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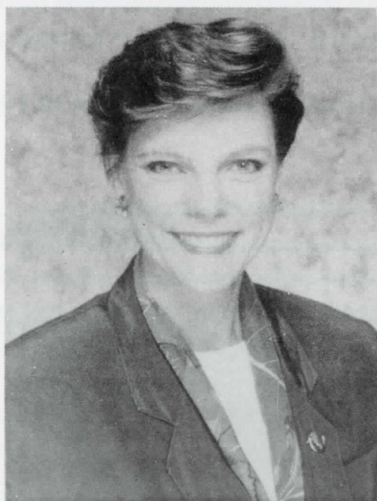
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## ABC News correspondent scheduled

Cokie Roberts, ABC News special correspondent, will be presented Jan. 30 in the Distinguished Lecture Series, President George F. Hamm has announced. Roberts will speak at 8 p.m. in the UT Tyler University Center.

Complimentary tickets for faculty are available in each dean's office; staff may pick up free tickets in the News and Information Office.



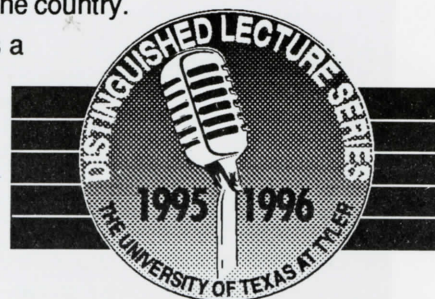
**Cokie Roberts**

Roberts covers politics, Congress, and public policy as special correspondent for ABC News. She is a regular member of the weekly roundtable discussion of "This Week with David Brinkley" and often serves as substitute anchor on "Nightline."

In addition to her work in television news, Roberts serves as a news analyst for National Public Radio where she was the Congressional correspondent for more than 10 years. She is recipient of the Edward R. Murrow Award, the highest award in public radio, and was the first broadcast journalist to win the prestigious Everett McKinley Dirksen Award for coverage of Congress.

Roberts' Op-Ed columns have appeared in "The New York Times" and "The Washington Post." Along with her husband Steven V. Roberts, senior writer at "U.S. News and World Report," she writes a weekly column syndicated by United Media in major newspapers around the country.

Prior to joining ABC News in 1988, Roberts was a contributor to PBS-TV's "MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour." Her coverage of the Iran/Contra affair for that program earned her the Weintal Award in 1987. She received a degree in political science from Wellesley College in 1964 and the college's Distinguished Alumnae Achievement Award in 1985.



Sponsors for the 1995-96 Distinguished Lecture Series are KLTV- Channel 7, Rauscher Pierce Refsnes, Inc., Citizens 1st Bank, Deibel Companies, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Sam B. Cobb, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Grinstead.



## in the spotlight . . .

**Dr. Shajaat Ali**, assistant professor of geography, has published an article, "Population Pressure, Environmental Constraints and Agricultural Change: Examples from Three Agroecosystems," in the journal *Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment*.

**Dr. Timothy Dolan**, assistant professor of political science, published an article, "Reconciling the Puma Development Plan with an Appropriate Economic Base," in the November issue of *Ka'u Landing* newsmagazine. He also discussed the federal government shutdown in an interview that aired on KLTV-Channel 7 Nov. 26.

**Barbara Haas**, lecturer in nursing, was among 200 participants selected from 1500 applicants for a four-day course, "FIRE: Fatigue Initiative through Research and Education," held recently in Phoenix, Ariz. The course, sponsored by the Oncology Nursing Society, focused on the phenomenon of fatigue in cancer patients. Participants were nurse educators, researchers, and clinicians representing all 50 states and seven nations.

**Dr. James Joseph**, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed Nov. 27 by KLTV-Channel 7 about U.S. deployment of troops in Bosnia.

**Jack Mills**, coordinator of the Office of Research Services/Geographic Information Systems Lab, presented a poster at the Geological Society of America's annual meeting held Nov. 5 - 9 in New Orleans. The poster, "Modeling the Role of Riparian Vegetation in Channel Migration Below Dams," outlines preliminary work on his dissertation which is being completed under the direction of Dr. John R. Giardino at Texas A&M University. Giardino is coauthor of the poster.

