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## **News Release**

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## **UTD To Hold ChessFest March 19 to 22 Will Help Give Team Sendoff to 'Final Four' Competition**

RICHARDSON, Texas (March 6, 2003) — The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) will hold its second annual ChessFest in the McDermott Library on campus from March 19 to 22. The four-day event, which is co-sponsored by the library and the UTD Chess Program and was hugely successful last year, will help give UTD's national champion chess team a sendoff to the "Final Four" of Chess competition next month in Miami. The UTD team has won the tournament both years that it has been played.

"Our collegiate chess program, led by Dr. Tim Redman, is clearly one of the top two in the nation and has been recognized from shore to shore," said UTD Director of Libraries Dr. Larry Sall. "ChessFest was created to celebrate this outstanding program and to extol the virtues of chess — as both an educational tool and a game of great skill. Last year's festival was such a success that we have worked with the chess program to present ChessFest again in 2003."

ChessFest will begin the afternoon of Wednesday, March 19, with one of the most popular events from last year — the "Challenge the Champions" competition in which several members of the UTD chess team take on all challengers simultaneously. That event will be held in the lobby of McDermott Library and will run from 2 to 6 p.m.

On Thursday, March 20, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the same location, a human chess set will be created in which people take on the role of the various chess pieces and are guided through a classic match by Chess Grandmaster Yury Shulman, captain of the UTD team. That event is co-sponsored by the Student Union Association Activities Board.

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A special lecture by FIDE (World Chess Federation) Master Jim Eade will highlight ChessFest activities on Friday, March 21. Eade is chairperson of the UTD Chess Program Advisory Board, former Zonal President for FIDE, the author of "Chess for Dummies" and former member of the United States Chess Federation Policy Board. He will talk about the Mechanics Chess Club in San Francisco, the oldest chess club in the United States (founded in 1851). Eade's lecture, entitled "The Best In the West," will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the library auditorium (MC 2.410).

Then from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, the UTD Chess Club will conduct training sessions for North Texas youngsters in the library lobby. The charge will be \$35 for one person and \$60 for two, with a \$5 discount for returning students.

### **About UTD**

The University of Texas at Dallas, located at the convergence of Richardson, Plano and Dallas in the heart of the complex of major multinational technology corporations known as the Telecom Corridor®, enrolls more than 13,000 students. The school's freshman class traditionally stands at the forefront of Texas state universities in terms of average SAT scores. The university offers a broad assortment of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs. For additional information about UTD, please visit the university's web site at [www.utdallas.edu](http://www.utdallas.edu).