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". . . A great day for Tyler, a great day for East Texas." That's how Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr., president of Tyler State College, assessed the development of the new upper level institution as it enrolled its first students for the 1973 Spring Semester.

It has been about a year and a half since Governor Preston Smith signed Senate Bill 419 creating Tyler State College. The legislation funding the school was signed last July and the professional staff went on the payroll September 1. Most of the work in transforming a vacant former junior high school into a sparkling clean, thoroughly renovated facility that will serve as temporary quarters for this upper level institution has been accomplished since then.

Even though classes are in progress, the Board of Regents and the administrative staff are forging ahead with great rapidity in plans for the permanent campus on a beautiful two-hundred acre site within the city limits of Tyler. The permanent campus will be ready for occupancy by the Fall of 1975.

Tyler State College is a general educational institution and will offer degree programs in most of the basic disciplines. The institution was established fundamentally to serve, in baccalaureate degree programs, the needs of students who are graduates of community and junior colleges throughout the East Texas geographical area. The role and scope of Tyler State College also states that graduate degrees at the Master's Degree level will be offered probably within about five years.