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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER

Gerry Spence tickets available

Complimentary tickets are available to faculty and staff for the Distinguished Lecture Series presentation by attorney Gerry Spence at 8 p.m. Jan. 16 in the University Center. Faculty may pick up tickets in each dean's office; staff tickets are available in the

News and Information Office.

Spence has received national recognition for his powerful courtroom victories, including the estate case of Karen Silkwood and the defense of former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos. He has not lost a jury trial since 1969 and has never lost a criminal case.

Creator and host of "The Gerry Spence Show" on the CNBC television network, Spence also has appeared on "Larry King Live" and the "Rivera Show" and served as legal consultant for NBC during the O.J. Simpson trial.

He is the author of seven books, including the national bestseller *How to Argue and Win Every Time* and his recently published autobiography *The Making of a Country Lawyer*.

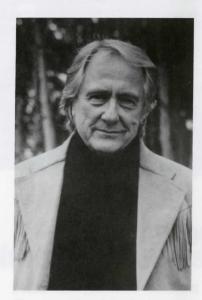
Spence has lectured at law schools and conducted seminars at legal organizations throughout the country. He is founder and director of the non-profit Trial Lawyers

College, and founder of Lawyers and Advocates for Wyoming, a non-profit public interest law firm.

Spence graduated cum laude from the University of Wyoming Law School in 1952 and was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from that institution in 1990. He currently practices in Jackson Hole, Wy.

Sponsors for the 1996-97 Distinguished Lecture Series are: the Vaughn Foundation; the Fair Foundation; Richard Grainger; Citizens 1st Bank, Mr. and Mrs. James I. Perkins; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Hamm.

Public affairs broadcaster John McLaughlin will complete the series March 11.



GERRY SPENCE



in the spotlight . . .

Dr. Timothy Dolan, assistant professor of political science, presented "Your Claim to Citizenship" to AmeriCorps East Texas Dec. 11 at Harvey Convention Center.

Dr. Neil B. Ford, professor of biology, has been unanimously elected a Fellow of the Texas Academy of Science (TAS). Ford, who has served as an academic director and a session chair in terrestrial vertebrate ecology for TAS, is the first faculty member at UT Tyler to receive this honor. He will be presented his award at the 100th annual meeting of the society at Sam Houston State University March 7.

Dr. Neil Gray, visiting assistant professor of chemistry, has had an article, "Applications of Polymeric Smart Materials to Environmental Problems," accepted for publication in the January issue of *Environmental Health Perspectives*, Vol 105, Supplement I. Coauthor is David E. Bergbreiter of Texas A&M.

Gary Hatcher, lecturer in art, recently assisted Hawkins High School physics instructor Dan Wise and students in a project with the solar furnace at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo. Hatcher helped students design an experiment that calls for the development of processes that may be affected in a high solar flux environment. The laboratory's solar furnace can yield up to 50,000 suns of solar fluxing energy.

Dr. James Joseph, assistant professor of political science, discussed "The Enduring Flaws of International Law" to the East Texas Council of World Affairs meeting Dec. 10 at the Tyler Museum of Art.

Jack Mills, coordinator of the Office of Research Services/Geographic Information Systems Lab, participated in the presentation of a technical paper to the members of the Geological Society of America at the Geology Education sessions of the 1996 GSA Annual Meeting in Denver Oct. 28-31. The paper, coauthored with colleagues from Oklahoma State University, Texas A&M University, and Lockheed Martin Engineering & Sciences, was titled "Refocusing Graduate Geology Education for the 21st Century: Incorporating Changing Paradigms, Technology, and Tools."

Services held for Dr. George Joyce

A memorial service and rosary for Dr. George Joyce, professor emeritus, was recited Jan. 3 at Burks-Walker-Tippit Funeral Home; mass was celebrated Jan. 4 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Joyce died Jan. 1 at his residence.

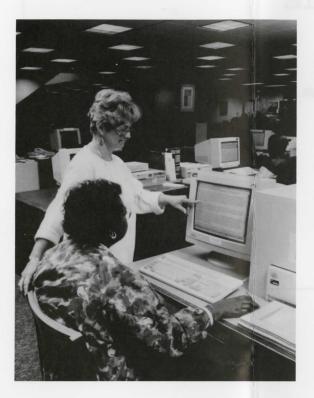
Joyce, whose teaching career spanned 37 years, joined the university (then Tyler State College) as dean of the School of Business Administration in 1974. He retired from UT Tyler as professor of marketing in 1994 and was awarded professor emeritus status by the UT System.

He earned his doctorate from the University of Alabama, served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of Leadership Tyler, Class IV; Tyler Sister Cities; and Tyler Catholic School Foundation.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Joyce, Tyler; sons James David Joyce and Michael Timothy Joyce, both of Whitehouse; daughter Erin Maureen Joyce, Tyler; and four grandchildren.

Memorials made be made to the George Joyce Scholarship Fund at UT Tyler, or to the Catholic School System or Hospice of East Texas.

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ELECTRONIC INFORMATION — Marilyn Greene, professional librarian (standing left), assists Dorthy F. Brown, graduate public administration major, with an on-line information search. The Robert R. Muntz Library has expanded computer access to allow more students to use the more than 50 on-line journal indexes. The indexes are available from several information vendors including the World Wide Web and The University of Texas System as well as those locally loaded by CD-Rom. The library will offer training sessions for faculty, staff and students during the spring semester. For more information contact Greene, ext. 7167. (Photo by Michael Murray)

Nursing students receive awards

Five award recipients were recognized by the Division of Nursing during a pinning ceremony for fall graduates Dec. 13. Recipients and their awards are:

Loree Clapham, the Dr. Marian Rowe Community Scholar Award, given in honor of the more than 269 volunteer hours Clapham has contributed to the community while pursuing her nursing education;

Kristi Boles, Most Professional Student Award, presented by the nursing faculty;

Cheneta Gipson, the Most Caring Student Award, given by her peers and the nursing faculty; and

Mary Pack and Cynthia Slaydon, graduate Excellence in Nursing Award, selected by the graduate studies committee of the nursing faculty.

Award recipients were among those honored in a special ceremony for fall semester nursing degree candidates. Rebecca Sutter, assistant professor of clinical nursing at UT Austin School of Nursing, was guest speaker for the program.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

SERVICE RECOGNITION

Peggy Arnold, senior administrative clerk, celebrated 15 years of continuous service at the university Dec. 16.

NEW EMPLOYEE

Joe Vesowate

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