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Retiree Honored by American College Personnel Association

Dr. Robert L. Jones, retired UT Tyler professor of education and former vice president for administration, has been named a Diamond Honoree 2000 by the Educational Leadership Foundation of the American College Personnel Association.

The award recognizes outstanding leadership in higher education. He is one of five national leaders chosen. Dr. Jones

attended a reception for honorees on April 3 in Washington, D.C.

His career in education spans more than 40 years, 14 of which were at UT Tyler.



Jones

Longview University Center Forms Development Council

The UT Tyler Longview University Center has incorporated a Development Council, President Rodney H. Mabry has announced.

The Development Council was formally incorporated April 17 at the Longview Public Library. Participating in the event were Mabry, Sen. Bill Ratliff, UT System Regent and Chair of the UT Tyler Development Board A.W. "Dub" Riter and Grace Shore of the State Board of Education.

"We are establishing a Development Council which has been requested by and will be led by the citizens of Longview to help develop the Longview University Center and fulfill its higher education mission here in Longview, Gregg County and the surrounding area," Mabry said.

The Council will be responsible for generating funds to be used solely by and for the benefit of the Longview University Center. The Council consists of Longview residents led by Neal Garland, who will

serve as incorporating chair.

"It is extremely significant when the community leadership, and in particular leadership committed to putting forward private support, steps forward to advance the public good. Private support is what makes the difference for public institutions," Mabry added.

Garland and his wife, Peggy, led the Longview philanthropic support effort for the Center with a \$1 million gift to enhance the construction, equipment and furnishing budget. The Garlands also pledged \$600,000 in scholarship funds to attract Longview students.

"It is very important to East Texas, our entire 14-county region, that the citizens understand and value higher education as we improve life for ourselves, for our children and for our children's children. The citizens of Longview are helping lead the way," Mabry said.



In the spotlight

Dr. Dallas Cothrum, assistant professor of history, presented a paper titled "South Carolina Politics Come to Texas" at a symposium held by the National Archives in Fort Worth.

Cothrum also presented the paper "Louis T. Wigfall: Confederate Obstructionist" to the East Texas Historical Society at the group's meeting in Galveston.

In addition, Cothrum received a fellowship to attend a military history summer seminar at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Dr. Randy LeBlanc, assistant professor of political science, co-authored a paper with Carolyn Jones Medine of Louisiana State University titled "Space/Place and Home: Political and Religious Discourse in Albert Camus's *The Plague*." The paper was delivered to the American Academy of Religion Southeast Regional Conference in Atlanta in March.

LeBlanc also delivered a paper titled "Home and Homelessness in Postcolonial Political Thought: Edward Said's Reading of Albert Camus" at the Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting in Galveston in March. He chaired a panel titled "Paradox, Exile, and Difference: Contingent Defenses for Universal Human Rights" and served as a discussant on a "Roundtable on Undergraduate Moot Court Competitions" at the meeting.

Dr. Arun Kulkarni, professor of computer science, co-authored a paper titled "Fuzzy Neural Network Models for Classification" published in *International Journal of Applied Intelligence*, Vol. 12, Issue 3, pp 207-215. Charles Cavanaugh, co-author of the paper, is a graduate student at UT Tyler.

Dr. Patricia A. Gajda, professor of history, presented a lecture titled "Some Facets of Church-State Relations in World History" as part of an Early Church Lecture Series at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on March 29.

Dr. Davor Jedlicka's paper titled "The Role of Pedagogy in Education in Diminution of Interethnic Tensions" has been translated into Croatian and published in *Napredak: Journal for Pedagogical Theory and Practice*, Vol. 140, No. 4, 1999, with summaries in English and German. This paper was originally presented by invitation to the members of the Croatian Sociological Association at the University of Zagreb in June 1999.

Dr. Paula Lundberg-Love was one of 19 honorees celebrated at the Women in Tyler Day Luncheon at the Rose Garden Center on April 23. She was honored for her sixteen years of research, intervention efforts, and community service in the areas of domestic violence and sexual assault. The theme of the luncheon was Woman Pioneers: Lighting the Path to the New Millennium. Lundberg-Love was the "Mental Health Pioneer."

Lundberg-Love also presented a training seminar titled "Childhood Sexual Abuse and Its Consequences" for the volunteers of the East Texas Crisis Center on March 14.

Dr. Allen Martin, professor of sociology, published the article "Being There is What Matters" as the lead article in *AUTLOOK, The Termly Journal of the Association of University Teachers* in the United Kingdom.

Martin also presented a paper on mulatto segregation at the Association of American Geographers meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 8.

Suzanne Pundt, assistant director of clinical laboratory sciences, organized and conducted the Alpha Chi National Scholastic Honor Society Joint Region I and II Convention in San Antonio, March 3-4. Pundt is president of Region II and Texas Alpha Xi Chapter Sponsor of the society.

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Muntz Library Hosting Wood Engraving Exhibition

The Robert R. Muntz Library at UT Tyler is hosting an exhibition titled "The Joy of Wood Engravings" through May 5. Dr. Charles Harrell, library director, has announced.

The exhibit is housed in two locations in the library: the free-standing display cases near the circulation desk on the second floor and the third-floor display cases.

The exhibit is the work of Dr. Kent Kessinger, a Houston-based artist self taught in the medium.

"Wood engraving is my preferred medium of expression, because it allows me to create

highly visual symbols in multiple editions," Kessinger said.

