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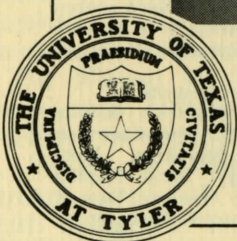
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Sawyer Named Acting President

John R. Sawyer is serving as acting president of The University of Texas at Tyler until the arrival in Tyler of Dr. George F. Hamm. Sawyer was appointed to the position by E. D. Walker, chancellor of the UT System.

Sawyer assumed the new position on July 1 upon the departure of Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr., who announced his resignation in January effective at the end of June.

In announcing Sawyer's appointment, Chancellor Walker stressed the importance of continuity in the president's office. "We are fortunate that John Sawyer is available to provide that continuity. He has been with UT Tyler almost since its inception. He is able, experienced and highly regarded by the faculty and staff. I am personally grateful to him for

agreeing to assume this important role," the chancellor said.

Sawyer, 58, joined the university in 1972 as vice president for fiscal affairs. During the past nine years he has been responsible for budget and appropriations request preparation as well as day-to-day fiscal management of the university. Areas under his responsibility include the comptroller's office, data processing, physical plant operations, university police and personnel services.

Upon assuming the position of acting president, Sawyer said, "I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the institution in this capacity. I appreciate the confidence shown by Chancellor Walker in appointing me to the office. I look forward to working with the faculty and staff as we carry on the work of the university in the weeks ahead and

in bringing about a smooth transition to the next president."

During his service at UT Tyler, Sawyer has held memberships in the Texas Association, Southern Association and National Association of State College and University Business Officers and the Tyler Chamber of Commerce. He is a charter member and past president of the Texas Business Officers organization. He has served on state-wide committees appointed by the Coordinating Board for development of the formula base used for funding upper level colleges of Texas.



JOHN R. SAWYER

Two Administrators Resign

Sawyer Plans Retirement;

Joyce Returns To Teaching

Two administrators who have more than 16 years combined service to The University of Texas at Tyler will be vacating their positions at the end of August. The two are the only individuals to serve in the offices they hold.

John R. Sawyer, vice president for fiscal affairs, has announced his retirement and Dr. George Joyce, dean of the School of Business Administration, has submitted his resignation as dean and asked to be assigned to the faculty in a full-time capacity.

Sawyer joined the administration in 1972, moving from Pan American University in Edinburg where he was a vice president and where he had been employed since 1950. He has completed 31 years of service to higher education in Texas.

A native of Athens and a graduate of Athens High School, Sawyer holds the B.B.A. degree in business administration from Baylor University. He and his wife reside at Malibu Bay on Lake Palestine.

Dr. Joyce has served as dean since July 1973 when he joined the university administration. He also holds the rank of professor of business administration. He holds the B.B.A. degree in marketing and business law and the M.B.A. in marketing and finance from the University of Oklahoma. He earned the Ph.D. from the University of Alabama.

Before moving to Tyler, he taught at UT El Paso and has also taught at UT Arlington, Alabama and Bowling Green State University.

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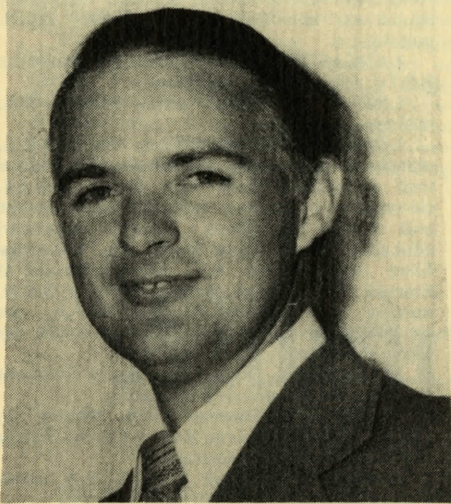
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Dr. Gilbreath Amoco Recipient

Dr. Tommy D. Gilbreath, associate professor of industrial education, is the 1981 recipient of the Amoco teaching award at The University of Texas at Tyler.



