EEF Intends to Give 500 Acres To UT-Dallas

Erik Jonsson, President of the Board of Trustees of Dallas’ Excellence in Education Foundation, announced (on March 11) the board’s intent to make a major endowment gift of land to The University of Texas System.

The gift is intended to support excellence at The University of Texas at Dallas and the Callier Center for Communication Disorders.

EEF, formerly the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies, helped to bring about the creation of UT-Dallas in 1969; at that time, it made a $13 million gift to the UT System for The University of Texas at Dallas.

Value of the new gift for endowment is estimated to be about $11 million. Location of the trust lands is north of the UT-Dallas campus, in Collin County.

UTD’s campus area of more than 600 acres runs from north of Campbell Road in Richardson and Dallas County to just beyond the crossing of Cotton Belt and Santa Fe railroad lines in Collin County. The campus extends west from Floyd Road to an area just west of Waterview Drive.

Mr. Jonsson said, in the announcement, “Our intent is to give in the order of 500 acres of land which, in time, it is hoped will prove to be a great endowment of enduring benefit in making available educational opportunities of excellence.

“We have expressed our intent to have two-thirds of the gift committed to The University of Texas at Dallas’ excellence, and one-third to the further development of the Callier Center, an international resource in communication disorders.

“Trustees of the Excellence in Education Foundation have been enormously pleased by the way The University of Texas at Dallas and the Callier Center for Communication Disorders have developed. We believe our gifts are timely and will support pinnacle of excellence in education in the Dallas metropolis, the goal of the Foundation both before and after the creation of The University of Texas at Dallas.

“From the early 1960’s, we believed educational opportunities of excellence in the Dallas metropolis needed to be expanded, so that our bright young people would not be lost to educational and industrial centers principally concentrated on the east and west coasts.

“We believe this gift will help ensure that.”

Callier Trustees Propose Transfer To UT-Dallas

Trustees of the Callier Center for Communication Disorders announced (on March 11) an in-principle agreement for transfer of all operations and personnel, plus a gift of its $5.1 million facility, to The University of Texas at Dallas.

Callier Center, located at 1966 Inwood Road in Dallas, is an 11-year-old international resource in the field of communication disorders, with a comprehensive, multidisciplinary program of research, education, service and professional training.

In recent weeks, discussions have been held between Callier Center and The University of Texas System officials concerning the transfer to UT-Dallas.

Senator Oscar Mauzy has agreed to seek legislative approval of the merger.

Under the agreement, Callier Center would continue operations at its Dallas location, under the direction of Aram Glorig, M.D. In addition to directing the center, Doctor Glorig would head UTD’s academic programs in Communication Disorders. Special Education and related disciplines. Present Callier Center trustees would become an advisory council on center operations to UTD President Bryce Jordan.

Callier Center’s professional personnel represent a dozen disciplines required to diagnose and aid in remediating communication disorders. Since 1973, Callier has been engaged with UT-Dallas and the UT-Health Science Center at Dallas, in a cooperative program to train master’s degree and doctoral students in communication disorders. This program, directed by Doctor Glorig, has operated under an affiliation agreement and with approval of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

"The Trustees, staff and I believe," said Doctor Glorig in the announcement, "that this direct association with The University of Texas at Dallas, along with continued cooperation with other area universities, in particular The UT-Health Science Center at Dallas, will greatly augment the Center’s capabilities both for community services and for improvements in the diagnoses and remediations of communication disorders."

"As our joint program has grown, it has become increasingly evident that the Center and UTD have numerouse

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...ous mutual enrichment opportunities. Our programs are uniquely compatible.

"As a state institution, we can foresee that the Center, through its leadership abilities in the field, can help maximize statewide the quality of services available to persons with communication disorders. In our view this can be enormously beneficial to persons who suffer disorders in speech, hearing, central processing or combinations of these."

The Callier Center Board of Trustees includes: Mrs. George V. Charlton, Mrs. A. Earl Cullum, Jr., Robert B. Cullum, Dr. Milton K. Curry, Jr., A. I. Davies, Joe M. Dealey, Mrs. Robert E. Dennard, Jay Goltz, Nelle Johnston, Erik Jonsson, Ben A. Lipshy, Herbert G. Schiff, Dr. Frederick Seitz, Harry A. Shuford, Pat Y. Spillman, President; Dr. Robert Lee Sutherland, C. A. Tatum, Jr., Carl J. Thomesen, R. L. Thornton, Jr., and Mrs. Jack C. Vaughn.

The agreement also calls for the Scientific Advisory Council to the Callier board to become an advisory council to President Jordan. Membership includes Dr. Frederick Bonte, Dean of the UT-HSC Medical School; Dr. Frederic Darley, speech pathology consultant, Mayo Clinic; Dr. James L. Flanagan, head of speech and auditory research, Bell Telephone Laboratories; Dr. Robert Galambos, Department of Neurosciences, University of California Medical School; Dr. J. Ross McDonald, University of California; Dr. Paula Menyuk, Professor of Linguistics, Boston University; Prof. Walter Rosenblith, Provost, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. F. Blair Simmons, Department of Otolaryngology, Stanford University Medical Center; Dr. Alexander Clark, UT-Dallas Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. W. Dixon Ward, University of Minnesota Hearing Research Laboratory.