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UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL ALUMNUS GIVES \$600,000 TO HELP RESIDENT RESEARCHERS

DALLAS — July 21, 1994 - Remembering how difficult it can be to conduct a research project just after graduating from medical school, Dr. Aaron A. Hofmann, a 1976 graduate of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, has contributed \$600,000 to establish the Orthopaedic Resident Research Fund.

The endowment will provide seed money for research projects conducted by residents in orthopaedic surgery and is given in honor of Hofmann's mentors at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

"It is with great personal satisfaction that I am able to give a small portion of what I have gained back to UT Southwestern Medical School and the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery," said Hofmann, a professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City.

Hofmann said he knows how difficult it is to find funding for a research project as a resident and hopes this donation will make those projects a reality. When he was in the last year of his residency at UT Southwestern, he ran out of funds for his research and had to "scrape, scrounge and beg" for money.

Hofmann has specified that the income from the endowment be used to fund four annual grants of up to \$10,000. Each is named for one of the men who influenced him: the Vert Mooney Award, the Brandon Carrell Award, the Truett James Award and the Richard "Dickey" Jones Award.

"These are people I have tried to emulate in everyday practice, not only their expertise in the orthopaedic field, but also their patient rapport and general ethics in the medical field," he said.

The endowment will allow for direct costs of a resident project. A four-person panel representing UT Southwestern, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for

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Children, Southwest Orthopedic Institute in Dallas and Baylor University Medical Center will make the selections.

"The education received by medical students and residents at UT Southwestern is outstanding, and we are pleased that a graduate from our medical school and our orthopaedic residency program still thinks so highly of this institution. It is with a special sense of pride that we accept this endowment," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president.

Dr. Mooney was chairman of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery at UT Southwestern from 1977 to 1988. He is currently a professor of orthopaedics at the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine.

Dr. Carrell served as the chief-of-staff at Scottish Rite Hospital from 1944 to 1978 and as chief-of-staff emeritus until his death in 1981. He was affiliated with UT Southwestern. His father, Dr. William Beall Carrell, co-founded Scottish Rite and was head of the orthopaedic surgery section at UT Southwestern from 1943 until his death in 1944.

Dr. James was a staff physician at Baylor for 35 years and a clinical instructor of orthopaedic surgery at UT Southwestern. He died in 1984.

Dr. Jones has been a clinical professor of orthopaedic surgery at UT Southwestern for 20 years. He is chief of orthopaedics at the Dallas Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the founding partner of Southwest Orthopedic Institute.

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