DR. TOMMY D. GILBREATH

The Amoco Foundation provides funds for the award of \$1,000 to each of the seven academic components in the UT System to be used for an Amoco Foundation Outstanding Teaching Award.

Amoco also provided a \$500 gift this year to the university to be used for an additional teaching award or for a specific project through the UT Tyler Faculty Professional Development Fund.

Dr. Gilbreath, a member of the UT Tyler faculty since 1976, holds the B.S. degree from Sul Ross State University and the M.Ed. and D.Ed. degrees from Texas A&M University.

This is the second year for UT Tyler faculty to participate in the award. Recipients in 1980 were Dr. W. Clayton Allen, professor of industrial education, and Dr. C. Ray Gullett, professor of business administration.

Campaign Opens To Endow Merit Scholarship

Dr. Vivian A. Hicks, director of development, has announced a campaign to endow a merit scholarship for The University of Texas at Tyler. The merit scholarship fund allows anyone who wishes to make a gift of any amount to aid in creating scholarships for students at UT Tyler.

To be endowed, the scholarship fund must reach \$10,000. The interest on the endowment fund will be used to provide scholarships for students of unusual merit.

A scholarship committee of faculty and staff will be charged with screening applicants and making final selections of recipients.

Dr. Hicks invites alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of the university to make contributions to the fund. "On the occasion of a death, an anniversary, a birthday or any other special occasion, the fund is an especially appropriate remembrance," she said.

To make a contribution, send a check made payable to the UT Tyler Merit Scholarship Fund to the Office of Development, UT Tyler. Include the name(s) and addresses of those who are to be informed of the gift. A letter from the president of the university will be sent acknowledging the contribution.

Accounting Major Wins

Watson W. Wise Incentive Award

Sheila Root of Houston is the 1981 recipient of the Watson W. Wise Incentive Award which is presented annually to an outstanding graduating senior. Miss Root is a spring semester graduate with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting.

While attending UT Tyler she served as president of Alpha Chi, as a member of the Convocation and Commencement Committee, was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, was listed on the President's Honor Roll and was a recipient of the M.J. Harvey Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

The Watson W. Wise Incentive Award was established in 1975. Previous recipients include John W. Presley of Carthage in 1976, Barbara Carder of Tyler in 1977, Keith Bridges of Lindale in 1978,

Rene Ferrell of Tyler in 1979 and Amy Glenn of Columbus, Ohio in 1980.



SHEILA ROOT

Six new members have joined the President's Associates organization of The University of Texas at Tyler for 1981. They bring the total charter membership to 56.

New members include:

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Mr. and Mrs. Wade C. Ridley

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Charter membership will remain open through December.

UT Tyler Graduates 183 In Sp

The alumni count for The University of Texas at Tyler climbed above the 2,500 mark at the 1981 spring commencement with 183 spring graduates receiving degrees. The total alumni count is now 2,522.

Among the 183 spring graduates are 155 who received a bachelor's degree and 28 who received a master's degree.

Spring semester graduates at the master's level by hometown, degree and major, include:

AUSTIN—Herbert Ferd Cresswell, M.A., interdisciplinary studies.

BEARDEN, Ark.—Charles Erwin Attebery, M.A., interdisciplinary studies.

CENTER—Ronald E. Cox, M.A., interdisciplinary studies.

GILMER—Gwendolyn Sanders Roberts, M.Ed., curriculum and instruction.

GLADEWATER—Dennis R. Lowery, M.Ed., health and physical education.

GRAND SALINE—Pamela Carroll Bruner, M.Ed., reading.

HENDERSON—Linda Russell Wylie, M.Ed., early childhood education.

HOUSTON—Alan David Pollock, M.A., interdisciplinary studies.

JACKSONVILLE—Charles E. Cary Jr., M.B.A., business administration; and Bonnie Jackson Hampton, M.S., psychology.

LINDALE—Joe Charles Harrison, M.Ed., health and physical education.

