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## President Hamm Honored by Community

President George F. Hamm was honored at a reception given by the Emmett J. Scott Cultural Center in recognition of his commitment to the community.

During a program which included tributes from community leaders, April 30 was proclaimed Dr. George F. Hamm Day by Tyler Mayor Kevin Eltife.

Hamm, who will be retiring as president of The University of Texas at Tyler after 17 years of service, was presented an official proclamation which cited his "relentless commitment to expand access to higher learning for those whose potential has been impeded by economic and social barriers."

Among Hamm's numerous honors and awards noted in the proclamation are the Arizona Junior Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Young Man of the Year award, 1964; United States Air Force's highest civilian award for exemplary service in support of national interests, 1977; South Dakota State University Distinguished Alumnus Award, 1983; and the Arizona State University Centennial Medallion as "A Man Ahead of His Times" for providing equal educational opportunities for minorities, 1986.

Hamm co-chaired the Texas College/United Negro College Fund drives in 1994 and 1997 and assisted in a major capital campaign for the college. Texas College awarded him an honorary doctorate of humane letters in 1997.

Hamm received the Sister Cities International Distinguished Service Award in 1996. He recently was appointed to the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation to help establish a long-term educational program in public administration for Ukrainian local governments.

At UT Tyler citizens of East Texas honored him by establishing the George F. Hamm Endowed Chairs in Arts and Humanities in 1997.

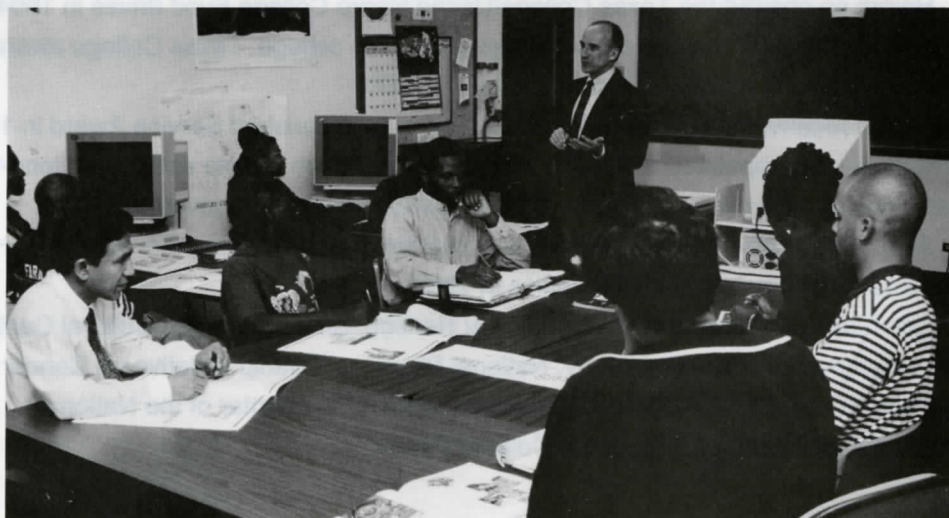
The tribute featured remarks from Terry Henson, Emmett J. Scott Cultural Center board member; Dr. Carolyn Harvey, National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer president; and Ernest M. Deckard, president of the Tyler chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.



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**BUSINESS PROGRAM COMPLETED**—Dr. Bill Baker, vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Jim Tarter, School of Business Administration dean, and Dr. Herb Epstein, adjunct associate professor of management and technology, recognized 18 participants who completed the School of Business Community Minority Business Advancement Program. The program was presented as a community service to coach small business owners and managers in business fundamentals. Eight local organizations, who served as program sponsors, and their representatives are: R. W. Fair Foundation, Wilton Fair; Bank One, Larry Bolton; Citizens 1st Bank, James L. Perkins; Citizens State Bank, David Monk; First National Bank of Tyler, Peter M. Boyd; Nations Bank, Whit Riter; Southside Bank, Lonnie Uzzell; and Tyler Bank and Trust, Neil West. *Photo by Clarence Shackelford.*



