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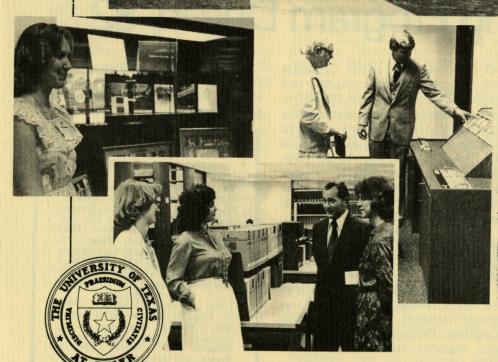


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President Stewart Resigns Position

Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr., the first and only president of The University of Texas at Tyler, has resigned his position effective August 31. His resignation was announced Jan. 28 by Chancellor E. D. Walker.

Dr. Stewart was elected to his position on August 7, 1972 and began work as president-and first employee of the university-on

Sept. 1, 1972.
Dr. Stewart is to become superintendent of the Masonic Home and School of Texas effective July 1. The Masonic Home and School of Texas is located on a 206-acre campus in Fort Worth and operates under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Texas. He will remain in the presidential role through May 31.

"Serving as president of UT Tyler has been a rewarding professional experience. To be involved in the creation of an institution of higher learning has been a challenging and rare professional opportunity," the president said. "Certainly, the achievements of the university to

this point would not have been without the support received from Tyler and all of East Texas. I believe that with continued support the university will serve the citizens of this region in even greater ways."

In his letter of resignation, Dr.



DR. JAMES H. STEWART, JR.

Stewart said that he established two major goals upon assuming the presidency: to establish a higher education program upon the principle of academic excellence, and to build a functional, efficient and aesthetically desirable physical plant.

"With the accomplishment of these objectives," he said, "it seems that this is a logical time for me to turn my professional energies to

other challenges."

Chancellor Walker, in his written communication to Dr. Stewart, said, "Your retirement as president will leave a gap at UT Tyler that will be hard to fill. But more importantly, you leave to your successor a respected institution which has developed a deserved reputation for academic excellence."

The president has led the university through two name changes, through four major construction contracts totaling more than \$21 million in developing the 200-acre campus, and from an enrollment of 176 students in 1973 to almost 1,900 this semester.

New Nursing Program Due in '82

The University of Texas at Tyler has awarded 56 Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees since 1977. Yet, not a single new nurse has been added to the job market. This fact will be changing beginning in 1982 when a new phase of the nursing program will be initiated.

Approved by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System in January is an expanded B.S.N. degree program for UT

Tyler.

Under the present nursing program, which was initiated in 1974 and produced its first graduate three years later, a student must already be a registered nurse to enroll.

Under the expanded program, students with no nursing courses

will be allowed to enroll. Students will take pre-nursing courses and foundation courses at the freshmansophomore level and pursue the nursing degree by taking required nursing courses upon enrolling at UT Tyler as a junior. Upon completion of the B.S.N. degree requirements and passing the state examination the graduates will be Registered Nurses.

Planning of the degree program began in mid-1979 and received approval of the UT System Board of Regents in October 1979.

A primary source of students in the new program will be area junior colleges with pre-nursing programs. Pre-nursing students may also transfer from other universities.

The current nursing program will continue for qualified nursesmaking the B.S.N. degree a twotrack program.

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Board of Regents James L. Powell, Chairman; Sterling H. Fly, Jr., M.D., Vice-Chairman; Jane Weinert Blumberg; Janey Briscoe; Jess Hay; Beryl Buckley Milburn; Jon P. Newton; Tom B. Rhodes; and Howard N. Richards.

University Development Board Named

A development board has been organized for The University of Texas at Tyler with 15 members receiving appointments. Members were selected by Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr. and Dr. Vivian A. Hicks and were approved by the UT System Board of Regents.

The development board is to seek the aid of numerous friends of the institution development efforts.

