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Wortham Home Given to University

Acting on a frequently-expressed desire of the late Lyndall Finley Wortham, the Wortham Foundation, Inc. has given her home to the University of Houston System to serve as the residence for presidents of the institution. Announcement of the gift was made by Allen Carruth, president of the foundation.

The property, located at 1505 South Boulevard in the Broadacres addition, has been valued at \$1.2 million.

The Wortham Foundation gave the home "in consideration of the love and affection Gus S. Wortham and Lyndall Wortham had for the University of Houston System," according to the general warranty deed issued by the foundation.

In accepting the property on behalf of the UH board of regents, Leonard Rauch, chairman of the board, said, "The Worthams were friends of the University of Houston for many years. This generous gift will stand as a monument to that friendship and as a reminder of the many blessings the Worthams brought to this institution. I want to express the appreciation of the board of regents and the entire UH System for the Wortham Foundation's gift."

UH System president Charles E. Bishop said, "A university's vitality depends in large part on the generosity and support of its friends. The University of Houston will

always be deeply indebted to the Worthams for the love and support they demonstrated for this university over the years."

Mrs. Wortham's support for the university dates from her eight years of service on the board of governors, followed by 15 years as a UH regent after the institution was admitted to the state system of higher education in 1963.

In December, 1975, Mr. Wortham donated \$1 million to the university, at the time the largest unrestricted gift in the school's history. The check was accompanied by a note expressing his appreciation for the opportunity for Mrs. Wortham to serve on the UH board of regents.

The university used the funds to build the Lyndall Finley Wortham Theater which opened in 1977 on the UH Central Campus.

Born Lyndall Finley on July 22, 1892, in Sherman, Texas, Mrs. Wortham was a graduate of Kidd-Key College in Sherman and of the University of Texas. She was nationally active in Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

She married Gus S. Wortham, founder of American General Life Insurance, in 1926.

Active in the community, Mrs. Wortham supported Girlstown, U.S.A., the Houston Speech and Hearing Center, the American Cancer Society, the Garden Club of Houston, the Houston Symphony Society, Houston Grand Opera, and Theater Under the Stars.

In 1958, she and her husband founded the Wortham Foundation, which has made contributions to medical, cultural, and educational pursuits.

Rauch Elected Vice Chairman of State Regents Committee

Leonard Rauch, chairman of the University of Houston System board of regents, was recently elected vice chairman of the Committee of Governing Boards of Texas State Universities.

The chairman of the Texas A&M University System board of regents, Clyde H. Wells, was named chairman.

Formed in the early 1950's, the committee seeks to promote the interests of higher education generally and to achieve unification of effort among the boards of state universities in Texas. Membership on the committee is restricted to regents of Texas state universities.

Rauch, Houston businessman and civic leader, was appointed to the board of regents of the University of Houston System in 1969 by Governor Preston Smith. He was elected chairman of the board in the fall of 1979.

During his terms as the UH regent, Rauch has served as assistant secretary and as chairman of the building committee. Currently, he also serves on the executive committee.

Active in local business enterprises, Rauch is vice president of Standard Southern Corporation and chairman of the board of directors of Greenspoint Bank.

His civic interests include membership on the City Planning Commission, past president of the Houston Kidney Foundation, and director of the National Kidney Foundation.

Honors and awards bestowed on Rauch include the Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds Award (1977) and the University of Houston Distinguished Alumnus Award (1980).

UH President Requests Admission Procedures Report

The president of the University of Houston System, Dr. Charles E. Bishop, in response to recent public allegations regarding the UH Central Campus conditional admission procedures, asked the UH Central Campus administration to accelerate its review and evaluation of the new procedures.

Dr. Bishop also asked UH System academic and financial staff to work with appropriate campus officers to prepare a report on the fall 1980 enrollment data.

The conditional admission procedures, initiated for the first time this fall, permit students to enroll for classes on the UH Central Campus, subject to verification of incomplete or self-reported data which initially indicates that the students meet admission standards.

Under this procedure, full and unconditional acceptance of a student by the UH Central Campus is contingent upon that student meeting the current standards of admission and full compliance with standards of performance.

