University of Texas at Tyler was approved by the UT System Board of Regents on Feb. 12.

A \$35,000 gift has been received from the Vaughn Foundation to provide equipment and other educational resources for the new generic nursing program at UT Tyler. In recognition of the gift, the laboratory in the Department of Nursing will be named the Jim and Bonne Bess Vaughn Nursing Laboratory.

Six simulated hospital demonstration units will be included in the lab.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim M. Vaughn of Tyler are members of the Chancellor's Council of the UT System and Dr. Vaughn is on the board of the UT Tyler Educational Foundation, Inc. and UT Tyler Development Board.

105 Named to Deans List

One hundred and five students have been named to the Deans List for the fall semester at The University of Texas at Tyler.

This is the first Deans List for UT Tyler and includes undergraduate students who earned grade point averages of 3.75 or higher and who carry nine or more hours of work. Included are some students who have 4.0 averages but who do not qualify for the President's Honor Roll because they carry less than 12 hours needed for the top honor list.

Included among the 105 students are 31 seniors and 74 juniors. Elementary education has 24 listed on the Deans List with accounting second with 11. Other academic disciplines with five or more include general studies, general business, secondary education, computer science, industrial education and early childhood education.

Roosth Scholarship Fund Open

A Polly Roosth Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at The University of Texas at Tyler with the initial contribution of \$1,000 made by the Board of Directors and Advisory Board of the East Texas Crisis Center.

Upon reaching a \$10,000 level, the recommendation will be made to the UT System Board of Regents to activate the Polly Roosth Memorial Scholarship for Mental Health.

Directors of the East Texas Crisis Center started the fund in "love and respect for the dedicated service she and her husband, Isadore, have made to East Texas in general and the Crisis Center in particular."

Additional contributions to the fund may be made by any group, organization or individual through the Office of Development.

Scholarship Awards Made

Scholarships, with a total value of \$6,000, have been awarded to nine students at The University of Texas at Tyler. The awards were made by the University Scholarship Committee.

Recipients of \$1,250 George W. Pirtle Endowed Graduate Scholarships are Anita M. Gathright and Carol M. Mantooth, both of Tyler.

Recipients of \$500 each from the General Scholarship Fund are Michael D. Axelrad, Lourdes M. Fernandez, W. Gail Haddock and Susan Keegan, all of Tyler, Patrick McGuffey or Marshall, Donna A. Goodwin of Flint and Donna R. Thompson of Chandler.

A Report On Research

In response to a request from the Faculty Research Committee, those faculty members who have completed their research projects which were funded through the committee have prepared abstracts and informal summaries for inclusion in Intercom.

Evelyn Sowell was awarded \$865 to complete a study on "Diagnosing Mathematics Abilities of Elementary School Students."

BY EVELYN SOWELL

The purpose of this study was to develop and validate clinical instruments for assessing student performance in elementary mathematics. Instruments were designed to identify the progress of learners through simple-to-complex hierarchies of mathematics content and levels of abstraction. The levels include concrete, pictorial, abstract, and combinations of levels such as concrete-abstract, etc. Because of these features, such instruments were administered individually by trained examiners.

One instrument that measured beginning concepts of place value was tried with seven-year olds. Results of the statistical analysis indicated that the instrument provides reliable information about pupils' knowledge of this content. The analysis also showed that students at concrete and pictorial levels are likely to perform more accurately if they can touch as well as see representations of the content.

The second instrument, administered to 12-year old students, measured their ability to subtract fractions and mixed numbers. Again, the test was found to give reliable information. It was also determined that students' performance on the entire test could be predicted by their performance on items at the pictorial level.

Further field tests of these instruments are planned. If the findings of this study are confirmed, the instruments and training in their use will be made available to classroom teachers to assist them in planning mathematics instruction.

in the Spotlight...

RITA BRYANT conducted a career-education conference for the Mississippi State Department of Education Jan. 28-30. Participants were professors from each of the colleges and universities in the state. Sessions were conducted at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus. She was also guest speaker for the January meetings of the Chapel Hill Secretaries Association and the American Business Women's Association. Her topic was "Are You In Your Right Mind?".

STEPHEN E. DANIELS spoke on "The War Between the States as Seen Through the Eyes of a Missourian" Jan. 19 in Henderson at a joint meeting of the Friends of the Rusk County Memorial Library and the AAUW with members of the Henderson chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the United Daughters of the Confederacy as special guests.

ROBERT A. GEFFNER conducted the opening of the new East Texas Crisis Center shelter for women and children in Tyler on Feb. 8.

W. ALLEN MARTIN has coauthored an article on the economics of ethnic enclaves. It will be published in the July issue of the *American Journal of Sociology*.

W. A. MAYFIELD presented "Implementation and Operational Procedures for the New Industrial Arts Curriculum" at the Feb. 8 vocational supervisors meeting in Longview.

EVELYN SOWELL's book *Research Methods in Education* has been published by Wadsworth Publishing Co. of Belmont, Calif. Co-author of the book is Rita J. Casey, a graduate of UT Tyler and currently a graduate-student at UT Austin.

DONALD W. WHISENHUNT's book reviews on *The Story of Mining in New Mexico* and *Joseph Johnson: A Liberal Publisher* were published in the July 1981 volume of the *Liberal and Fine Arts Review*.

Symphony Tickets Available

Tickets to the Texas Little Symphony concert will remain available on the UT Tyler campus until 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22.

The concert, the first of a Fine Arts Series to be jointly sponsored by UT Tyler and Tyler Junior College, will be held at 8 p.m. Monday in Wise Auditorium on the TJC campus.

Two complementary tickets are available in the Public Information Office for each employee of UT Tyler. Students of UT Tyler will be admitted free at the door the night of the program.

Additional tickets are on sale in the bookstore and Student Activities Office at \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Tickets will also be available at the door Monday night.

Director John Giordano's Texas Little Symphony is internationally known. The orchestra has performed in New York's Carnegie Hall and in 1983 will tour the People's Republic of China.

Giordano has been the conductor and music director of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra since 1972 and the Texas Little Symphony since it was founded in 1976. He is Jury Chairman for the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. He is a member of the music faculty at Texas Christian University.

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