Chairing the board is Charles L. Childers, president of Tyler Bank and Trust Co. C. Quentin Abernathy of Gladewater and a former member of the institution's board of regents is the vice chairman.

Other members of the board include Jeff Austin Jr. of Jacksonville, B. H. McVicker, M.D. of Lufkin, Bill G. Hartley, J.S. Hudnall, Robert J. Phillips, Jim M. Vaughn, M.D., Royce E. Wisenbaker, A.W. Riter Jr., Isadore Roosth, Earl L. Story Jr., Henry M. Bell Jr., Allen M. Burt and George W. Pirtle, all of Tyler.

Dr. Hicks, as director of development for the university, serves as executive director of the development board.

Needs of the university outlined to the board include supplemental funds for faculty research and professional growth, endowed chairs to attract notable scholars and to relieve salary crisis in some disciplines, start-up money for continuing education and public service programs, and funds for enrichment of existing programs such as the honors program, journalism, science and mathematics.

ON THE COVER - Open House for the new library and media center of The University of Texas at Tyler was observed April 5 with several hundred visitors inspecting the new \$4.5 million facility. The center photograph on the cover page shows the front view of the four-story building with other photos illustrating the displays, equipment and services within the library and media center.

Help! Accurate Records Of All Alumni A Target

The University of Texas at Tyler makes every effort to keep a current mailing address on its alumni. However, over the past seven years some graduates have moved and cannot be located.

Anyone having current information on the alumni listed is asked to notify the UT Tyler Public Information Office or the individual named.

Current addresses are needed on the following:

Abdol Hamid Ahangari and Henria D. Armstorng.

Jo Ellen Birdsong, Roxanne Myree Blackwell, Raymond E. Blevins Jr., John Richard Brady, Ralph E. Britt, Lisa Kaye Brizendine, Marshall Brown Jr., Linda Winkelman Bryce, Carol R. Buford and Camille

Casey Womack Cammack, James W. Carrington, Ghalam Jilani Chaudry, Robert W. Chu, Sandra Parks Clay, Evelyn Golden Clemons, Melburn Adrian Clickard Jr., Kyle Eugene Cole, Sally Ann Coleman, Mary Elizabeth Conn, Carol Ann Conrad, Sammie Rees Courington, Virginia Jane Cowart, and Shirley Creecland Shirley Crossland.

James D. Dark, Nelda Ruth Densman, Theron Andre Derz, Shirley Dalme Dickie, Joseph W. Dillman Jr., Jessica Lou Downing and Ernest Wade Dozier. John Edward Ellis.

Carol Ann Fanning, Douglas Andrew Ferraez and Carolyn Alberta Fisher.

Norman O. Galyon Jr., Pamela Lee Gant, Nancy Jo Gardner, Hudson A. Geddie, Sheila Kennedy Gibson, Marcie Miller Ginsberg, Johnny Wayland Glaze, Barnabas Henry Grayson, Jimmie Carolyn Green, Mark Dwayne Green and Deborah Ann Guillot.

Reginald D. Halbrook, Karen Hale, Oren Claude Hale, Karen Lynn Harden, Freda Harder, Clara Patrick Hawkins, James Neill Hays, Esmeralda Sepulveda Hess, Ray Vincent Hesse, Alvin Wallace Hicks, Esther Laraine Huddleston, Tony Joe Huddleston and Yiu Kwong Hui Kwong Hui.

Lasandra Joyce Johnson and Robert A. Johnson.

Fred H. Knight and Richard Dwaine Kremer.

Craig Dwaine Lace, Phyllis Jan Lambeth, Janet Nell Landers, David A. Lee and Suellen

Candace Peterson Magnuson, Scott Alan Malcolm, Cheryl Gwen Mallory, Deborah Lynn Marshall, Debra Jean Martin, Deborah Amburg Mason, Audrey Wayne Matthis, Gary Gene McAbee, Merrill Jean McCain, Timothy Craig McFarlin, Kathy Nanell McKee, Bahman Merrikh, Joseph Ramirez Miller, Virginia Ann Willer, Bobby Harold Moore Lanet Wesser Miller, Bobby Harold Moore, Janet Werner Morrison, Karen Lee Mullikin, Pamela Neill Murphy and Debra Fran Musslewhite.