Processes such as these, according to the chancellor of the UH Central Campus, Dr. Barry Munitz, are typical of those in place at major urban universities across the coun-

Central Campus Hosts PEN Conference

The University of Houston Central Campus will overflow with American literary talent in early November during a conference sponsored by PEN Southwest, the regional branch of the international writers organization.

The conference is entitled *To the Grindstone: A Focus on Work*. A series of panels made up of nationally-recognized writers and editors will discuss the writer's craft. Some of the participants will also present readings from their own works.

Distinguished conference participants include poets Jane Cooper, Robert Hass, Richard Howard, Louise Gluck, Cynthia McDonald, Stanley Plumly, and Lorenzo Thomas; novelists Max Apple, John Graves, Shelby Hearon, June Arnold, Robert Flynn, Laura Furman, Peter Gent, Stephen Harrigan, Leslie Silko, and C.W. Smith; short story writer Harold Brodsky; essayist Kirkpatrick Sale; editor Faith Sale; and nonfiction writer Francis Fitzgerald.

Representing Houston area English faculties will be Monroe Spears, Mercedes Valdivieso, Lois Zamora, and Virginia Bernhard.

Noted author Bernard Malamud, president of the national PEN chapter, is also expected to attend although he will not participate on the panels.

Panelists will discuss "Work and Money—The Seamy Side," "Work in Review," "Mirror, Mirror," and "Working from Real Life—The Big I."

The authors will begin the conference on Sunday evening, November 2, with readings from their works. The readings will take place in the Houston Room of the University Center at 8:00 p.m. Another reading will take place on Monday evening. Panel discussions will be held Monday and Tuesday in the Constellation Room of the UH Central Campus Continuing Education Center.

PEN International was organized in England in 1922 by John Galsworthy and other writers as an organization of professional distinguished writers.

Future Studies Program Mixes Academic and Practical

The University of Houston at Clear Lake City's graduate program in future studies was recently cited in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (October 14, 1980) as one of the four most well-known academic programs in the relatively new field of future studies.

The article, "A Cloudy Crystal Ball for Future Studies," describes the growing pains of the young science: a variety of jumbled approaches and ideologies, a lack of criteria for becoming a futurist, and a lack of widespread academic recognition or acceptance.

UH at Clear Lake City's program addresses these issues in the approach to future studies which it has painstakingly developed during the last few years: an approach based on academic studies oriented toward practical and professional applications.

According to Dr. O.W. Markley, co-chairperson for the program, the Clear Lake campus' dual focus is what sets it apart from other future studies programs.

For students, the academic aspects of future studies—learning how to increase the quality of decisions made in the present time to increase the quality of life in the future—are combined with the professional aspects of applying this knowledge—acquiring the marketable skills necessary for finding jobs after graduation.

Future studies students on the Clear Lake campus are required to take four courses—an introduction to the field, an introductory survey of futures research methods, a course in systems approaches, and a final seminar designed to pull it all together. The rest of the program is arranged through other academic areas according to each student's interests.

As an illustration of the forward-looking but practical kind of concern that this dual approach generates, Dr. Markley uses the concept of cross student enrollment for all UH campuses. Under such a plan, the University of Houston System could offer students more for relatively less.

U.S. Mail Address Changes for UH System

In an effort to improve the U.S. mail service to the UH System administration offices located in the Houston United Bank Building, all persons sending U.S. mail to any System office should use the following address:

University of Houston System
4600 Gulf Freeway, Suite 500
Houston, Texas 77023

The UH System inter-office mail address remains the same.

Rudnick Selected for Urban University Board

Dr. Andrew J. Rudnick, associate chancellor of the University of Houston Central Campus, will serve on the executive committee for the newly established division of urban affairs of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

This organization is the oldest higher education association in the country. It serves 72 land grant institutions and 70 public universities and university systems by promoting legislative support of higher education and fostering partnerships between public universities and federal, state, and private agencies.

The division of urban affairs was established during the past year to recognize the growth in the nation's urban universities and the increasing number of programs designed to address the problems and the promises of today's urban society.

Dr. Rudnick served as member of the NASULGC committee which worked to establish the new division. As a member of the executive committee, he will help coordinate urban studies and programs of the organization and provide information and support to the division's 75 university members.