**GIS TOUR**—Jack Mills, coordinator of the Office of Research Services/GIS Lab, hosted 12 students and instructors from Wiley College. They visited the UT Tyler campus to learn about the services offered by the Geographic Information Systems laboratory. The Wiley students and instructors will apply what they learned from their visit to their on-going study of the ecology of the Caddo Lake area. Mills coordinated the visit with Dr. Alexandrine Randriamahefa and Dr. Shah Salam, instructors at Wiley. *Photo by Clarence Shackelford.*

## *in the spotlight . . .*

Dr. **Donald E. Fischer**, professor of finance, presented a paper titled "Covemert in International Stock Market Returns," at the annual meeting of the Southwest Decisions Sciences Institute. He also presented a paper titled, "Convertible Debt and Alternative Vehicles in Changing Markets," at the Southwestern Economics Association. His paper, "Market Timing and Mutual Funds," was published in the Winter 1998 issue of *Central Business Review*.

Dr. **Ronald Livingston**, assistant professor of psychology, had a research article titled "Factor Structure of the Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Test Battery for Children" published in *Child Neuropsychology*.

Dr. **Marcus Stadelmann**, associate professor of political science, gave a presentation titled "Voting Behavior in Postcommunist Eastern Europe" to the 1998 Southwestern Social Science Association in Corpus Christi.

Dr. **William B. Stephens**, professor of art, has three watercolor paintings on exhibit at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor through May 15 and will have a watercolor painting in the 38th Annual Invitational Exhibit at the Longview Museum of Fine Arts through June 30. He has accepted an invitation to have a one-man exhibition of 30 watercolor paintings at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple in 1999.

Dr. **Herb Epstein**, adjunct associate professor of management and technology, authored a case published in the fourth edition of *Strategic Management*. He co-authored the case with Dr. **Mark Kroll**, professor of management and Department of Management, Marketing and General Business chair, and John Holm. Dr. Epstein and Dr. **James Sellers**, professor of accounting, co-authored a paper entitled "Tax Reform 2002 A.D.: A New American Model or More of the Same." The paper was presented at the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences in Las Vegas.

**Catherine Rosser**, senior lecturer of nursing, presented an update on the Texas Nurses Association Education Summit on "Accelerating Change Through Collaboration" to the District 19 Texas Nurses Association. The Nursing Education Summit was attended by nurse educators and representatives from states nursing and healthcare organizations who addressed efforts to continue to improve nurse education.

Dr. **Rick Heiens**, assistant professor of marketing, presented a paper titled "Profiling Customer Loyalty within the FCB Grid" at the 3rd Annual Conference for Corporate and Marketing Communications in Glasgow, Scotland. The paper also was published in the conference proceedings.

Dr. **Pat Gajda**, professor of history, is author of a review essay on "Polish Americans and Their History: Community, Culture, and Politics" edited by John Bukowczyk. The review was published in the April 1998 edition of *The Sarmatian Review*.

Dr. **Neil Ford**, professor of biology, gave a presentation titled "Laboratory Experiments on Reptiles: Do They Tell Us Anything About Animals in the Wild?" to the All Florida Herpetology Conference at the University of Florida at Gainesville. He also gave a similar presentation to the faculty and graduate students of the Departments of Psychology, Evolutionary Biology, and Behavior and Ecology at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

## PERSONNEL UPDATE

### NEW EMPLOYEES

**Elaine Obermeyer**

Secretary  
U.S./Ukraine Project  
BUS 263, Ext. 7215  
Effective 4/13/98

**Carol Shanks**

Counselor  
Student Services  
UC 282, Ext. 7197  
Effective 5/1/98

**Mary Helen Craig**

Secretary  
Health & Kinesiology  
PHY 228, Ext. 7031  
Effective 5/4/98

**Terry Merriman**

Administrative Secretary  
Office of the Special Assistant  
to the President  
ADM 323, Ext. 7105  
Effective 4/20/98

### SERVICE RECOGNITION

**Roy Greer**, Telecommunications Specialist, Telephone Service Center, will be celebrating 15 years of continuous service at the university on May 23. Congratulations Roy!