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FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES ESTABLISH OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY PROFESSORSHIP IN HONOR OF BUD BREKKEN

DALLAS – March 6, 2000 – Students, residents and fellow faculty members at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas have provided \$200,000 to establish the Alvin L. "Bud" Brekken Professorship in Obstetrics and Gynecology in honor of a leading member of the department.

"Over the years Bud Brekken has been a committed supporter and counselor to innumerable obstetric/gynecology house staff and faculty and a true friend to many. Without his care and concern, we would not have had such excellent residency programs," said Dr. Gary Cunningham, chairman of obstetrics and gynecology.

Brekken joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 1978. A native of Wisconsin, he received his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison. He began residency training at Parkland Memorial Hospital, but his training there was interrupted by a call to the Air Force. He returned to Parkland three years later to complete his obstetrics and gynecology training while still in the Air Force.

Following the completion of his residency in 1965, Brekken returned to duty with the Air Force as chief of obstetrics and gynecology services at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The final leg of his 20-year stint with the Air Force was spent at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in San Antonio as chairman of obstetrics and gynecology. After retiring from the Air Force, he returned to UT Southwestern as an associate professor. He then served as director of the St. Paul Medical Center residency program from 1979 to 1985 and UT Southwestern's obstetrics and gynecology residency program from 1982 to 1994. Brekken became a professor in 1988.

Brekken has served as president of the Texas Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology, program chairman of District VII of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and president of the Southwestern Gynecologic Assembly.

Cunningham said that an outstanding teacher and clinician will hold the Brekken Professorship. "In this way, we hope to continue to promote educational excellence and to enrich the program he helped build here at UT Southwestern," he said.

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