

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

Contact: Emily Martinez
(214) 648-3404

DONATION ESTABLISHES RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS — September 8, 1994 — Inspired in part by the work of her uncle — an original faculty member of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas — Nancy and John Penson are among the institution's most loyal supporters. Their recent pledge of \$50,000 to the medical center's Fund for Molecular Research will be matched by the Southwestern Medical Foundation to establish a professorship in clinical psychology in memory of Elizabeth H. Penn, Mrs. Penson's mother and sister of the late Dr. Lee Hudson.

"I just want to see UT Southwestern continue to get better and better as it is doing," said Mrs. Penson, a member of the UT Southwestern Fund for Molecular Research's fund-raising campaign committee. "I would like to see even more recognition of it nationally. I know scientists and doctors are aware of how much is going on here, but I would like everyone to realize what a treasure we have here in Dallas."

The Pensons have several familial connections to UT Southwestern. Members of Mrs. Penson's family established the Dr. Lee Hudson-Robert R. Penn Chair in Surgery in 1973. Dr. Hudson, Mrs. Penson's uncle, was chairman of the Department of Surgery at Southwestern Medical College from 1943 to 1949 and a pioneering surgeon at Parkland Memorial Hospital. The Pensons' daughter Dr. Ann Vreeland and her husband, Dr. Allan D. Vreeland, also earned their Ph.D.s in clinical psychology from UT Southwestern.

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president, expressed his gratitude to the Pensons for their continued support of UT Southwestern's research activities.

(MORE)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER
Southwestern Medical School • Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences • Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School
Affiliated teaching hospitals and outpatient clinics

Office of News and Public Information • 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas TX 75235-9060 • Telephone (214) 648-3404 • FAX (214) 648-8252

PENSON GIFT — 2

"It is because of the confidence shown by wonderful friends like the Pensons that UT Southwestern will be able to continue to be the home of world-renowned researchers and clinicians," Wildenthal said.

Dr. Charles C. Sprague, chairman of the Southwestern Medical Foundation, praised the Pensons for their years of commitment to UT Southwestern. "We greatly appreciate this generous gift as well as all of the support the Pensons have offered to UT Southwestern through the years."

Mrs. Penson is on the executive committee of Southwestern Medical Foundation, which supports research at UT Southwestern. Mr. Penson, an oil and gas producer, is a board member of Zale Lipshy University Hospital, a UT Southwestern-affiliated hospital. The Pensons also are active in various other community organizations, focusing much of their energy on the arts and education. Mrs. Penson has been a board member of the Dallas Symphony Association for two decades, and her husband is a life trustee of The Hockaday School.

###