Max Eugene Nash.

Larry Mark Ousley.
Peggy Ann Pate, Shawn Len Patton, Lynda

Carl Alan Rachuig, Cheryl Jan Rasberry, Katherine Ann Richey, Pat Parks Ricks, Michael Carrol Riley, Robin Wesley Roberts, Roy Lee Robertson, Jeanne M. Robinson and Randall Smith Rogers.

Randall Smith Rogers.
Linda Sue Sellers, Jack H. Sharp, Jay Kelly
Shaw Sr., Jerry Don Shirley, Mary Roberta
Smallwood, Debra Driggers Smith, Cathy Long
Speas, Martha J. Spivey, Rebecca Lee Stahl,
Ralph Alvin Stanford III, Aubrey Neolson
Steele, Freeman Dewayne Sterling, Richard
Edward Stewart, Mary Helen Stinson, Betty
Stone, Robert A. Sullivan and James R.
Swindell Swindell.

Susan Lynn Tague, Mohamad Hossien Tavakoli, Betty Janice Taylor, Linda Evans Teal, Jerry Neal Thomas, Annie Ruth Thompson, Donald Earl Thompson, Rex Allen Thompson, James Sowers Tomlin, Charles Lynn Travis, Clyde Everett Trautloff, Gary Robert Traylor and Sue Ann Tuttle.

Cletus Chikwendu Udeh.
Leon George Van Alstine, Sandra Sands
Vasquez and Judith Ann Vincent.
Peggy Florence Walker, Ella Kaye Walters,

Tome Francis Walters, Raymond Charles Ward, Sharon Yvonne Watkins, Benita Florence West, Victor Alan White, Larry Edward Whitten, Anita Faye Wied, Larry Lee Wied, Faye Clark Wiggins, Charelle Williams, Donald Lee Williams, Eric Ralph Williams, Mary B. Wisniewski, James William Withycombe Jr., Ledra Judith Witsberger and Kevin Lecorda

Sheryl B. Yim and Brian I. Young.

UT Tyler Graduate Publishes Book

Former Military Officer Turns Author

Capt. David L. Hicks (U.S. Army, Retired), a long-time student of history, has now turned author and as such may be the first graduate of The University of Texas at Tyler to have a book published.

The Texians, written by Hicks and Dan Parkinson of Brazosport, is already in its second printing by The Larksdale Press in Houston.

Hicks, a seventh generation Texan from Live Oak County, takes pride in his heritage (he is one-quarter Cherokee) and currently serves as vice president of the Texas American Indian Intertribal Conference. The 47-year-old Troup resident is married, has four children and five grandchildren.

A military career occupied most of his time in the 1950s and 1960s before his retirement in 1969 as a captain. He served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars, the first as a rifleman in the infantry and the latter as a commissioned officer and paratrooper. He earned the commission through the ROTC program at Texas A&I University.

Hicks is deeply involved in writing, including a monthly column called "Cherokee Beginnings, Religion and Culture" in the Cherokee Advocate, the official newspaper for the Cherokee nation in Oklahoma. He has a novel in manuscript form on "The Last Summer of Youth" and is finishing a manuscript on "My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys." He has also written an unpublished novel, "Kaharia."

Hicks is also working on research of the Hicks family and the Cherokee Indian nation and plans to use this material in still another book, The Lost Feather.

The Texians novel began with a pamphlet written and illustrated by co-author Dan Parkinson for the Brazosport Chamber of Commerce.

The pamphlet, highlighting details of the crucial 1832 Battle of Velasco, was one of the many locally oriented historical pieces given to tourists by the chamber.

