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UT System selects new Chancellor

The University of Texas System Board of Regents Friday named Dr. Hans Mark, deputy administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and former Secretary of the Air Force, as Chancellor of The University of Texas System to succeed E. Don Walker.

The appointment was announced during a special meeting of the UT System Board of Regents in Austin. The selection was made from a field of 169 persons.

Dr. Mark, a nuclear physicist whose career has included a broad range of academic, administrative and research assignments, as well as high-level positions in the federal government, will assume the Chancellor's post on Sept. 1, 1984.

In announcing the selection of Dr. Mark to become the sixth Chancellor of the UT System, Board Chairman Jon Newton said: "The appointment of Dr. Mark culminates a nine-month search for an outstanding administrator and academician to succeed Chancellor Walker. I believe Dr. Mark has the perfect blend of experience and talent to be the chief executive officer of The University of Texas System. He is a distinguished scientist and an experienced faculty member, academic administrator, and researcher. With his Air Force and NASA background, he has demonstrated the management ability to administer effectively a complex organizational enterprise such as the UT System which involves 119,000 students, 50,000 faculty and staff and an operational budget for 1984-85 of \$1.8 billion.

"In addition to his recognized scientific and administrative credentials and his experience in dealing with the political process, our interviews with Dr. Mark emphasize that he has a strong interest in furthering our system-wide goals in the liberal and fine arts," Newton said.

Incentive Award given

Aletha Pridgen is the recipient of the 1984 Watson W. Wise Incentive Award at The University of Texas at Tyler.

Established by Watson W. Wise of Tyler, the annual award provides a cash gift of \$500 to a student completing baccalaureate degree requirements. Recipients are selected for qualities of scholarship, character, citizenship and civic responsibility.

Pridgen completed requirements for the B.S. degree in political science this spring with a 3.94 grade point average. She was the 1983-84 recipient of the George W. Pirtle Scholarship and a 1983 nominee to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She has worked as an intern in the Department of Social Sciences and has been active in Alpha Chi, Phi Alpha Theta and Webb Historical Society.

Pridgen plans to continue her education while doing research and writing on political topics. Her long-term goal is to earn her Ph.D. in political science.

Summer I enrollment increases nine percent

Enrollment for Summer Session I shows a nine percent increase thus far over last year, according to Dr. Robert Marsh, registrar. The head count through the fourth class day (June 1) was 1,703, up from 1,559 in 1983.

The total figure will increase further with the beginning of several workshops, Marsh added.

Board to consider UT Tyler items

Two docket items for The University of Texas at Tyler are included on the docket for consideration by The University of Texas System Board of Regents when they meet June 14-15 in Port Aransas.

UT Tyler items submitted for board action are standard affiliation agreements and amendments to the 1983-84 operating budget.

Change brings success

The poet Robert Burns wrote: "...The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men Gang aft agley." Or in other words, sometimes you do not get to do what you have planned to do.

Sometimes, however, a change in plans can be just the thing to send a young man down the road to a successful career, or in Dr. Paxton Hart's words, "up the right tree."

Hart, professor of English and the 1982 Amoco Foundation's Teaching Award recipient at UT Tyler, began his college career intending to major in biology.

"I wanted to be a biology major so that I could be a doctor," Hart explained. "I could not pass chemistry, therefore, I could not be a biology major. I was barking up the wrong tree."

But why does one decide to change from biology to English? Hart said his reasons were "purely pragmatic."

"I got A's in English," he said. "I'm very thankful to the chemistry professor who flunked me and showed me the right tree. I did all right in biology, but you can't major in biology without passing freshman chemistry."

Another factor in his choosing English as a career direction was one of his English professors at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania.

"I admired my English professor, Henry Pommer, a Melville Scholar," he explained. "He was a super teacher and a fine man. I guess I wanted to emulate him."

Although he began his teaching career in 1957 at Chicago City Junior College, Hart taught for only one year and then left the teaching profession for 10 years.

"At the same time that I started teaching, I started a family and found that I couldn't afford to have a family and teach," he said. "So I left teaching and became a textbook editor for Scott, Foresman and Co. There I edited high school English textbooks."