LONGVIEW—Irene Bixby, M.A., health and physical education; Lewis L. Creech, M.Ed., curriculum and instruction; and Irene Jeanette Oakland Talaasen, M.Ed., early childhood education.

PORTLAND, Oregon—Darlene D. Dymond, M.Ed., curriculum and instruction.

TYLER—Carole Errett Booth, Sally Ellis Dobbs, LaQueta U. Freeman, Elizabeth Ann Holland and Cathy Myers, M.A., interdisciplinary studies; Bobby Dean Crone and Barbara Jean Pitre, M.B.A., business administration; Sandy Wolfe Tyler, M.Ed., early childhood education; Kay Hunt Dawson, M.Ed., curriculum and instruction; Dianne Kendrick Hawkins, M.Ed., special education; Susan Marie Khirallah Johnston, M.Ed., reading; and Alan W. Fisher, M.S., industrial education.

WICHITA FALLS—Lovejoy Court Speed, M.A., interdisciplinary studies.

Spring semester graduates at the bachelor's level, listed by hometown, degree and major, include:

ABILENE—Allen Eugene Prachyl Jr., B.A., health and physical education.

ARP—Terry D. Kleam, B.B.A., accounting.

ATHENS—Stephen Edward McAtee, B.B.A., general business; Danny Earl Presley, B.S., vocational education; William Raymond Vinson, B.S., industrial education; Cindy Wilcox Pepper, B.S.Ed., elementary education; and Shirley Dean Jones Sanders, B.S.N., nursing.

BECKVILLE—Danny Alec Atkerson, B.B.A., accounting.

BEN WHEELER—Catherine Ann Abbott, B.S., mathematics.

BIG SANDY—Nina Yulanda Rogers, B.S., speech.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Margaret D. McNamee, B.S., sociology.

BROWNSBORO—Brenda Precilla Adair Pool, B.A., health and physical education; and Sherry Till Palmer, B.S., sociology.

BULLARD—Sharon Rae Brooks and Darlene Johnson, B.S.Ed., elementary education; Gary D. Sanford, B.G.S., general studies; and Kathleen Mary Murphy, B.S., biology.

CANTON—Evelyn Louise Herring, B.S.Ed., early childhood education; and Forrest T. Fincher, B.F.A., art.

CARTHAGE—Paul Randolph Krutza, B.S., computer science.

CHANDLER—Raymond T. Upchurch, B.B.A., accounting; and Norris Douglas, B.S., history.

CORSICANA—Micheal H. Barnebee, B.B.A., finance; Naomi Lynn Smith Perry, B.A., health and physical education; Kimberly Chapman Boswell and Rita Ann Matthews, B.S.Ed., elementary education.

DALLAS—Mary Patricia Green Eaves, B.S.Ed., elementary education; Mary Jo Newton, B.S.Ed., secondary education; and Alwilda Brooks Karnes, B.G.S., general studies.

ELKHART—Terry F. Gunnels, B.S., industrial education.

FRANKSTON—Brenda F. Massey, B.S.Ed., elementary education.

GILMER—Eugene N. Gray and Mark William Salih, B.S., industrial education; Carl H. Bragg, B.S., criminal justice; and Linda Marie Mitchell, B.S., sociology.

GLADEWATER—Kathy Jean Bowden, B.A., health and physical education; John Wayne Gage, B.S., industrial education; Donalyn Audas, B.S.Ed., elementary education; Brent Thomas Abernathy, B.G.S., general studies.

GRAND SALINE—Georgia Kay Rodgers, B.S.Ed., elementary education.

HAWKINS—Patricia D. Williams, B.A., sociology; William Houston Vaughan IV, B.S., criminal justice; Catherine J. Cromley and Linda F. Southerland, B.S.N., nursing.

HENDERSON—Vanessa Sloan Vinson, B.S.Ed., early childhood education; Rose Mary Starling, B.S., computer science.

