

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## **DRS. GEORGE AND ANNE RACE ESTABLISH ALUMNI PROFESSORSHIP IN MEDICAL HISTORY**

Dallas—June 29, 1999—A devoted student of history, Dr. George Race has made a career of tracing the roots of UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Now he and his wife are honoring that tradition with a \$100,000 endowment gift to Southwestern Medical Foundation to establish a professorship in medical history.

Race, professor emeritus of pathology, and his wife, Anne, a retired psychiatry faculty member, are both UT Southwestern graduates. They made the donation to help preserve the rich history of the center and foster interest in medical heritage.

"They say that if you don't know where you're from, you don't know where you're going, and I believe that's especially true for the medical community," Race said. "As research progresses and the center grows, it's easy to lose sight of the seminal events in our history. But the crucial groundwork that has been laid by pioneer scientists and researchers deserves to be recognized, and Anne and I felt that this professorship would be a good place to start."

Race, former associate dean for continuing education, first became interested in history as a teen-ager during World War II. "I started hearing names of people and places in the news that I didn't recognize, and I became intrigued with sorting them all out. It wasn't long before I began to understand the value of knowing the chain of events," he said.

That passion for history is revealed in several books written and edited by Race that chronicle life at UT Southwestern. The first, a collection of essays written by many of the

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center's founding physicians and titled *Selected Recollections*, was published in 1997. Race's latest undertaking, scheduled for printing later this year, is a leather-bound pictorial history of the medical center.

"The Races are leading members and proponents of UT Southwestern's Alumni Association. It is most fitting that they have perpetuated that interest through this very generous gift," said W. Plack Carr Jr., Southwestern Medical Foundation president.

The George and Anne Race Alumni Professorship in History will be awarded to a UT Southwestern physician who demonstrates a strong interest in working with the alumni to preserve the history of UT Southwestern.

"This professorship is a wonderful way to bring history to life, and remind physicians, students and the community of the remarkable progress of medicine in general and at UT Southwestern in particular," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "We're very grateful to George and Anne for this heartfelt and far-reaching endowment."

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