IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie Davisson Parker

Mrs. Marjorie Davisson Parker, retired faculty member of the Speech Communication Department, died October 12, 1976, following a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, J. Adoue Parker, two daughters, Mrs. Howard (Margaret Abbe) Karren of Houston, and Mrs. Jim R. (Julie) Rose of Abilene, three granddaughters - Margaret Ann Rose, Susan Elizabeth Rose and Robin Parker Rose, and two grandsons - Charles Parker Karren and Geofrey Edward Davisson Karren. Her retirement on May 31, 1971, came after twenty three years of teaching at the University of Texas at Austin.

Born January 21, 1913 in Roswell, New Mexico, Mrs. Parker received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from the University of Texas in 1934 and a Masters Degree in 1948.

Mrs. Parker was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Austin where she was active in Sunday School and Church Guild activities. She was a member of the state and national professional organizations, Texas Speech Communication Association, and the Speech Communication Association.

Among civic and charitable groups, Mrs. Parker was a past president of the Stephen F. Austin High School P.T.A., a Brownie group leader for the Lone Star Council of the Girl Scouts of America, and a volunteer worker in the Travis Association for The Blind, the State School for the Blind, the State School for the Deaf, Brown School for Exceptional Children, Cerebral Palsy Center, Austin State School, the Heart Fund, Cancer Society, Cystic Fibrosis and the United Fund.

At the University, Mrs. Parker was sponsor of "Spooks," an honorary service women's organization. She was also devoted to her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha, and was awarded the Certificate of Merit in 1965 by the national office

and the Honor Cup in 1970 by the alumnae of Kappa Chapter.

Besides her teaching responsibilities, Mrs. Parker was director of the state finals in Poetry Interpretation for the University Interscholastic League and conducted workshops in storytelling.

Upon her retirement, a fund was established in the School of Communication Foundation to be used for an award to be given each year to the student who has exhibited exceptional qualities in the oral performance of literature. The fund was titled: "The Marjorie Davisson Parker Award Fund," and the certificate accompanying the $150 award reads, "The Marjorie Davisson Parker Award for Outstanding Oral Performance of Literature."

Lorene L. Rogers

Lorene L. Rogers, President of
The University of Texas at Austin

Bill D. Francis

Bill D. Francis, Secretary
The General Faculty

This Memorial Resolution was prepared by a Special Committee consisting of Jesse J. Villarreal, Martin Todaro and Ora Bennett (chairman).