HOUSTON—Sheila Louise Root, B.B.A., accounting; and Cynthia Kaye McCullough, B.S., computer science.

JACKSONVILLE—Sara Kay Barber and Patsy J. Boyd, B.B.A., accounting; Margaret Ann Mims Moody, B.S.Ed., elementary education; Jimmy Maurice Cleaver, B.S.Ed., secondary education; Barbara Angelo Huggins, B.A., English; Alice Rooks, B.A., art; Sherry Ann Lancaster, B.F.A., art; Billie J. Cary, B.S., criminal justice; and Frederick D. McCarty, B.S., history.

JOINERVILLE—Debbie Elaine Kitchings, B.S.Ed., elementary education.

KILGORE—Forrest H. Shields, B.B.A., general business; Caren Elizabeth Cleary and Julia Ann Poston Guess, B.S.Ed., elementary education; and Bobbie Jean White, B.S.N., nursing.

LANCASTER, Pa.—Pamela J. Reindollar, B.S.Ed., elementary education.

LINDALE—Stephen Patrick Rydzak, B.S., biology.

LONGVIEW—James William Witzel, B.B.A., management; Douglas A. Britain, B.S., industrial education; Mary Ann Quinn, B.S.Ed., elementary education; Selta Dortch Cummins and Linda Sue Drew, B.S.Ed., secondary education; Merri Carol Davis, B.S., sociology; Ellen Joy Kindred, B.S., speech; Gerald D. Stansell, B.S., history; Barbara J. Pruitt, B.S.N., nursing; and George Thomas, B.F.A., art.

MABANK—Dorothy D. Dunlap Small and Edna Marie Beltz, B.S.N., nursing.

MALAKOFF—Donnal Dalrymple Stephens, B.A., health and physical education.

MARSHALL—Thomas Little Whaley Jr., B.B.A., general business; Robert Charles Garcia, B.S. Ed., elementary education.

MESQUITE—Randall H. Gray, B.S., industrial education.

MIDLAND—Lorraine Harris, B.S.Ed., special education.

MINEOLA—Steven Christopher Hadley, B.S., psychology.

MONROE, La.—Wanda Lee Deason Mosher, B.F.A., music.

MOUNT PLEASANT—Candace Marie Russell, B.S.Ed., elementary education and secondary education.

PALESTINE—Janis Raye McWhorter, B.B.A., management; Linda K. Bolton, B.S.Ed., elementary education; Martha Jean Lewis, B.G.S., general studies; and Robert Noble Sellard, B.S., criminal justice.

PICKTON—James Truitt Harrelson, B.A.A.S., applied arts and sciences and B.S., industrial education.

POTOSI, Mo.—Connie Sue Wilkerson, B.S.Ed., elementary education.

RUSK—Glen DeWayne Pierce, B.S., computer science and mathematics.

SAN ANTONIO—Elsie G. Ferguson, B.S., criminal justice; and Dolores Kumar, B.S., computer science.

SHERMAN—Mary Leona Norman, B.S.Ed., elementary education.

TROUP—Susan Marie Smith, B.S.Ed., elementary education.

TYLER—Edward M. Ainsworth Jr., Stephen Lawrence Hudnall, Curtis A. Peterson, Kimberly Ann Lambert Rush, Cynthia R. Thomas and Joan A. Waters, B.B.A., accounting; Debra A. Johnson, Kyle Keith Kilgore and Diane Elizabeth Narlo, B.B.A., marketing; Kenneth R. Squyres, B.B.A., general business; Anita Marlowe Gathright, B.A., psychology; Gary D. Cluck and Billy Glenn Thornton, B.A.A.S., applied arts and sciences;

Gilbert Lewis Cook, Derek Keene Dorey, Bennie M. Reed Sr. and Bobby Joe Richardson Jr., B.S., industrial education; Doris Jean Beacham, B.S., vocational education; Mary Sides Loden, B.S., psychology; Kim Fitzgerald Beal and Sandra Lee Daughtry, B.S.Ed., early childhood education; Paula