Hicks, through a long-developed interest in pre-revolution Texas, came across the pamphlet and approached Parkinson with the idea of turning the material into a book. Captain Hicks spent the next two years researching minute historical details. He interviewed descendents of key people and examined old school and church records.

Research took him to archives in Texas and Mexico, to libraries and museums. "Almost all of my work was from documents and not history books," he said. He then took the material and wrote the story and Parkinson developed it into its final form.

The finished book is actually the first in a trilogy for the coauthors. "The second book, to go to press in 1981, covers the Battle of Nacogdoches in August 1832 and research is just beginning on the third which will be about the buildup of U.S. citizens coming into Mexico and Texas proper. The book will go to 1935, just prior to the revolution," Hicks said.

Hicks, who already held a B.S. degree in industrial arts from Texas A&I, enrolled at UT Tyler (then Tyler State College) in 1975—starting taking courses in history, English, drama, and speech. After a year, he decided to earn his second B.S. degree—this one in history. He completed that degree and moved into graduate work, earning his Master of Arts in interdisciplinary studies in 1977. The graduate degree was in history, English and political science.

"I would not have developed into a writer without my advanced

education," Hicks explains. "I feel close ties to the university, the library and the professors. I believe in this university and I like the programs it provides," he added.

The Texians is now available in most bookstores throughout East Texas, including the UT Tyler Bookstore. They retail for \$8.95 plus tax.

For those who wish to contact Hicks, his home address is 505 E. McKay, Troup, TX 75789.



David L. Hicks (right) are University of Tex Jr., and university librarian, Mrs. Olene Halibrary which was written by an alumnus of

The Texians

A Novel Based On History

Reviewed by Donald W. Whisenhunt

The events leading to the independence of Texas from Mexico are well known to almost all Texans. Anyone who has gone through the Texas public school system has been exposed at least once to Texas Although the specific history. events may not be remembered by the adult Texan, the general contours of the struggle for independence are known.

Such events as the battles of the Alamo and San Jacinto, the personalities of Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston, the declaration of

RY — Accepting a copy of The Texians from Texas at Tyler president, Dr. James H. Stewart, Harned. It is the first book to be placed in the of the university.

independence, and the "runaway scrape" are among the best known events of the Revolution. Not as well known are the events during the four years prior to 1836 that led the Americans in Texas to the point that they could no longer live as Mexican citizens.

This book is a very valuable account of the incidents in 1832 that most historians consider to be the starting point of the Texas independence movement. As this book ably points out, the great majority of Americans in Texas— Texians as they became known between 1832 and 1836-considered themselves loyal Mexican citizens with no motive of independence.

When the Texians took up arms at Anahuac and Velasco, they were fighting for their rights as guaranteed in the Mexican constitution of 1824. The events that eventually led the Texians to seek independence is the rest of the story.

The events of May-June, 1832, have been fictionalized in this book. Although it is technically historical fiction, *The Texians* is, in fact, an accurate account of the people involved, their moods and motives, and the battles that occurred.

Captain D.L. Hicks, a graduate of U.T. Tyler, took a pamphlet originally done by Dan Parkinson of the Brazosport Chamber of Commerce and expanded it into this full-scale novel. Captain Hicks did the additional historical research needed, and the two of them worked together to provide the narrative and dramatic style.

The results of the collaboration are quite interesting. They have been able to dramatize in an exciting way these crucial events without doing damage to historical accuracy. Any student of Texas history could benefit from their story.

17-Member Panel Named

A 17-member advisory committee is working to prepare a list of nominees for the presidency of The University of Texas at Tyler. The committee is screening qualified applicants for the position and will submit a list of recommendations to the University of Texas System

Board of Regents.

Chairing the committee is E.D. Walker, chancellor of the UT System. Board members appointed to the group by board chairman James L. Powell include Mrs. Jane Weinert Blumberg of Sequing Tom B. Rhodes of Dallas and Howard N. Richards of Austin.