Dr. Rudnick came to the UH Central Campus in 1976 from the University of Alabama System where he served two years as director of program planning and research. Before joining the University of Alabama System, he was assistant to the president of the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

KUHF-FM Public Radio Sponsors Fund Drive

Houston listeners responded enthusiastically to the sounds of public radio when KUHF, the UH-affiliated public radio station, recently presented nine days of special programming during Celebration '80, the station's first on-the-air drive to increase listener awareness and support.

Area listeners invested more than \$44,000 in KUHF-FM, including a \$975 underwriting grant from the Galleria. One program, *Gateway to India*, brought in over \$11,000. It was part of a five-hour marathon aired on Sunday, October 19.

Celebration '80 was part of a major awareness campaign sponsored during October by the National Public Radio system to call attention to public radio's quality, originality, and diversity.

The NPR system of 237 stations across the nation produces and distributes more programs than any other radio network.

Listeners to KUHF, 88FM, were treated to a line-up of new programs, season premiers, regularly scheduled favorites, and special live presentations with studio guests. Featured music included jazz, blues, big band, Latin, and Indian selections.

The Cat's Eye, a new program about activities on the University of Houston Central Campus, premiered during Celebration '80. *The Sounds of Jazz*, produced by Dr. Garth Jowett, UH Central Campus director of communications, was also aired during the drive.

Special programs highlighted visual arts, dance, and theater in Houston.

UH Offers Off-Campus Courses

To eliminate travel time and gasoline costs for students, and to bring the benefits of the university into the community, all four campuses of the University of Houston System have been offering a variety of courses at off-campus locations this fall.

The UH Central Campus has instituted two off-campus institutes: the West Houston Institute and The Woodlands Institute. Implemented at the request of business and community leaders in the two areas, these institutes offer credit and continuing education courses. Students usually attend class once a week for the semester.

Off-campus courses sponsored by the University of Houston Downtown College are offered to employees in high-density corporate population areas. Programs at Coastal Corporation, Transco Companies, Inc., and Texas Eastern Corporation are aimed at increasing the Downtown College's effectiveness in meeting the educational needs of Houston's businesses and industries and their employees.

The participating companies have selected the UH Downtown College because of its career-oriented degree programs and because of its willingness to offer selected courses at the company locations as a convenience to company employees. Most employees enrolled in the off-campus programs are pursuing one of the undergraduate degrees offered by the college.

The University of Houston at Clear Lake City is offering a total of seventeen courses at five different off-campus sites. Nine graduate courses and eight undergraduate courses in subjects such as economics, management, psychology, English, sociology, and education, meet the needs of students in Galveston, Texas City, the Texas Department of Corrections, Ramsey Units at Otey, Brazosport, and the Johnson Space Center.

The University of Houston Victoria Center's off-campus programs cover an eight-county territory. Fourteen education, psychology, and business classes are being offered in Beeville, Goliad, Runge, Bay City, Wharton, Edna, Port Lavaca, and Vanderbilt.

Guggenheim Chooses Professor's Art

Gael Stack, associate professor and interim chairman of the art department on the University of Houston Central Campus, has been selected as one of the top 19 American artists whose works will be displayed in a special exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum in New York City.

Entitled *19 Americans 1981: The Exxon National Exhibition*, the art will be on display from January 20 to April 5.

Stack's work has appeared in exhibits at museums and shows in Houston, New Orleans, Waco, Galveston, Chicago, and Guanajuato, Mexico. It is exhibited in the permanent collection of the Houston Museum of Fine Arts.

Before joining the University of Houston in 1973, Stack taught at the University of Wisconsin, LaCross, and at Southern Illinois University.

She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Illinois and master of fine arts from Southern Illinois University.

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try which deal with highly mobile populations and thus need flexible admission procedures which facilitate access to their programs.

With the arrival of a new associate provost, Dr. Peter Jackson, from the University of Pennsylvania, the UH Central Campus adopted a leadership role in responding sensitively to a part-time, older, professional constituency of students, according to Chancellor Munitz.

The specific process initiated by the UH Central Campus accomplishes these goals without lowering or compromising the standards under which university students are admitted, Chancellor Munitz added.

Chancellor Munitz also emphasized that this is an issue of procedures and not standards, with an innovative plan based upon prior experiences at the UH Central Campus and upon models currently in effect at other major urban institutions.