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Jeanette Blundell, Kenneth Richard Cramer, Kim Arrington Dworaczyk, Sue Simmons Fitzgerald, Charlotte Naomi Linder, Margaret Elizabeth Lyles, Cynthia Breeden Moore, Stephen Craig Pace, Nancy Starling and Wendy K. Wakefield, B.S.Ed., elementary education;

Patricia A. Armstrong, B.A., English; Loretta Lane Kuhn, B.S.Ed., secondary education; Carol Ann Hafner, B.A., English; Patricia Yvonne Raibon, B.A., art; Nelwyn Westmoreland, B.A., English and history; Lester S. Axtell III, B.F.A., music; Jimmie Lee Crossland Finn and Sibyl Worth Bogan

Nunley, B.G.S., general studies;

Kendall D. Adair, Jay Patrick Booth and Dian Foster Hill, B.S., political science; Preston Ernest Christian, James Edward Martin and Michael Glenn Weaver, B.S., criminal justice; Ivonda ReShell Goss and Patricia Kay Jackson, B.S., sociology; Kathryn K. Schlottach, B.S., speech; John Kelton Tedford, B.S., journalism; Christopher W. Webber, B.S., history;

Susan Cole Anderson Lowthorp and Frances Maryclare McGinnis, B.S., computer science; and Audrey Colleen Coleman, B.S.N., nursing.

VAN—Charles Robert Washmon, B.B.A., general business.

WACO—Milton Wyatt Farris, B.S.N., nursing. WEST MOUNTAIN—Sharron Kay Perkins, B.S., computer science.

WHITEHOUSE—Bonita Jill Howland, B.A., health and physical education; and John Edward Crow, B.A.A.S., applied arts and sciences.

WHITE OAK—Jahnell Maxine Tuel, B.S., mathematics.

WILLS POINT—Rickey Donald Rush, B.S., history.

Alumni Notes . . .

Matt Mathis (B.S.Ed., Secondary Education, May 1977) is an instructor and coordinator of the mid-management program for the College of Technical Arts at Lamar University, Beaumont.

Jerry Russell (B.S., Criminal Justice, August 1977) was elected to a position on the Tyler City Council in the April election.

James N. Norman (M.Ed., Health and Physical Education, August 1980) is an assistant football coach at Austin College in Sherman. Prior to his move there in 1980, he coached at Big Sandy where his football team won two Class B state championships and one co-championship.

Robert P. Lewis (B.B.A., Accounting, December 1980) is an accounting manager for Tyler Pipe Industries in Tyler.

Carol Denise Cox (M.A., Interdisciplinary Studies, December 1980) of Tyler served as an administrative aide to State Representative Bruce Gibson during the 67th Texas Legislative Session in Austin.

Jim Newman (B.S., Chemistry, December 1980) has moved from Tyler to Lake Jackson where he is a chemist for Dow Chemical Co.

Manuel Rios Ochoa (B.S., Criminal Justice, May 1980) was promoted in March to assistant warden in the Darrington Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections in Rosharon, Texas. He was previously a major of custodial officers in the Coffield Unit in Tennessee Colony.

Karen Moore Fordyce (B.S.Ed., Elementary Education, December 1980) is teaching for the Richardson Independent School District. She resides in Dallas.

Debra Sue Hocker (M.Ed., Special Education, December 1980) is a speech pathologist for the Tyler Independent School District and resides in Flint.

Jimmy Wayne Bishop (B.B.A., Accounting, December 1980) has moved from Tyler to Houston where he is an accountant for Cities Services International (Citco).

Keith Glen Arneil (B.S., Industrial Education, December 1980) is an administrative assistant for Eagle Trucking Co. in Kilgore. He resides in Longview.

Robert Carey Copeland (B.B.A., Accounting, December 1980) is owner of the Cooper-Copeland Construction Co. in Tyler.

Robert Shane Graves (B.B.A., Accounting, December 1980) is assistant controller for the Merritt Tool Co. in Kilgore. He resides in Longview.