Representing other UT institutions on the committee are: Dr. Wendell H. Nedderman, president of UT Arlington; Dr. Bryce Jordan, president of UT Dallas; and Dr. V.R. Cardozier, president of UT Permian Basin.

Dr. Ernest T. Smerdon, vice chancellor for academic affairs, serves at the UT System representative.

Representing the UT Tyler Deans Council is Dr. Robert L. Cox, dean of the School of Education and Psychology.

Faculty representatives, elected by the faculty, include: Dr. Stephen E. Daniels, associate professor of education; Dr. Wendell C. Hewett, professor of business administration; Dr. Don W. Killebrew, assistant professor of biology; Dr. F. Lannom Smith, professor of English; and Dr. Thomas A. Keagy, assistant professor of mathematics and president of the faculty senate.

Students serving on the committee are Charles T. Dickson, a junior biology major from Jacksonville, and Allan R. Warren, a senior secondary education major from Tyler. They were selected by the UT Tyler Student Association.

Completing the 17-member group is Charles L. Childers, chairman of the UT Tyler Development Board and president of Tyler Bank and Trust Company.



UT SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS — Members of the governing board of The University of Texas System include: front row, left to right, Janey Briscoe, Dr. Sterling Fly, Jr., vice chairman, James L. Powell, chairman, Beryl Buckley Milburn and Jane Weinert Blumberg. Back row: Howard N. Richards, Tom B. Rhodes, Jess Hay and Jon P. Newton.

Board Changes Made

Changes made in January in the board of regents of The University of Texas System include the appointment of three new members by Gov. Bill Clements and the election of new officers.

The governor appointed Janey Briscoe of Uvalde, Beryl Buckley Milburn of Austin and Tom B. Rhodes of Dallas to six-year terms on the governing board.

These appointments were to fill vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of Thos. H. Law of Fort Worth, Walter G. Sterling of Houston and Dan C. Williams of Dallas.

James L. Powell of Fort McKavett is the newly elected chairman of the nine-member board while Dr. Sterling H. Fly Jr. of Uvalde is the new vice chairman.

Mrs. Briscoe, the wife of former Gov. Dolph Briscoe, is a native of Austin and has two degrees from UT Austin. Mrs. Milburn was serving as chairman of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, at the time of her appointment to the UT Board. She also is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin.

Rhodes, chairman of the board of Sedco, Inc. of Dallas, also relinquished his position to the Coordinating Board to accept the new appointment from Gov. Clements. Rhodes earned his L.L.B. degree from The University of Texas at Austin Law School.

Powell, a rancher and banker, was appointed to the board by Gov. Briscoe in 1979 and Dr. Fly was appointed in 1977, both to six-year terms.

Powell has extensive experience in higher education, including terms as a member of the Texas State University System Board of Regents. He received his B.A. degree from Rice University and did graduate work in economics and finance at UT Austin.

Dr. Fly was educated at Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin and the UT Galveston Medical Branch. He has been in private practice of medicine in Uvalde since 1952.

Of the three members who rotated off the board, Williams had served 12 years, Law six years and Sterling six years.

Around campus.....

Dr. James F. Koukl, director of medical technology and assistant professor of biology, is serving as a member of the board of directors of the Tyler Audobon Society. . . Dr. H. Donald Garrison, assistant professor of industrial education, is the author of an article entitled "An Auto Shop That Fixes More Than Cars" which appeared in an issue of the Journal of American Vocational Association. . . Dr. C. Ray Gullett, professor of business administration, is co-author of Management (fourth edition) published by McGraw-Hill. The book is a university-level basic management text. . . Dr. Evelyn Sowell, professor of education, is the co-author of two articles accepted for publication in the 1982 Yearbook National Council of Teachers of Math. . . . Dr. Patricia A. Gajda, associate vice president for graduate studies and curriculum, is the author of an article entitled "Tyler: A Tradition of Gracious Living in East Texas which was published in the March issue of Texas Homes. . . Dr. Christina Mitchell, coordinator of student services and assistant professor of education, authored an article, "Tenacity in Marriage and the Positive Effects of Individual Responsibility", which appeared in an issue of Family Therapy Journal. . . . Dr. Barbara A. Wagner, assistant professor of education, delivered a research paper on "Kindergarten Student's Attitudes Toward Mathematics" at a meeting in Dallas of the Southwest Educational Research Association. . . . Dr. W.A. Mayfield, professor of education, presented a paper on "Issues in Education During the 80's" at the National American Vocational Association Conference in New Orleans, La.