United Way Campaigns Show Participation

Preliminary results from the United Way campaigns underway on three University of Houston campuses and within the UH System administration reflect a strong sense of giving among UH faculty and staff members.

The United Way drive began officially in early October for UH Central Campus, UH Downtown College, UH at Clear Lake City, and the UH System offices. The drive is scheduled to end on November 1.

The campaign at the Downtown College, the first to be completed among the UH group, has more than doubled last year's results. Begun in early October under the direction of Dr. Ida B. Howard and James Forsyth, the drive netted \$5,186 with 98.7 percent participation.

Last year, a total of \$2,151 was contributed by 48.4 percent of the college's faculty and staff.

For the first time, the UH System administration is reporting its United Way figures independently of UH Central Campus totals. While still incomplete, Milton Birdwell, campaign coordinator, reports a total of \$1,986 from 85 percent of the UH System staff members.

UH at Clear Lake City's campaign, under the direction of Hugh Avery, has collected \$825 from six percent of its faculty and staff. The drive will be completed in early November.

Results from the UH Central Campus United Way campaign, headed by Walter Williams and Herbert Maxwell, was begun several weeks later than those on the other campuses and figures are not yet available.

The University of Houston Victoria Center is conducting a separate campaign.

KUHT Programs Air Nationally

Two programs produced by KUHT-TV, the public television station affiliated with the University of Houston System, will be aired nationally by the Public Broadcasting Service this winter.

Piaf, Brel, and LeBrun, which was televised locally on September 9, is being offered to PBS stations on Wednesday, December 3, at 9:30 p.m.

An Evening with Dickran Atamian will premiere locally and nationally on Sunday, December 28, at 7:00 p.m.

In *Piaf, Brel, and LeBrun*, French chanteuse Denise LeBrun sings the music of her famous countrymen Jacques Brel and Edith Piaf. In addition to performing songs such as "No Regrets," "La Vie en rose," "If You Go Away," and "Hymne a l'amour," LeBrun ties the music together with personal reminiscences of the two artists, both of whom she knew well.

Piaf, Brel, and LeBrun was produced by Elizabeth Kaderli and directed by Mark Schiebl.

An Evening with Dickran Atamian features the prize-winning young keyboard artist in a piano performance special recorded in Kerrville, Texas.

The program includes the world television premiere of Stan Raphling's solo piano transcription of composer Igor Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*. In addition to Stravinsky's work, the hour-long program features the music of Chopin and Rachmaninoff. It was produced by John Meek and directed by Kevin Caffrey.

Perspectives

Perspectives is published monthly by the UH System University Relations Office. Executive Director: Farris Block, 749-4149. Editor: Haise Johnson.

The University of Houston seeks to provide equal educational opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap, or veteran status.

This policy extends to all programs and activities supported by the University.

Around the Campuses

Frank Holmes has been appointed director of the UHCC office of annual funds. As director, Holmes is responsible for the UHCC Annual Fund drive and for the coordination and support of the college and departmental fund drive program across the campus. Before joining UHCC, Holmes served as director of development at Millsaps College in Mississippi. He also spent three years as the executive director of the Texas A&I University alumni association and one year as assistant director of alumni affairs and field services coordinator at Memphis State University.

Dr. Karl N. Kadish, UHCC associate professor of chemistry, and **Dr. Eugene A. Fong**, UHCC assistant professor of French, are among 486 American winners of the 1980-1981 Fulbright Awards entitling them to lecture or conduct research in foreign countries. Dr. Kadish will be in France, while Dr. Fong will travel to Rumania.

Dr. Ivan Bernal, UHCC professor of chemistry, is the recipient of a second U.S. Senior Scientist Award given annually to outstanding senior scientists in American universities by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Bonn, West Germany. The award was established by former West German Chancellor **Willie Brandt** to commemorate the Marshall Plan. Dr. Bernal has also been elected Fellow of the Australian National University, Canberra.

Dr. Gerald E. Osborne, director of the UHCC counseling and testing service, has been named to the National Advisory Committee on Research and Development for the College Board. He will represent all college board member institutions of the Southwest Region of the U.S. The committee is charged with advising the college board on needed research in ongoing programs and on the development of new assessment vehicles.

