

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## UT SOUTHWESTERN'S NEW HAMON BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH BUILDING TO HOUSE LABORATORIES FOR PIONEERING SCIENTISTS

DALLAS — November 13, 1995 — The Nancy B. and Jake L. Hamon Biomedical Research Building will be dedicated on the North Campus of UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas Nov. 20 in a ceremony attended by Nancy Hamon, whose support for cancer research made the facility possible.

"This facility will enable us to recruit and retain more medical scientists whose pioneering research will lead to better diagnosis and treatment for a wide array of illnesses," said UT Southwestern president Dr. Kern Wildenthal. "We are grateful to Mrs. Hamon who, with her generous support, places her trust in us in the hope of helping people everywhere."

The Hamons' made their name synonymous with Dallas philanthropy before Jake Hamon, an independent Dallas oilman, died in 1985. Mrs. Hamon's \$25 million gift to the medical center's record-breaking Fund for Molecular Research enabled construction of the building named for her and her late husband.

The Hamon research tower, an eight-story building, was designed by Omniplan with internationally recognized architects Edward Larrabee Barnes and John M.Y. Lee as consultants. Seven floors of the precast-concrete structure are for research, including laboratories where scientists will map and sequence part of the human genome and conduct cancer, molecular-immunology, microbiology and neuroscience research.

Mrs. Hamon's generosity also created two cancer research centers and two distinguished chairs at UT Southwestern.

Dr. Eric Olson recently was recruited from UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center to direct the Nancy B. and Jake L. Hamon Center for Basic Research in Cancer and to hold the

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Nancy B. and Jake L. Hamon Distinguished Chair in Basic Cancer Research. Dr. Eli Glatstein, chairman of radiation oncology, is the holder of the Nancy B. and Jake L. Hamon Distinguished Chair in Therapeutic Oncology Research. Dr. John Minna is director of the Nancy B. and Jake L. Hamon Center for Therapeutic Oncology Research.

Minna also directs the W.A. "Tex" and Deborah Moncrief Jr. Center for Cancer Genetics and holds the Sarah M. and Charles E. Seay Distinguished Chair in Cancer Research and the Lisa K. Simmons Distinguished Chair in Comprehensive Oncology.

Mrs. Hamon also has given generously to other Dallas institutions, including — among many others — the Dallas Museum of Art, the Dallas Zoo, Southern Methodist University and the Museum of African-American Life and Culture.

The Hamon research building is the second of six research towers that will be built on 40 acres at Harry Hines Boulevard north of Inwood Road, which were donated to UT Southwestern in 1981 by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

The Simmons Biomedical Research Building was dedicated two years ago, a memorial to Reuben Leon Simmons and Fairess Clark Simmons, parents of Dallas philanthropist Harold C. Simmons. His ongoing support for UT Southwestern includes a \$41 million gift in 1988, the largest ever made to a public medical school.

Planning is underway for the third research tower, to be built with the help of part of gifts totaling more than \$15 million from UT Southwestern supporters Charles and Sarah Seay.

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