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**- Inaugural Medal, to Be Given to Those Who Contribute to Chapman's International Academic Mission, Will Be Presented After Dallaire's Lecture Thursday, Oct. 12**

**ORANGE, Calif., Oct. 10, 2006** – Lieutenant-General the Honorable Romeo Dallaire will be the inaugural recipient of Chapman University's Benjamin Franklin Medal for International Cooperation, an honor to be bestowed upon international statesmen, diplomats or academicians who have contributed significantly to Chapman's international academic mission. Dallaire, the former commander of the United Nations Observer Mission-Uganda and Rwanda and the U.N. Assistance Mission for Rwanda, will speak at Chapman on Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall as part of the university's Holocaust Lecture Series. The medal will be presented following his talk. Admission to the lecture is free and open to the public. Call 714-628-7377 for more information.

The Benjamin Franklin Medal for International Cooperation "recognizes the individual's commitment to global education and international understanding," said Dr. James Coyle, director of Chapman's Center for Global Education. "It is named after Benjamin Franklin, the founding father of the U.S. who, though his accomplishments in higher education and as an international ambassador, very much personified that commitment." Recipients of the medal may be nominated by any member of the Chapman community, and the medal is bestowed by the provost with the consent of the president.

Dallaire's lecture, "Bearing Witness for Rwanda: One Man's Story of Courage and Conviction," will recall his experiences during the terrible 100 days between April 6 and July 16, 1994, when more than 800,000 people were brutally murdered in the small African country of Rwanda. The victims, killed horrifically – many hacked to death by machete – by Hutu extremists, were Tutsis and the moderate Hutus who supported them.

Lt.-Gen. Dallaire, a decorated Canadian Armed Forces officer, was tasked by the United Nations to ensure that peace was maintained in Rwanda. However, unsupported by the U.N. and its Security Council, he and his handful of soldiers were not able to stop the genocide, even as Dallaire pleaded for reinforcements and revised rules of engagement. He was limited by immovable parameters, overseen by an organization that didn't fully support the mission, and put into situations that forced him to question ethics every step of the way. Dallaire remains convinced that, given a few thousand more troops and a mandate to act preemptively, he could have stopped the killings.