

# Special Announcement Edition

## Texas Geology Alumni Breakfast at AAPG, April 13th

A Texas Geology Alumni Breakfast is on the program for 8 A.M., Tuesday, April 13, 1954, at the Jefferson Hotel's Ivory Room, in St. Louis. You should secure your tickets when you register for the joint meeting of the AAPG-SEPM-SEG. See you there!

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## Geology Foundation Established by The Board of Regents

This is the first public announcement that The University of Texas Board of Regents has established a Geology Foundation. The full text of the minutes of the Board of Regents follows:

ESTABLISHMENT OF GEOLOGY FOUNDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.—Chancellor Hart presented with his approval a recommendation by President Wilson that the Board approve the establishment of a Geology Foundation for the Department of Geology at The University of Texas, as follows:

WHEREAS, there exists a clear and specific need for means to finance the program of the Department of Geology of The University of Texas in addition to the regular budgetary provisions, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of interested persons to set up facilities to encourage and assist in such financing,

IT IS NOW RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of The University of Texas approve the establishment of, and hereby establishes, the *Geology Foundation of the Department of Geology* of The University of Texas.

AND FURTHERMORE, that the purpose of the said Foundation shall be to foster and to promote the growth, progress and development of geological education, research and graduate study at The University of Texas under circumstances acceptable to the Board of Regents subject to provisions hereinafter set out.

1. The funds of the Foundation shall be devoted solely to the furtherance in and through the Geology Foundation of basic geological education, research and graduate study at The University of Texas and in other educational and research institutions and in field work and travel as it promotes development of the research program of the Department of Geology, and shall not be used for the ordinary operating expenses of the Department.

2. A donation to the Foundation may be made for a specific purpose and may be given the name of the donor or other designation specified by the donor; e.g., The Richard Doe Fund to the Geology Foundation; or may be given as undesignated funds which shall be used in accordance with provisions hereinafter set out.

3. The Board of Regents shall hold, manage, control, sell, exchange, lease, convey, mortgage or dispose of in any manner and for any consideration and on any terms, the said gifts, funds, or property in their discretion, and shall from time to time pay out of the income, or if the income be insufficient, out of the principal, all expenses of trust and all expenditures incurred in furthering the purposes of the trust.

4. Neither any donation to the Geology Foundation nor any fund or property arising therefrom in whatever form it may take shall ever be any part of the Permanent University

Fund nor shall the Legislature have power to be in anywise authorized to change the purposes thereof or to divert such donation, fund or property from those designed purposes.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Geology Foundation which shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be chosen from the staff of the Bureau of Economic Geology and the remainder from the permanent professorial staff of the Department of Geology. The members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Regents upon the recommendation of the President of the University. The Executive Committee shall elect from among its members a chairman. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to make all recommendations to the President of the University for the allocation and expenditure of funds available from and through the Foundation. Money may be allocated by the Executive Committee: for graduate and post-doctoral study at suitable educational and research institutions here and abroad; to purchase research supplies and equipment, the equipment becoming the property of the Department of Geology; for library services and purchases; for field studies here and abroad; to supplement salaries; for pre-doctoral and post-doctoral research appointments; and to travel in this country and abroad, with official permission, in the development of science. The Executive Committee shall set up its own rules of procedure to be used in determining the recommendations to be made to the President and in its collateral activities.

6. As in the case of all other University funds, authorization for expenditure of all funds from the Foundation shall be vested in the Board of Regents, and recommendations for such expenditures shall be made to the Board of Regents by the President and to the President by the Executive Committee as hereinbefore constituted.

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### **Objectives of the Geology Foundation Are:**

1. Funds for research and study appointments to be granted to individual teachers on the staff of the Department of Geology. This enables the geology teacher to advance his own research and improve his own teaching. The appointments may be granted in residence in Austin, or in some other approved educational institution elsewhere in the United States or abroad, or in an area where the grantee desires field studies here or abroad. The need for financial support of summer research is especially urgent.

2. Travel Funds to be granted to individual teachers of the staff of the Department of Geology or to members of the staff

of the Bureau of Economic Geology furthering their field and research studies here or abroad.

3. Funds for research scholarships and fellowships to be granted to worthy undergraduates and graduates who are securing specialized training in geology. This enables the University to train personnel for teaching and for industrial research.

4. Funds for post-doctorate fellowships to attract persons with special training to participate in a particular research project that is undertaken in the Department of Geology.

5. Funds for the purchase of special equipment to insure that research undertaken is conducted with adequate facilities. Modern research, because of its highly specialized nature, often requires special equipment which would quickly exhaust the normal budget of the Department of Geology.

6. Funds for library. The main library of The University is one of the best in the southern and southwestern region. However, the library of the Department of Geology is deficient in journal holdings and many reference works essential to the development of research programs. Funds for this purpose may be given for special purchases, library services, or for general endowment of the library.

7. Funds for the establishment of designated professorships, chairs, lectureships, special technical assistantships, or supplementation of salaries in order to attract specialists in their particular fields to further geological research and thinking.

Even though no prior announcement has been made about the Geology Foundation, Alumni and friends have to date contributed \$1,010.00 to the Foundation. It is hoped that alumni and others will build this foundation to the point where the teaching and research activities of the department will be unsurpassed in the nation. If you are interested in more details about the foundation, write to any member of the Department. Checks should be made out to "The University of Texas" and sent to the Department of Geology Chairman, or to the President of The University. The Board of Regents holds final authority to accept or reject any donation, or the terms, or the purpose of the donation.

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### **For the Next Newsletter**

So that we may prepare a Spring Newsletter like the first one, please complete the accompanying card and return it before April 15. You will want to know about your classmates and they want to know about you.