Robert Phillips (B.B.A., Marketing, May 1977) has accepted a position as West Texas and New Mexico territory manager with Bunge Edible Oil Company. He will be moving from Charlotte, N.C. to Lubbock.

David C. Richards, Jr. (M.A., Interdisciplinary Studies, May 1979) is currently serving as compensation and benefits manager for National Supply, Division of Armco Steel in Houston.

Around campus. . . .

Dr. David C. Riddle, associate professor of chemistry, presented a paper on "Experience Gain in the Routine Determination of PCB's in Transformer Oils and Solid Wastes" at the 31st annual Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy, held in Atlantic City, N.J....Dr. Neil B. Ford and Dr. Don W. Killebrew, assistant professors of biology, presented a paper entitled "Reproductive Effort and Body Size in Butler's Garter Snake *Thamnophis butleri*" at the Southwestern Association of Naturalists....Dr. H. Milton Jones, chairman of the Department of Accounting and Professor of Business Administration, resigned at the end of the spring semester to take a position at Baylor University....Dr. Barbara A. Wagner, assistant professor of education, presented a research paper on "Validity and Reliability of Measurement in Assessing Affective Mathematics Variables with Young Children" at a meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, held in St. Louis, Mo....Dr. Keith W. McCoy, professor of health and physical education, has been elected vice president of the Smith County Heart Association....Dr. Judy B. Freeman, associate professor of speech, is to take a leave of absence for the 1981-82 academic year. She will spend the time working as an internal communication specialist for Delta Drilling Co. in Tyler....Dr. John H. Spurgin, associate professor of political science, has resigned to enter The University of Texas Law School at Austin....A six-member search committee has been appointed by Dr. Donald W. Whisenhunt, vice president for academic affairs, to seek applicants for the position of dean of the School of Business Administration. Chairing the committee is Dr. C. Ray Gullett. Other members include Dr. Wayne H. Goff, Dr. Wendell C. Hewett, Dr. James H. Sellers, Dr. Marilyn Young and Dr. Robert H. Cranford.

Dr. Stewart Reflects

Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr. concluded his services as president of The University of Texas at Tyler on June 30 and began his new position as superintendent of the Masonic Home and School of Texas in Fort Worth on July 1.

Prior to leaving UT Tyler, he responded to the following questions reflecting on his almost nine years as president:

Q. What has been the most satisfying part of your job as president of this university?

Throughout my career in education, the most satisfying aspect of my work always has centered on the instructional process which enables students to achieve goals whereby they are prepared in more enlightened and productive ways to contribute to our society. My most satisfying work at UT Tyler is consistent with this philosophy. Being associated with the learning experience of students has been and is the bedrock of my job satisfaction. Of course, I have had the rare privilege of involvement with this institution from its beginning as the first employee, and I have received satisfaction in being a part of establishing a new institution of higher learning and having a part in developing the program over the first decade of the university's existence. Also, it has been satisfying and exciting to be involved in planning and building a new physical plant.

Q. What has been the most frustrating part of your job?

Even though I believe we have accomplished in the last nine or ten years what would normally take 15 or 20 years to accomplish, I am disappointed that we have not made even more progress. I would like to have seen more progress in all areas. The lack of response to housing needs for the university and the absence of typical development around the university campus are particular matters that have caused me a great deal of frustration.

A fundamental frustration, and one that pertains to many of the current and future challenges for UT Tyler, relates to the deficiencies of the upper-level concept which have emerged during our "experiment" with the concept in Texas over the past decade.

Q. You joined this university when the upper-level concept was new in Texas. Based upon your experience and almost a 10-year record of upper-level institutions in Texas, what is your opinion of the concept?