Dr. John G. Baust, UHCC associate professor of biology, has been elected to the vice presidency and board of governors of the International Society for Cryobiology. UH Central Campus has been designated as the host for the 1982 meeting of the society.

Dr. Robert V. Haynes, UHCC professor of history and former director of the M.D. Anderson Library, has been named associate provost on the UH Central Campus. As associate provost, Dr. Haynes will be responsible for implementing the recommendations contained in the report of the Task Force on Undergraduate Education. He served as chairman of the task force. He will continue to teach in the history department and will perform his new duties on a part-time basis.

Lee Elliott Brown, director of the UHCC office of admissions, has been appointed a member of the Task Force on Minorities by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. The task force will review the compensatory education programs on the campuses of 230 Catholic colleges and universities, emphasizing black and hispanic minorities while recognizing the concern of many other groups.

The UHCC Seismic Acoustic Laboratory has received \$50,000 from the Union Texas Petroleum Corporation. According to **Dr. Fred Hilterman**, UHCC professor of geology and principal investigator for SAL, the money will be used for capital equipment for the lab. SAL is developing a three-dimensional system of seismic acoustics for oil exploration.

The family of **Dr. Milton B. Dobrin**, UHCC professor of geophysics, has scheduled a memorial service in his memory on Sunday, November 16, at 2 p.m. The service will be held at the UHCC Religion Center Chapel. All friends, students, and colleagues are invited to attend.

Professor Steven Zamora of the UHCC Bates College of Law is now a member of the board of directors of Inter-American Legal Services Association. The organization is made up of Latin American, Caribbean, and North American lawyers who work to promote legal aid and law reform in Third World countries.

Dr. Justin Leiber, UHCC associate professor of philosophy, imagines the Houston of the 22nd century and the future relationship between mind and body in his new science fiction novel, *Beyond Rejection*. Loaded with literary, philosophical, psychological, and linguistic references, the book is Leiber's first venture into the world of science fiction.

Dr. David Gottlieb, UHCC professor of sociology and executive director of public service and extended programs, takes an in-depth look at the members of the all-volunteer army in his recently-published book, *Babes in Arms*. In interviews with 115 first-time enlistees, Gottlieb chronicles their attitudes toward their recruiters, officers, peers, and themselves. He also develops a number of policy recommendations for revamping the armed services in all areas.

Louise Braunschweiger has been appointed director of cooperative education at UHDC. The program seeks to provide students in UHDC's career-oriented degree programs with on-the-job experience prior to graduation by providing them with full-time work at least one semester in areas such as accounting, purchasing, and real estate. Ms. Braunschweiger, who will assume the position immediately, comes to UH from the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of California-Los Angeles where she served as an administrative analyst.

The UHDC faculty assembly elected **Dr. Herbert F. Rebhun**, associate professor of business services and coordinator of the UHDC data processing program, as the new president of the faculty senate. He assumed office in late September when **Dr. Don D. Elgin**, associate professor of humanities, stepped down as the 1980-1981 senate president following his appointment as the new UHDC Title III program coordinator.

The Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System has named **Dr. Jerrold S. Packler**, UHDC assistant professor of business management technology, as chairman of the committee on a statewide higher education self-insurance program. Members of the committee will conduct a feasibility study for a statewide self-insurance program for institutions of higher education.

The official 9.6 percent enrollment increase at the UH Downtown College is the highest enrollment gain reported by Texas state colleges and universities this fall. Texas A&M reported a gain of 6.9 percent, and the University of Texas at Austin increased 4.5 percent. The UH System reported an overall increase of 8 percent.

Lt. Nancy Carol Lee of the UHCLC Police recently graduated from the 122nd session of the FBI National Academy. Lt. Lee is only the second woman from the State of Texas to be invited to participate in the 11-week program. Her class included management level officers from 48 states, the District of Columbia, seven foreign countries, five military organizations, and six federal law enforcement agencies. Lt. Lee, who has been with the UHCLC Police for three years, joins a total of 14,395 officers who have graduated from the FBI Academy since it began in 1935.

Mary Jane McDonald, associate auditor in the UH System department of auditing, was recently elected associate director of member relations for the Houston chapter of the National Association of Accountants. The NAA is a professional organization dedicated to the growth and advancement of the management accounting profession through education and research.