Famine Center dedicated

Tufts dedicated the new Alan Shawn Feinstein International Famine Center on the Medford campus on Oct. 6.

Feinstein, the Rhode Island philanthropist and longtime hunger activist who helped establish the new famine center with his $2.5 million gift in 1996, was joined at the dedication by Tufts representatives, friends and family members.

"I thought if there was anyone who could do something about hunger and famine, it might be people like you," Feinstein said. "That's why I'm here. I hope we each can make a difference."

Famine Center Director John Hammock F71, told Feinstein: "Over the last one and a half years, we've worked hard to put together a program in your image and to your liking. You're not just a philanthropist; you're an activist."

Hammock, who was previously president of the international relief agency Oxfam America, said the Famine Center has already signed several contracts with international agencies to provide training and consulting services, including one with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees.

The Famine Center's ambitious objectives include plans to bring representatives of international relief organizations and government agencies to Tufts to reflect on how they can be more effective in combating the suffering associated with famine around the globe.

Campus security report lauded

The Tufts University Department of Public Safety has received this year's Jeanne Clery Award for excellence in campus security. The annual award is given by Security on Campus Inc., a national, nonprofit organization whose purpose is to prevent campus violence and crime and to assist victims with their legal rights.

"We are honored by this recognition," said John M. King, director of public safety at Tufts. "We share this organization's belief that educating the campus community about the incidence of crime, and more important, about the mechanisms and programs that are in place to help protect people, are major components of providing a safe environment."

Alumnus aids exhibition

The Tufts University Gallery this winter honors the work of a long overlooked painter, with an exhibition of some 40 paintings by Friedel Dzubas. The show has been organized by Tim M CElreavy, A92, G95, a visiting curatorial associate at Tufts, who had met Dzubas shortly before the painter's death in 1994 at age 79.

Aided by a $25,000 grant from the Judith Rothschild Foundation, the retrospective draws on works from museums and private collections as well as from D zubas' estate. Among the paintings are canvases owned by Henry and Lois Foster. Henry Foster is a Tufts trustee and chair of the Board of Overseers to Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine, where the couple helped establish the Henry and Lois Foster Hospital for Small Animals. Both Fosters have long been involved in the art world.

Others donating art pieces include Hope Barkan, G95,
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PEOPLE

Bruce C. Kim, assistant professor of electrical engineering and computer science, is one of a handful of engineers nationwide to receive a prestigious CAREER Award from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for his work that may help multichip modules (MCMs) find their way into a host of consumer products, including cellular phones and laptops that fit in the palm of a hand.

Karen Panetta Lentz, assistant professor of electrical engineering, and her research group have received two NASA awards for outstanding research and innovative contributions to science for their visualization work for satellite data. Lentz also received the NASA Curriculum Development Award for her course, "Animation for Technical Communications." The course will be included as part of Tufts' new interdisciplinary multimedia minor program.

Jodi Magness, associate professor of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology, has been awarded two fellowships for the 1997-98 academic year, that enable her to take a leave of absence from Tufts. A fellowship in Byzantine Studies at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington, D.C., and from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) fund research on the archaeology of the early Islamic settlement in Palestine.


Four overseers appointed

Tufts has appointed seven overseers are national and international leaders from business, academia and other fields to provide assistance and guidance to the university's president and Board of Trustees. They are as follows:

George D. Behrakis, president and CEO of Muro Pharmaceutical Inc., to the Board of Overseers for the School of Medicine. The Tewksbury-based pharmaceutical company specializes in over-the-counter respiratory medicines as well as drugs to treat allergies and asthma. Behrakis serves on the advisory board for the M.D./M.B.A. in Health Management degree program at Tufts University School of Medicine. He is chairman of the board at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell and serves on the boards of Northeastern University, his alma mater, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation, the Pharmaceutical Advertisers Club of New York and Hellenic College.

Dr. Paul Calabresi, a professor of medicine at Brown University since 1968, to the Board of Overseers for the School of Medicine. A medical oncologist, Calabresi received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Yale. He chaired Brown University's Department of Medicine from 1974 to 1993 and has been president of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the New England Cancer Society and secretary-treasurer of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Society for Clinical Investigation. He is also executive consulting physician at Rhode Island Hospital and serves on the board of directors of U.S. Bioscience.

In 1995, Calabresi was awarded the St. George Medal for distinguished service in cancer control by the American Cancer Society. He has chaired the National Cancer Advisory Board and serves on President Clinton's Cancer Panel. He is a master of the American College of Physicians and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Peter Dolan, A78, president of the New York-based Nutritional & Medical Devices Group of Bristol-Meyers Squibb Co., has been appointed to the Board of Overseers for the School of Medicine. Before taking on his current responsibilities, Dolan served for two years as president of Mead Johnson Nutritional, a Bristol-Meyers Squibb unit that makes infant formulas and consumer nutritional products. Dolan graduated magna cum laude in social psychology from Tufts in 1978 and from Dartmouth's Tuck Business School in 1980.

Alwin Zecha, founder and CEO of Pacific Leisure Group of Companies, one of Asia's largest travel, tourism and hospitality industry-related organi-
zations, has been appointed to the Board of Overseers for the Arts and Sciences. Zecha received his undergraduate degree in economics from Tufts and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard. His daughter, Alison, graduated from Tufts in 1982. He is an active life member and served two terms as president of the Pacific Asia Travel Association, which has chapters in 82 cities around the world.

ATHLETICS

Jumbo awards honor two

Bud Collins, a nationally known sports columnist and commentator received the 1997 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Tufts Athletics Department and the Jumbo Club at ceremonies during Homecoming Weekend Oct. 24.

Tufts also honored the late William G. "Johnny" Grinnell, A35, for his induction into the College Football H all of Fame. Grinnell, who died of congestive heart failure on June 26 at age 87, was enshrined in the hall of fame on August 16, more than six decades after his playing days.

Collins, who in his own words, "gave up working for a living in 1955 to become a sportswriter in Boston," has worked as a sports columnist for the Boston Globe since 1963. He is most recognized for his work in tennis and has become a fixture on NBC telecasts of Grand Slam events. He has written five books on tennis, including The Bud Collins Modern Encyclopedia of Tennis.

Though the highlight of his playing career was a U.S. Indoor Mixed Doubles Championship with Janet Hopp in 1961, Collins was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1994.

Grinnell’s son, Bill, accepted the Distinguished Achievement Award in memory of his father. Johnny Grinnell played during the days of leather helmets and quick kicking for better field position. He was a leader of the 1934 Tufts team that posted a perfect 8-0 record and outscored its opponents 91-9.

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