**Dr. Robert Myers**, assistant professor of English, participated in the conference, Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Stephen Crane's *The Red Badge of Courage*, held Dec. 1 - 2 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. He led a discussion group, "The Available Texts of *The Red Badge of Courage*," and presented a paper, "'The Subtle Battle Brotherhood': The Construction of Military Discipline in *The Red Badge of Courage*."

**Dr. Gregory P. Orvis**, assistant professor of criminal justice, has had a book chapter, "Treating Youth Gangs Like Organized Crime Groups: An Innovative Strategy for Prosecuting Youth Gangs" published in J.R. Rush's edited book, *Gangs: a Criminal Justice Approach* (Cincinnati, OH: Anderson, 1996).

**James Pace**, associate professor of art and Department of Art chair, is among five area artists whose works are included in the "Juxtaposed" Exhibition on view through March 1 at the Tyler Museum of Art.

**Dr. Lisa Starnes**, assistant professor of education, presented a paper, "Jumping Off the Edge: Learner Centered Instruction in Teacher Education," at the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators annual conference Nov. 29 in Washington, D.C.

**Dr. James Stewart**, professor of biology, was invited to give a seminar on his research to the Department of Biology of Texas Christian University on Nov. 17. The title was "Bioremediation by Stimulating Indigenous Microbes."



## Engineering scholarship campaign begins

A campaign to raise \$200,000 to fund scholarships for students in the proposed new engineering program has been launched at UT Tyler, President George F. Hamm announced.

Chairing the fundraising committee, on behalf of UT Tyler's development board, are James H. Reynolds, chairman of the board of Reynolds & Kay, Inc., and B. G. Hartley, president and chief executive officer of Southside State Bank. Chairman of the development board is A. W. "Dub" Riter, Jr.

"For the new engineering program to be successful, we must identify and recruit the top students from this region and beyond. To be competitive with other universities seeking these students, we need to provide scholarships of at least \$1,000 per student per year. While the Texas Legislature appropriated start-up funds for the engineering program, funds for scholarships must come from individuals and companies in the private sector," Hamm stated.

### *Snapshot*



**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP ESTABLISHED** — The Dr. Ben R. Fisch Endowed Professorship, created by a gift of \$200,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Z. Ornelas of Tyler, has been established at UT Tyler. Shown, from left, are Joseph and Louise Ornelas, Maytee and Ben R. Fisch, and President George F. Hamm.

## PERSONNEL UPDATE

### NEW EMPLOYEE

**Joan Elliott**

Secretary I, Division of Nursing

SCI 236, ext. 7128

Effective 11/21/95

### SERVICE RECOGNITION

Celebrating 15 years of continuous service at the university are **Joanne Buendtner**, library assistant III, Jan. 5; and **Wheeler Willbanks**, groundskeeper II, Jan. 12.

Recognized for 10 years of service are **Julle Hicks**, computer operator I, Jan. 2; and **Jim Moncrief**, mail services supervisor, Jan. 6.

### EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Was your family's income last year less than \$26,673? If so, you may be entitled to an income tax refund of \$3,110.

John Sharp, Texas comptroller of public accounts, is the spokesperson for the Earned Income Credit (EIC) campaign which helps families get the dollars they deserve. The EIC is a refund to qualified taxpayers - even if you don't owe any taxes on your income. Each year it brings more than a billion federal income tax dollars back into the Texas economy.

You may qualify if your family earned less than \$24,396 in adjusted gross income in 1995 and you had a child living with you for more than six months of the year. If you had two or more children living with you, you may qualify even if your family income was as high as \$26,673. If you have no qualifying children and a family income of less than \$9,230 you still qualify.

For more information, call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-TAX-1040, or call the Comptroller's office in Austin toll-free at 1-800-277-8383.

### TEACHER RETIREMENT COUNSELING

Members planning to retire in 1996 are urged to contact a TRS counselor as soon as possible. Appointments may be scheduled at TRS headquarters in Austin or at a local counseling session in the following locations: Tyler, April 1-4; and Mount Pleasant, Feb. 26-29. Appointments are necessary to ensure prompt service and may be scheduled by calling 1-800-223-8778.