The upper-level concept was based upon an

assumption that has proved to be fallacious. In the beginning it was believed that upper-level institutions would be successful in the state of Texas because of the large enrollments in our well-developed community/junior college programs. The fallacy of this assumption has been revealed in that only a very small percentage of Texas community/junior college students are transfer students, i.e., baccalaureate degree candidates. For example, in the 1979-80 academic year, the last year for which complete data are available from the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, only between five and six percent of community/junior college students were classified as baccalaureate degree candidates. Although Texas upper-level institutions have a successful overall record in attracting a high percentage of these degree candidates, the number of students is not large enough to provide a critical mass for several of our upper-level institutions to operate in an efficient and effective manner—even with the special formula funding provided by the state for upper-level institutions.

This, of course, relates very directly to the academic program in terms of important day-to-day operations such as faculty work load, frequency of course offerings, student life programs and research activities just to mention a few examples of the major concerns that reflect deficiencies at least in smaller upper-level institutions.

Our community/junior colleges are performing their responsibilities to society in an excellent manner and I believe are very anxious to continue working in a positive manner toward making the community college/upper-level institution relationship successful and productive in Texas. By using the information that is available to us after some ten years of experience with upper level education, I think there is important potential progress on the horizon.

Another important matter, in my opinion, relating to all upper-level programs regardless of the critical mass problem is the absence of a nucleus of full-time students on campus for longer than two years which is germane to the basic concern of academic integrity. This pertains to the concept of a dynamic university including all aspects of the academic and student life functions. These are some of the important realities and deficiencies of the upper-level concept which must be understood and accepted or modified by our state leadership, general citizenry, faculty, staff and students.

Q. Do you consider housing part of this overall concept?

Yes, the traditional dynamics of the university includes student housing and a reasonably well-balanced student life program although this institution was actually created as a com-

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muter institution. And that idea has not changed in terms of the role and scope recognized by the Coordinating Board. Even so, housing was placed on our master plan at the beginning for possible future consideration. For numerous reasons, it is important for student housing to be constructed on campus and/or nearby the campus.

Q. What do you view as the greatest challenges ahead for UT Tyler?

My ideas about the greatest future challenges for UT Tyler may be considered debatable, but I am confident that the following matters are very important and what I believe to be select or "cream of the crop" issues.

The institution must concentrate on continuing an emphasis which will permit growth in its reputation for quality education as a small regional comprehensive university. Of course, I am convinced that quality and excellence provide the cornerstone of success for any institution, but I likewise am convinced that quality and excellence will be even more important for the future in the success, and even in the survival, of educational institutions. Universities have a critically important role to perform because our total society is served by the products of higher education—our businessmen, our teachers, our engineers, our physicians, and on and on. Higher education institutions are vitally important in the cycle of our society's structure.

Another challenge with which UT Tyler must work is that of slower growth rate in enrollment for the next 10 or 20 years. Rapid growth simply does not appear to be in the future for higher education in the United States for a considerable period of time. As an upper-level institution, it is my judgment that UT Tyler will have a particularly difficult challenge

in terms of enrollment.

Related to enrollment, and a matter that could have significant impact on disproving my thoughts about slower enrollment growth, is the challenge of adding programs that are in demand and can be justified even in the climate of depression in which I think higher education now finds itself. There are several programs in the current institutional inventory that offer extremely positive potential for growth. This growth can materialize through determination and hard work on the part of individuals within the university.

Continual attention to appropriate physical plant development offers an important challenge. The matter of on-campus housing again must be mentioned as a challenge. Also, the inclusion of all UT components in the Permanent University Fund is particularly important.

And a final challenge is that of increased research activity through the UT Tyler program. I firmly believe that UT Tyler should remain an institution that emphasizes teaching, i.e., strong academic instruction in all areas of the comprehensive program. Research activity, however, is very important to the teaching function, and a definite challenge exists to increase and enhance this function.

Q. Would you share what you would dream for this university in the next 10 years?

My dreams and expectations for this university during the next 10 years are very close to those which I held at its beginning—that through dedication and hard work the institution will continue to grow and succeed in satisfying the needs of its many constituencies. It is not unusual for problem areas to be identified when creating a new concept such as the upper-level university. The next logical step

is to deal with those problem areas and deficiencies.