After editing English books for three years, he became the senior editor for the medical publications division of J.B. Lippincott Co., editing medical, dental and nursing texts.

"After 10 years of editing, I took a course in American philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania and got 'hooked' (on school) again," he said. "I guess I was bored with editing after 10 years of sitting at a desk. I was ready to stand behind a lecturn again.

And stand behind a lecturn he has.

At UT Tyler alone (since joining the faculty in 1974) he has taught 29 different courses. The majority have been in English, of course, but there have been several drama courses and one business course.

A dedicated professor who has a reputation for being a "hard" teacher, Hart puts a lot of time and effort into his lectures.

"I work hard on my lectures," he said. "I put \$100 worth of time into every one."

He believes that the material he teaches will motivate the students. "No student reading Ben Jonson or Shakespeare will be motivated by me. All I can do is make Shakespeare and Jonson accessible. I cannot compete with them as a motivation.

"I consider it my job to make them accessible, and in doing so I will not cheapen them by making them easier than they are because they are not easy," he added. "I will not modernize them, because they are not modern. I want the students to see Jonson and Shakespeare the way they really are. This means overcoming centuries of change in the English language."

Hart is most pleased with the students who have gone on to do graduate work in English.

"It makes me happy as a teacher to see our former students do well," he said. "It shows that our department has done its job. I have asked these students from time to time if they were really prepared. They have all said yes."

He is also pleased with the numerous English majors who are in area high schools. The background of the English department at UT Tyler has given the schools good English teachers, he said.

"I believe that is because of the way the department is structured," he explained. "In the last 10 years we have deliberately sought to provide a variety of personalities, points of view and teaching methods. We are a department without a "party line" but have real strength.

"Our department is achieving an old-fashioned, but worthy, liberal arts goal. Our products are well-rounded because of being exposed to all of us. This is a real strength on this campus, though very seldom talked about."

in the spotlight...

Dr. Joyce Ballard, associate professor of health and physical education, attended the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in San Diego, May 23-26. She presented a research paper titled "Perceived Exertion, Energy Cost, and Cardiovascular Responses to Treadmill and Mini Tramp Work."

Dr. Neil Ford, assistant professor of biology, was featured in the May 30 issue of the *Dallas Times Herald* in a feature story on "A Night Sojourn with Snake Snatchers."

Dr. Don Killebrew, associate professor of biology, gave a talk on "Termites, Life History and Legal Implications" to the East Texas Area Pest Control Association on May 15.

Dr. Keith McCoy, chairman, Department of Health and Physical Education, is the newly elected president of the Smith County division of the American Heart Association.

Marian Rowe, assistant professor of nursing, was recognized as the Regional Volunteer of the Year at the annual meeting of the Smith County division of the American Heart Association.

Dr. Wallace V. Schmidt, associate professor of speech, was elected to the board of the Smith County chapter of the Diabetes Association.

Dr. James Schwane, associate professor of health and physical education, presented a research paper on "Does Five Days of Prior Downhill Running Prevent Delayed Muscle Soreness and an Increase in Serum CK Activity Following Prolonged Downhill Running?" at the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in San Diego in May. This research was supported by a 1982-83 UT Tyler Faculty Research Committee grant. At the meeting, Dr. Schwane was welcomed as a new Fellow in the College.

FROM THE MASTER CALENDAR

- June 13 - Last day to drop a course with an automatic "WP"
- June 14 - Deadline for final copy revision of *Handbook of Operating Procedures* to be sent to Public Information Office by the President
- June 18 - Last day to convert "I" grades from fall 1983 semester
- June 19 - Last day to drop a course

380 area students attend Talented Youth Seminars

The University of Texas at Tyler Talented Youth Seminars Series for the 1983-84 academic year has been completed with 380 high school students participating from 14 area school districts.

Each of the 13 seminars in the series was presented on campus by a UT Tyler faculty member and conducted with the Region VII Education Service Center. Seminars were designed to challenge and motivate talented junior and senior high school students, with topics ranging from accounting to technology.

"Very good reports have been received about these seminars, and faculty members were well prepared for the sessions," said Dr. Tom Keagy, assistant to the president for academic affairs. "UT Tyler looks forward to participating in the program again next year."

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