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THIRD COMMENCEMENT SET FOR SATURDAY; SPEAKER CLAYTON TO ADDRESS GRADUATES

Bill Clayton, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, will be the keynote speaker at the annual commencement of Texas Eastern University, scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in Harvey Hall. Clayton will be introduced by Bill Clark, state representative for the 12th district.

A total of 223 students are candidates for degrees, representing the largest graduating class in the history of the university. Degrees were presented to 140 students last year. Eighty of the students are candidates for master's degrees and 143 are candidates for a baccalaureate degree.

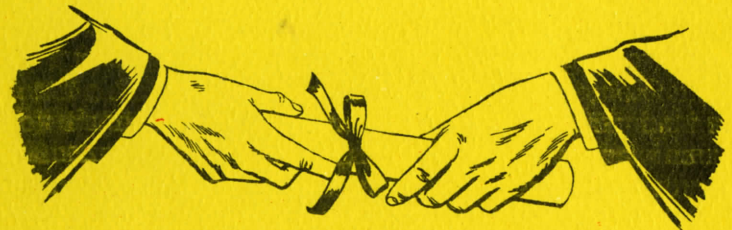
Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr. will preside at the commencement. Participating on the program will be Robert G. Schleier, chairman of the board of regents, Dr. Donald M. Anthony and the four academic deans.

The Rev. Richard H. Elwood, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, will deliver the invocation and Rabbi Kalman B. Taxon, spiritual leader of Ahavath Achim Synagogue, will offer the benediction. Music for the processional and recessional will be provided by TEU organ students.

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A capacity crowd is expected for the commencement.

The candidates reside in 40 towns and cities in Texas and one city out-of-state. Tyler leads the list with 126 students, followed by Athens with 13, Longview and Jacksonville nine each, Palestine six, Kilgore five, Winona, Arp, Gladewater, LaRue, Overton three each, Ben Wheeler, Frankston, Van, Big Sandy, Troup, Whitehouse, Malakoff, Canton, White Oak and Gilmer two each, and one each from Lebanon, Tennessee, Fort Worth, Freeport, Montalba, Tennessee Colony, Quitman, Rusk, Chandler, Brownsboro, Hawkins, Flint, Plano, Grand Saline, Corsicana, DeBerry, Hallsville, Henderson, Scroggins, Clarksville and Bryan.



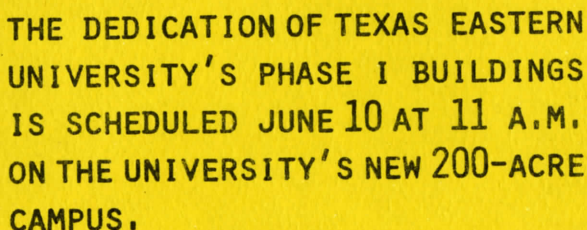
FIRST WATSON W. WISE AWARD PRESENTED

John W. Presley of Longview and a candidate for a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice is the recipient of the first Watson W. Wise Incentive Award to be presented to a Texas Eastern University student.

Presley, a veteran of six years on the police force for the City of Longview, is a native of Big Sandy. He attended Tyler Junior College and is a graduate of Kilgore College.

The recipient was selected from a list of students who were nominated for the award and who met certain academic qualifications, including a 3.5 GPA.

Watson W. Wise of Tyler established the award to recognize a graduating senior each year at TEU. The award is based on qualities of scholarship, character, citizenship and civic responsibility. Wise presented the plaque and cash gift to Presley at the final President's Hour of the academic year Thursday, May 6.



THE DEDICATION OF TEXAS EASTERN
UNIVERSITY'S PHASE I BUILDINGS
IS SCHEDULED JUNE 10 AT 11 A.M.
ON THE UNIVERSITY'S NEW 200-ACRE
CAMPUS.

REGENTS APPROVE BID PACKAGE PLANS

Plans for a bid package for the Health and Physical Education Building and related outdoor facilities were approved by the Texas Eastern University Board of Regents at a special called meeting May 5.

A base bid and three alternates will be prepared. The base bid will be for construction of the building, including mechanical and electrical work. Alternate one provides for necessary grading and construction of two outdoor basketball and four outdoor tennis courts and lawn irrigation of that area. Alternate two provides for the lighting of the four tennis courts and alternate three provides for rough grading of the balance of the area for playing fields.

Preston M. Geren, architect for the HPE building and two buildings in Phase II, told the regents he has a target date of June 15 to have the bid package completed. He also said the priority of preparing plans for the HPE structure would delay planning on the other two buildings 30 days.

Target dates are to occupy the HPE building by September 1977 and the two Phase II buildings in May or June 1978.

Regent H. J. McKenzie told the board that bids for the construction of Harvey Lake will be opened at 2 p.m. May 18 in the office of Henry M. Bell, Jr., president of the TEU Educational Foundation, Inc.

ALPHA CHI INSTALLS 39 TEU MEMBERS

The Texas Alpha Xi Chapter of Alpha Chi was established and 39 alumni and students of Texas Eastern University were initiated May 4. Dr. David C. Riddle and Mrs. Olene Harned are serving as faculty sponsors.

One part-time student, 15 full-time students and 23 alumni are charter members of the TEU chapter. Of the 23 alumni, five are now enrolled in graduate programs at Texas Eastern.

The 39 members represent 12 towns and cities with one each living in Arp, Malakoff, Gilmer, Canton, Henderson, Big Sandy, White Oak, Kilgore, Athens and Flagstaff, Arizona. Seven live in Longview and 22 reside in Tyler.

Membership requirements include a 3.6 GPA and a minimum of 30 semester credit hours of undergraduate work at Texas Eastern.

INAUGURATION NOTES

The Inauguration Committee, on behalf of the faculty and staff, received a letter of appreciation from Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr. The letter was sent to the committee following the recent presentation of the Presidential Portrait to Texas Eastern University. Part of the last paragraph of the letter said: "The generous attitude exhibited by Texas Eastern University personnel in contributing the presidential picture to the institution is a thoughtful and gratifying gesture..."

The official photographer, Eddie Hinds, took over 150 pictures during his coverage of the Inaugural ceremony and ball. TEU personnel may purchase reprints of individual pictures. The collection and order forms are available in the Office of Public Information. Prices for color prints are: \$1.50 for 4x5, \$4 for 5x7 and \$5 for 8x10.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- May 15 - Commencement
2 p.m., Harvey Hall
- May 18 - Bid opening for construction of
Harvey Lake on permanent campus
will be at 2 p.m. in the office
of Henry M. Bell, Jr., Citizens
First National Bank
- May 31 - Registration for first summer
session, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- June 1 - Classes begin
- June 2 - Last day for late registration
and making schedule changes
- Board of Regents meeting
3 p.m., Conference Room
- June 10 - Dedication Ceremony of Phase I
Buildings, 11 a.m. on new campus
- June 11 - Last day to file for Summer 1976
graduation

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