Library sets 2002 banquet for McLemore presentations

The Ethel Ward-McLemore Awards for Library Excellence will be presented at a special banquet for University of Texas at Dallas library staff in mid-May, 2002.

The McLemore Awards are presented annually to two library staff members in recognition of their outstanding contributions to UTD Libraries. The awards were funded by the late Ethel Ward-McLemore and consist of a commemorative gold pin (shown on this page) and a check for $1,000.

The first awards were presented in 1989.
UT-Dallas' mighty chessmen, already rated the top college chess team in the nation, used the McDermott Library's March ChessFest celebration to prep for a major national showdown with arch rival University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Chess players showed up in large numbers to play the highly rated members of the UTD Chess Team that later went to Miami and won back-to-back Final Four crowns.

Above, UTD Libraries Director Larry Sall and UTD President Franklyn Jenifer enjoy the Challenge of the Champions event in the McDermott Library lobby. The UTD Chess Team played all challengers in simultaneous matches.

In the two photos at left, UTD grandmaster Yuri Shulman directs a "human chess set" through a classic match in the McDermott Library lobby during ChessFest.

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At right, a UTD Chess Team member (standing at right) plays three challengers at the same time during a "Challenge the Champions" simultaneous chess event in the McDermott Library lobby.