Specifically, I envision the emergence of a very positive school spirit which would be enhanced through a variety of activities: continuing growth of campus academic and social organizations, and the development of student housing would benefit the university. Perhaps selected intercollegiate athletic activities would be of important consequence to student life and school spirit. In this regard, I dream that our relatively new student government association will continue to contribute significantly to the institution. Certainly, it has made good initial progress.

Furthermore, I dream of the enhancement and growth of the university advancement function. Particularly important with university advancement are development and alumni activities. An alumni structure would in turn result in organized support from alumni. Through continued enhancement of development efforts, I dream of more substantial support from Tyler and the larger East Texas region that is served by the university. There is opportunity to build upon the support that has already been initiated, and I believe that there are some very important friends of the university who have only begun their patronage and encouragement.

Finally, I dream of growth in future enrollment to some 3,000 or 4,000 students for the university. I believe in addition to regional recruitment efforts, recruitment should be concentrated in particular metropolitan areas where a large number of community/junior college students could be attracted to UT Tyler, a university noted for academic excellence and located in an attractive, yet smaller city. The metropolitan areas, in my opinion, constitute an untapped source which could provide a portion of the answer to enrollment challenges.

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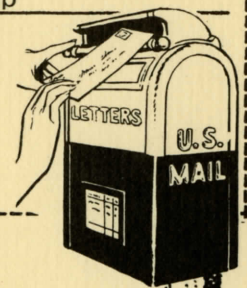
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Dr. Hamm Selected From Field of 126

Dr. George F. Hamm, vice president for student affairs at Arizona State University, is the new president of The University of Texas at Tyler. He was selected from a field of 126 candidates by the UT System Board of Regents on July 1 and is to assume the presidency in August.

The selection concluded a four-month search for the successor of Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr., who announced his resignation in January.

"We are delighted with the selection of Dr. Hamm," Board Chairman James L. Powell said, "and pleased that he has accepted our offer. He will bring strong academic and administrative credentials to UT Tyler. We are fortunate to have him and look forward to working closely with him in the years ahead."

Dr. Hamm has served as vice president for student affairs and professor of education at Arizona State University since 1969 and has been with ASU since 1962 in capacities of counselor, dean of men and dean of students.

The new president holds the B.A. degree in psychology from

South Dakota State University, the M.A. degree in psychology and the Ph.D. in counseling from the University of Wyoming.

"I will sincerely miss the opportunity to work with President (J. Russell) Nelson and the faculty, students and alumni at ASU," Dr. Hamm said upon being selected as the second president in the history of UT Tyler. "But this new opportunity allows a broader set of challenges in a unique academic environment within a truly great university system.

"It is a great opportunity to approach an entirely different set of challenges," he added. "One of the strengths of UT Tyler is the tremendous support it gets from the Tyler community. Another is a very strong faculty."

Dr. Hamm served as national chairman of the Council on Student Affairs, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges in 1976-77 and on the Executive Committee of the national association in 1978.

He was selected for the outstanding young man of the year award in Arizona by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1964 and

has served in the Tempe and Phoenix civic activities including member of the Fiesta Bowl Committee, Planning Committee for Downtown Redevelopment Project, committee member of the Phoenix Mayor's Youth Coalition, chairman of the Budget Committee of the Diocese of Phoenix Charity and Development Appeal, board of directors of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, Maricopa Council of Boy Scouts of America and Phoenix Metro Big Brothers and Tempe United Way and president of Tempe Diablos, the official hosts for the annual Fiesta Bowl.

The Advisory Committee received 167 nominations or applications for the presidency with 126 becoming candidates by submitting credentials. The selection process reduced the list to nine. Eight of these visited the UT Tyler campus.

One of the nine withdrew prior to the interviews and another withdrew from consideration following the interviews. Of the final seven, three names were submitted to the board of regents for a final interview and the selection of a new chief administrative officer for the university.

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