Honors Program Begins for Undergraduates

An undergraduate Honors Program was initiated by The University of Texas at Tyler in the fall semester. Plans are to offer one honors course in each long semester, according to Dr. Stephen R. associate professor of Lefevre, science and principal political

director of the program.

The Honors Program consists of a series of seminars or lectures structured around a specific topic in the arts and sciences. Each seminar seeks to broaden the perspectives and challenge the capabilities of the individual partici-

Honors courses are electives and are not included in major or minor requirements. Students may enter the program any semester and may take from one to four of the courses while in pursuit of a degree at UT

Admission to the Honors Program is achieved through student application or faculty nomination. The student must be a full-time undergraduate with a 3.2 grade point average.

Classes are designed to study specific issues and themes in the arts, humanities and sciences. The four courses include: Science Ethics and Modern Society; The Creative Process in the Arts and Sciences; Form and Human Expression; and Challenges to Man's Future.

Program was Honors developed through a grant to the university from the R.W. Fair Foundation of Tyler.

Alumni Notes....

Bennie Portwood (B.A., Health and Physical Education, May 1975) has moved to Tyler from Omaha, Neb. to join his father as an agent for the Great American Reserve Insurance Company.

Danny Ray Elliott (B.S., Sociology, Summer 1978) is a fall 1980 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Religious Education degree.

Bruce A. Hogenmiller (B.B.A., General Business, December 1974) of Whitehouse was recently promoted to president and chief executive officer of the American Fidelity Savings Association in Tyler.

Norton R. Nowlin (B.A., Psychology, December 1979) of Oceanside, Calif. is presently enrolled in the College of Law at Western State University in San Diego, Calif.

Rickey G. Garen (B.S., criminal justice, Summer 1977) is a resident adjuster for the Underwriters Adjusting Co. in Monroe, La. Lynn D. Johnston (B.S.Ed., Health and Physical Education, May 1977) is currently serving as varsity football assistant coach at Diboll. He also recently received his M.Ed. degree from Stephen F. Austin State University.

James T. Worthen (B.S., Political Science, May 1978) has completed law school and has entered the practice of law in Tyler. He resides

in Big Sandy.
Walter F. Fitzpatrick (B.A.A.S., Applied Arts & Sciences, May 1976) is teaching at Brazosport Junior College.

Perry Huckabay (B.S., Criminal Justice, December 1976) has served in recent months as coordinator of the new Crimestopper program of the Tyler Police Department.

Maxine F. Cole (B.S., Sociology, May 1979) has accepted a teaching position at Oswego High School in Oswego, Kansas. She is teaching career education and psychology.

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First 50 Join UT Tyler President's Associates

Membership in the "President's Associates" of The University of Texas at Tyler reached 50 at the conclusion of the first quarter of 1981. Charter membership to the organization will remain open throughout the current year.

A gift of \$500 or more to UT Tyler entitles an individual, family or organization to become a charter member of the President's

Associates.

These tax-deductible gifts are to be used to advance the university.

Charter members enrolled through March include:

C. Quentin Abernathy
Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Bell Jr.
Edwin Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. Burt
Mrs. D.K. Caldwell
John G. Champion
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IN RECOGNITION — Looking at a charter membership plaque is Mrs. Annette Tapp, secretary in the Public Information Office at UT Tyler.

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