Kessinger earned a Ph.D. in rhetoric from the University of California at Berkeley, a master's degree in speech from San Francisco University, and a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

The Muntz Library is open 7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday; 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday; and 1 – 7 p.m., Sunday.

For additional information, contact the Muntz Library at (903) 566-7342.

In the spotlight, continued

Dr. **Lisa Starnes**, assistant professor of education, presented the lecture "Life in Azerbaijan" to political science students at Tyler Junior College on March 27. The students viewed photos and artifacts from Starnes' year of teaching in the former Soviet Republic.

Alan Swartz, adjunct lecturer in music, completed a manuscript review of the fifth edition of *Advanced Harmony: Theory and Practice* by Robert Ottman in October. His work has been credited in the preface of the new edition, which was released in March.

Swartz also was selected for inclusion in the sixth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Dr. **Gayle P. Varnell**, assistant professor of nursing and nurse practitioner coordinator, attended the American Association of Colleges of Nursing 2000 AACN Master's Education Conference in San Diego in April. Varnell, along with Dr. Susan Pollock and Dr. Barbara Johnston from Texas Tech, and Dr. Susie Sportsman from Midwestern State University, was invited to make the presentation titled "A Student-Friendly Curriculum Design Through Using Telecommunications and Electronic Database."

Debbie Waldrop, research coordinator, College of Nursing, was recognized by the UT Health Center at Tyler during ceremonies held in Austin on March 4 for her dedication, research, and support to patients diagnosed with Alpha1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (inherited emphysema).

Mary Ellen Wright, lecturer of theatre, has been awarded one of 50 research funds from the Texas Tech graduate school to support her dissertation research on the playwriting of Tony-award winning director Adrian Hall. Wright's award was the only award given to support a theatre topic.

Dr. **Marilyn Young**, professor of management, received a distinguished paper award on March 17 for her article "Needed Information and Assistance by Women Entrepreneurs: A Comparison with Male Small Business Owners," which was presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Small Business & Entrepreneurship in San Antonio. The article also was published in the *Journal of Business and Entrepreneurship*.

UT Legend Darrell Royal to Appear at Patriot Classic

The University of Texas football legend Darrell Royal will participate in the 2000 UT Tyler Patriot Golf Classic, Tournament Director Dick Goetz has announced.

The Patriot Classic will be held Monday, May 15 at Willow Brook Country Club.

In 1956 Royal became head coach of the Texas Longhorns bringing his folksy sense of humor called "Royalisms" and an innovative style of football that produced almost instant success.

He took Texas from a 1 – 9 season in 1956 to a 6-3-1 finish in 1957. A trip to the Sugar Bowl started the Longhorns on the first of 16 bowl appearances they would make over the next 20 years. Under Royal's leadership, Texas won three national championships and 11 Southwest Conference championships.

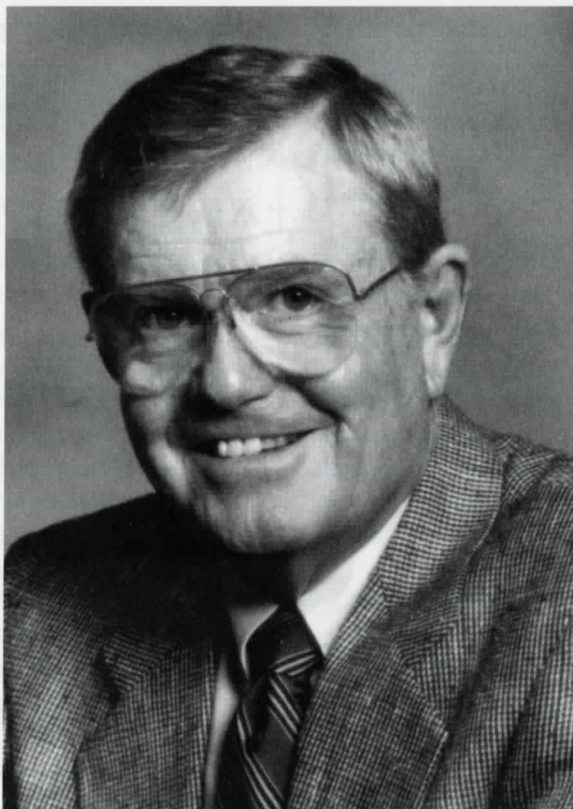
In his more than 20 years as head coach, Royal's Longhorns carried the best record in the nation over that period. They finished in the top 10 nationally 11 times, and he coached 77 all-Southwest Conference players and 26 all-Americans.

His coaching record during the 1960s earned him the honor of Coach of the Decade by ABC-TV.

As an innovator, Royal is credited with two major changes in collegiate football, the "flip-flop" and the famed wishbone formation backfield.

Royal assumed the dual role of athletics director and head football coach in 1962, positions he held for 14 years. After retiring from football, Royal accepted his present position of special assistant to the president on athletic programs.

During his tenure as athletics director, the Longhorns won seven national titles – three in football, two in golf, one in baseball and one in basketball. He was the driving force in the upgrading of basketball and swimming by bringing in Abe Lemons and Eddie Reese as coaches.



Royal

A native of Southwest Oklahoma, Royal began his life in football as a high school star in the early 1940s. He was an all-American quarterback at the University of Oklahoma. He served as head coach at Mississippi State University and the University of Washington.

For more information about the UT Tyler Patriot Golf Classic, contact the tournament office at (903) 566-9215.