

Hodges Give \$100,000 to SWOSU

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford has received a \$100,000 check from Jerry and Margaret Hodge of Amarillo, Texas.

Jerry Hodge is a 1965 graduate of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

The gift will be used to establish a scholarship fund with the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Foundation. The Jerry and Margaret Hodge Practice Grant Fund will be for deserving students in the College of Pharmacy.

“This wonderful gift is a great compliment and statement of support by one of our loyal pharmacy graduates to the future of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy,” said Patti Harper, alumni and development officer for the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. “The donation is a vote of confidence for the continued advancement of pharmacy education for SWOSU students.”

Hodge said the family gave the gift, because SWOSU is a great university and that many family members are alumni, including his mother. Hodge received the SWOSU Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1979.

“This is truly a very generous gift,” SWOSU President John Hays said. “We are grateful to the Hodges and know that many students will benefit in the future from this act of kindness.”

Hodge is currently chairman of Maxor National Pharmacy Services Corporation, the successor company to Maxor Drug, which he purchased in 1966. At the time of purchase, Maxor Drug was a single retail pharmacy in downtown Amarillo. Under Hodge’s leadership, Maxor has evolved into a nationwide provider of integrated pharmacy services, with divisions in correctional healthcare, pharmacy benefit management, mail order, infusion therapy, specialty injectables, impatient and outpatient pharmacy management, and pharmacy counseling.

He has been active in Amarillo civic activities, serving two terms as Mayor of Amarillo and two terms as city councilman on the Amarillo City Commission. He has served as president of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, vice chairman of the Texas Department of Corrections and chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

In addition to his various business and civic activities, Hodge operates the High Card Ranch in Donley County (TX), which is devoted to the preservation of Texas Longhorn cattle and the ranching traditions of the old West.

He and wife Margaret have four children—Jerry Heath Hodge, Ryan Hodge, Sunny Hodge-Campbell and Angela Serio. They also have five grandchildren.

The Hodge gift is part of SWOSU’s College of Pharmacy FOCUS campaign, designed to address funding priorities vital to the future of the college. The priorities include scholarships, academic enrichment, and endowments for the future. Additional information is available by calling the SWOSU Pharmacy Foundation at 580.774.3191 or the SWOSU College of Pharmacy Alumni and Development Office at 580.774.3190.