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## \$500,000 endowed chair honors Hamm

A \$500,000 endowed chair in honor of President George F. Hamm has been established at UT Tyler, A. W. Riter, Jr. announced Aug. 7 at a dinner for the UT System Board of Regents.

In a surprise presentation to President and Mrs. Hamm, Riter unveiled a bronze plaque commemorating the establishment of the George F. Hamm Endowed Chair in Arts and Humanities as a permanent endowment at UT Tyler.

"An endowed chair is the single most notable recognition that can be accorded an educator. It perpetuates a commitment to academic excellence. Thus, it is fitting that this chair is established in the name of Dr. Hamm," Riter told an audience of more than 400 university supporters.

Also present for the presentation were Chairman Bernard Rapoport and members of the UT System Board of Regents, and Chancellor William H. Cunningham.

Riter, who serves as chairman of the UT Tyler Development Board, said, "This is a wonderful opportunity with all of you here, to provide long overdue recognition of an individual whose name is practically synonymous with that of this university. President Hamm's contributions to our university and our region, and his commitment to enhance the image and presence of UT Tyler throughout East Texas and in nations the world over, will endure well into the 21st century."

Riter also said, "He has inspired us to think bigger, to reach out farther and to expand the horizons of our minds. He has reminded us often of the importance of respecting diversities of all kinds: religious, ethnic, cultural and international. He has reminded us that a university is both complex and multi-faceted, that the university belongs to everyone, the rich and poor, the young and old, the advantaged and disadvantaged."

The endowed chair is being funded entirely with gifts from Tyler citizens Dr. and Mrs. Ben Fisch, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Irwin, Mrs. Maurine Muntz, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Z. Ornelas, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Riter, Jr., Mrs. Mary John Spence, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Jack White, Herman Engel through the Watson W. Wise Foundation, and Wilton Fair and the Fair Foundation, Riter said.

Purpose of the chair is to ensure that proper focus be given within the university to advance the awareness of ethical principles, social responsibilities, appreciation of the arts and a respect for the dignity and uniquenesses of others, Riter said.





## Regents approve engineering degrees

The UT System Board of Regents, meeting Aug. 8 at UT Tyler, authorized the university to establish bachelor's and master's degree programs in engineering, President George F. Hamm announced.

The programs will include a bachelor of science in electrical engineering (B.S.E.E.), a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering (B.S.M.E.) and a master of engineering (M.E.) degree.

Dr. Leonard Hale, assistant vice president for engineering programs, is working with area junior colleges, engineers and businesses in developing the engineering program. Classes in the program are expected to begin in 1997, pending approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The regents also adopted a 1996-97 budget of \$31.1 million for the university. The university's new budget reflects a 27 percent increase over UT Tyler's budget for 1995-96.

The increase is attributable primarily to UT Tyler's participation in the federal government's new direct loan program. Under this program, a student receives federal loans directly from the university instead of a bank. The program is budgeted for \$6.6 million in 1996-97.

## in the spotlight . . .

**Dr. Linda Klotz**, director of nursing, **Dr. Roberta Burris**, assistant professor of nursing, and **Dr. Sue Ellen Thompson**, assistant professor of nursing, were invited to present "Community Partnership: An Extended Campus for Community Based B.S.N. Education" at Community Partnerships in Health Professions Education, a national conference on service learning held recently in Boston, Mass. The conference was sponsored by the Health Professions Schools in Service to the Nation program, the Pew Health Professions Commission and the Bureau of Health Professions.

**Dr. Sandra Sayles**, special assistant to the president, is one of 17 women recently inducted into the Consortium of Doctors, Ltd. (C.O.D.). The consortium has a fourfold purpose to: (1) honor women who are the recipients of earned doctorate degrees from accredited institutions, (2) select honorees who have enriched the lives of others, (3) reflect the lives of women in ways that influence the endeavors of young African Americans, and (4) convey a message about the authentic image of African Americans. Members includes publishers, physicians, scientists, educators, lawyers, and judges. Dr. Mae Jemison, the only female African American astronaut/M.D., and Debbie Turner, a veterinarian and the 1990 Miss America, are among the select group.



## Gift to create Brooks professorship

A gift of \$100,000 has been awarded to UT Tyler from the Bart Brooks Foundation for Ethics and Human Values to establish an endowed professorship at the university, President George F. Hamm has announced.

The Bart Brooks Endowed Professorship of Ethics and Leadership honors the late Bart Brooks, a U.S. Air Force lieutenant killed during the Korean War and brother of the foundation's chair, Benjy F. Brooks, M.D. The professorship is dedicated to the men and women who have given their lives for their country.

"The Bart Brooks Endowed Professorship of Ethics and Leadership will advance the university's commitment to instill ethical awareness among students by supporting research and teaching in programs in arts, humanities and the professions. Dr. Benjy Brooks' dedication to higher education will have a profound impact on the future of UT Tyler and its students," Hamm stated.

A senior lecturer in ethics and leadership at UT Tyler, Dr. Brooks has served as professor of surgery and chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at UT Medical School at Houston, and as special assistant to the president for ethics at UT Health Science Center at Houston. She has been a visiting fellow at Clare Hall College, Cambridge University, in Cambridge, England; and a lecturer in pediatric surgery at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

Dr. Brooks is a graduate and distinguished alumnae of UT Medical Branch at Galveston, where she earned her M.D. She has brought her extensive pediatric experience to orphaned children in Romania, providing diagnostic evaluations, post-operative care and medical supplies.

The mission of the Bart Brooks Foundation for Ethics and Human Values is to provide a focal point for advancing the evolution of ethics and furthering the highest expression of human values.



(L TO R) PRESIDENT GEORGE F. HAMM, DR. BENJY BROOKS, AND DR. STEPHEN LEFEVRE

## PERSONNEL UPDATE

Open enrollment for insurance changes will continue through Aug. 23. Your coverage will continue as it is now unless you make changes. It will, however, be necessary to enroll or re-enroll in the UTFLEX program.

Changes can be made only during open enrollment except for a qualified change in family status as defined by Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. The exceptions include marriage, divorce, birth, adoption, death, or termination of employment.

### SERVICE RECOGNITION

Celebrating 20 years of continuous service at the university Aug. 30 are:

**Steve Wilson**, director, Computer Services-Data Processing

**Dr. Tommy Gilbreath**, associate professor, Technology

**Dr. C. Ray Gullett**, professor, Management and Marketing

**Dr. Wendell Hewett**, professor, Management and Marketing

**Dr. Don Killebrew**, chairman and professor, Biology

**Dr. Robert McClure**, professor, Psychology

**Dr. Barbara Sears**, associate professor, Health and Kinesiology

**Dr. William Stephens**, professor, Art

**Dr. Andrew Szarka**, associate professor, Humanities

**Dr. Michael Victor**, associate professor, Sociology

**Shirley Rowe**, library assistant II, Library Services

**Dr. George F. Hamm** observed 15 years of service as president of the university Aug. 1. **Marianna Cunningham**, library assistant III, celebrated 15 years of service Aug. 17, and **Orla Ann Tomlin**, library assistant I, celebrated 10 years of service on Aug. 1.