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TO: Inauguration Committee

FROM: Donald M. Anthony, Vice President for Academic

SUBJECT: Proposed Inaugural Program

FOOTNOTES CONCERNING THE INAUGURAL PROGRAM

1. The three inaugural program options are numbered in order of preference or appropriateness at this point.
2. In most cases, inaugural ceremonies appear to have been conducted during the morning hours followed by a luncheon for invited guests. The luncheon program has usually included greetings from representatives of various academic groups, learned societies, and governmental bodies.

An afternoon inaugural program necessitates the inclusion of these greetings into the structure of a single program since no occasion is provided for these greetings to be extended in another setting. Hence, the inaugural program is lengthened.

A luncheon for invited guests preceding the inaugural program could be programmed to include advance greetings from these groups, thus shortening the length of the inaugural program itself.

3. Invocation and benediction should include clergy from both the Tyler area and from elsewhere in East Texas to indicate the regional character of the institution.
4. If a color guard and presentation of colors are included in the program, followed by the national anthem, it is probably advisable to eliminate special music in the interest of time.
5. If the composition of an alma mater should be commissioned and completed prior to the inauguration, it would add to the occasion if this song were included in the inaugural program.