The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for A. Faborn Etier, associate professor, business, has filed with the secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

Sue Alexander Greninger, Secretary
The General Faculty

IN MEMORIAM
A. FABORN ETIER

A. Faborn Etier, a long-time faculty member of twenty-nine years at The University of Texas at Austin, passed away on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at the age of 88. Dr. Etier, son of Jenny (Bullington) and John S. Etier, was born on October 4, 1916, in Weatherford (Parker County), Texas. He attended Brock High School and graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1934. After graduation, he went to Weatherford Junior College before enrolling and graduating from Daniel Baker College in Brownwood, Texas, with a B.A. degree in 1940. During this period he served as a grade school principal and high school principal (Dennis High School) in Parker County.

After receiving his B.A. degree, Dr. Etier served as high school principal (and business education teacher) at Santo High School in Palo Pinto County, Texas, and as head of the Business Administration Department at Weatherford Junior College. During this period he attended Texas Christian University and received his M.A. degree in 1944.

Except for a short tour of duty in the U.S. Army Air Force, he served as a business education teacher at Mineral Wells High School in Texas. Then in 1946, was appointed as an associate professor at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he was promoted to full professor in 1950 after completing his Ed.D. at Columbia University in New York. In 1952, Faborn received an appointment to The University of Texas at Austin as head of the Office Administration Division in the Department of General Business, and he served in that capacity until his retirement on July 31, 1981.

In recognition of his involvement and reputation in business education and secretarial fields, Dr. Etier had membership in four honorary business education and education fraternities and was made an honorary member of the National Secretaries Association (International). In the ‘50s, ‘60s, and ‘70s he held numerous executive posts, involving business education on the national, regional, and local levels. These included election to the Executive Board of the National Association for Business Teacher Education and service as its program chairman, president of the Mountains-Plains Business Education Association, president of the Texas Business Education Association, and program chairman of the Business Education Section of the Texas State Teachers Association – District X (three times).

He directed and frequently planned over fifty-five workshops, seminars, and in-service training programs, primarily for business teachers and secretaries, not only in Texas but in Mexico. He planned, organized, and coordinated a self-improvement course for Austin Area Secretaries for fourteen years as well as a methods conference for Texas Business Education Teachers for eight years. He was a consultant to numerous public schools and others, such as the Gary Job Corps Training Center and Arkansas State Department of Education.

At UT, Dr. Etier established two honorary fraternities: one the Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon, a graduate honorary fraternity for business education teachers, and the other Gamma Omega Chapter of Pi Omega Pi, an undergraduate fraternity for business education majors. In addition, he established the University Testing
Center for the Certified Professional Secretaries examination, and he administered the examination for over twenty years.

During his tenure at the University he served on numerous department, college, and university committees. For example, he was a member of the College of Business Administration College Commencement Committee for four years, the Teacher Placement Committee in the College of Education for four years, and The University of Texas Council for Teacher Education for fifteen years. In addition, he was chairman of the Education Committee of the Texas Business Education Association for two years and state director of The University of Texas Interscholastic League typewriting and shorthand contests for approximately twenty years. He was also appointed by the state commissioner of education (Dr. J.W. Edgar) to serve on a commission to study and make recommendations on business education offerings in Texas secondary schools and later to complete a curriculum framework study for business education for public schools.

Dr. Etier was in demand as a speaker on the national, regional, state, and local levels. In reviewing the records, it appears he gave talks or speeches to at least sixty different groups, including schools, conventions, service clubs, universities, and associations. He also was a visiting professor in the 1970s for two summers at The University of Texas at El Paso and Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Faborn was noted for his working with students and his teaching. He served as chairman of over fifty-two theses and professional reports and was either a member or co-chair of three dissertation committees. He was noted for the enthusiasm he brought to teaching courses in office administration, typing, shorthand, and business education. He not only created new courses but was innovative in the development of new instructional methods. He was internationally renowned for developing special systems for the teaching of typewriting: one that used electronics in the teaching of beginning typewriting, and the other, from a U.S. Office of Education grant, to develop a system for teaching typewriting to blind students. For these efforts, Dr. Etier received the College of Business Administration Innovative Teaching Award in 1978. He was also instrumental in developing simplified methods of teaching shorthand.

Although Dr. Etier had a number of publications in various journals, such as The Journal of Business Education and National Business Education Forum, he is best remembered for two textbooks, Typewriting Drills for Speed and Accuracy and Typewriting for Electronics, and his instructor’s manuals for teaching typewriting by electronics for blind and for sighted students.

Dr. Etier and his office administration staff developed highly qualified secretaries, executive secretaries, administrative assistants, and business education teachers at UT. Their students were sought by businesses and organizations, and numerous letters of appreciation and commendation are in his and other faculty files.

At the time of his death, Dr. Etier was survived by his wife Betty; his sons, John and Mark; his daughter, Betty; and their respective families. He was buried in the East Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford, Texas.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Emeritus Professors Gaylord A. Jentz (chair) and Charles T. Clark; Carol Lutz, retired lecturer; and Kristi Brown, executive assistant.

Distributed to the dean of the Red McCombs School of Business, the executive vice president and provost, and the president on July 17, 2006. Copies are available on request from the Office of the General Faculty, WMB 2.102, F9500. This resolution is posted under "Memorials" at: http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/.
College of Business Administration Faculty, 1964

Dr. Faborn Etter (bottom row, second from right).