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Governor Appoints Three UH Regents

Two new members and one former member have been appointed to the University of Houston System Board of Regents by Governor William P. Clements.

The new UH regents are John E. Kolb, attorney and partner in the law firm of Vinson & Elkins, and Chester B. Bengé, Jr., president and general manager of Big 6 Drilling Company. Named to another term was Leonard Rauch.

Kolb replaces Willie Wells on the UH board, and Bengé replaces Leonard Rauch. Both men assumed their posts on October 30. Rauch was appointed to the position formerly held by Travis C. Johnson.

A native of Argenta Community in Live Oak County, Texas, Kolb graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1949 and received his J.D. degree from the University of Houston law school in 1955. After graduating he joined the Houston law firm of Vinson & Elkins and is now a managing partner specializing in natural resources and business law.

An active UH law alumnus, Kolb has served as past president and past director of the UH Law Alumni Association and was a member of the dean search committee for the law school. In 1980, he was named the UH Law Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus, and he is the current president of the UH Law Foundation.

Kolb's professional activities include membership on the boards of directors of Superior Oil, the Western Company of North America, Oil and Gas Investment Managers, Limited, Taywood Energy Services, Inc., and Oil and Gas Investment Finance.

Married, Kolb has five children, one of whom recently graduated from the University of Houston law school.

Bengé received a bachelor of business administration from the University of Houston in 1959.

Since 1955, he has held a number of positions with Big 6 Drilling Company. Before being named to his current position as president and general manager in 1969, he progressed through the company's management, serving as bookkeeper/controller, secretary/treasurer, and vice president.

Bengé currently serves as a director of San Felipe Bank. He is also active in the International Association of Drilling Contractors, where he has been secretary/treasurer for the past eight years and was recently elected associate vice president for 1982 and president for 1983. He is a

member of the American Petroleum Association.

A veteran of the Korean War, Bengé served for two years in the Houston Air National Guard, 111 Fighter Bomber Squadron, and achieved the rank of Master Sergeant at the age of 21.

Active in the community, Bengé is a member of the Rotary Club of Houston and St. Luke's Methodist Church. Married, he is the father of one child.

During his terms as a UH regent, Rauch has served as the assistant secretary and as chairman of the building committee. He was elected chairman of the board in 1979.

Active in local business enterprises, Rauch is chairman of the board of directors of Greenspoint Bank and vice president of Standard Southern Corporation.

His civic interests include membership on the City Planning Commission, past president of the Houston Kidney Foundation, and director of the National Kidney Foundation.

In May 1981, Rauch was elected chairman of the Committee of Governing Boards of Texas State Universities, a group which seeks to promote the interests of higher education in Texas.

Rauch has received the Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds Award (1977) and the University of Houston Distinguished Alumnus Award (1980).

Regents Establish Endowment Fund

The creation of a General Endowment Fund for the University of Houston with an initial capital of over \$17 million was approved at the November 9 meeting of the UH Board of Regents.

The new fund will be used to generate income which will be applied toward the retirement of bonds purchased by the University. The holdings of the new fund will be restricted to U.S. Government Treasury Bonds.

The initial capital for the fund will come from pooled-investment funds of the University and income from the Melrose-Thompson oilfields. The University of Houston plans to add to the General Endowment Fund as new income becomes available.

Neumann Retires After 29 Years at UH



Dr. Alfred R. Neumann

Dr. Alfred R. Neumann, chancellor of the University of Houston at Clear Lake City, announced his intentions to retire August 31, 1982, at a meeting on November 9 of the UH Board of Regents.

Founding Chancellor of the UH Clear Lake City campus in 1972, Dr. Neumann has been associated with the University of Houston for 29 years, 26 of those years in an administrative capacity.

In a statement to the Board of Regents, Chancellor Neumann stated, "The charge I was given in 1972, to develop a new institution, to provide it with its own identity, and to lay the foundation for its reputation, has, I believe, been fulfilled. It is time for the next phase of the institution, its intensification and strengthening from this initial base.

"Recognizing that someone with new ideas and new approaches may well be better suited to lead the next phase of what I have been privileged to start, I request that this board permit me to retire from the Chancellor's role."

Reviewing the history of the UH Clear Lake City campus, Dr. Neumann said, "We were able to develop the physical facilities and the academic programs to a level where we received initial regional accreditation at the earliest possible date in 1976; where two of our most significant programs, Business Administration and Health Services Administration, have obtained national accreditation at the first try;

"Where the student enrollment reached beyond a critical mass, over 6,000, seven years ahead of the Coordinating Board's projections; where our faculty, selected for their primary interest in instruction, have published over 100 books in just seven years;

"Where our library reached a book count of over 500,000 volumes, one of the finest resource centers for study in many fields in the state.

"Over 25,600 persons have attended classes for credit at UH/CLC, and over 5,000 individuals have received degrees so far, which shows the impact of the institution on the community."

Responding to Dr. Neumann's statement, Dr. Charles E. Bishop, president of the UH System, stated, "Dr. Neumann has served this University long and well. For almost 30 years, he has devoted his exceptional administrative skills and academic talents to helping make the UH Central Campus and the UH Clear Lake City Campus two of the outstanding institutions of higher learning in the Southwest.

"He has made his mark; he will be missed; and he has the gratitude of the thousands of students, faculty and staff whom he has led and served during the past three decades. It is with much reluctance that I accept his request for retirement. However, we look forward to his continuation with the University on a part-time basis."

A native of Germany, where he received his early education, Dr. Neumann came to the United States when he was 16 years of age.

He holds an A.B. degree from Marshall College, an M.A. from the University of Kentucky, an M.A. from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in German literature from the University of Michigan (1951).

His career in education began in Frostberg, Md., where he taught high school Latin and French. After discharge from the U.S. Army at the close of World War II, he taught at Tulane, Harvard, and Michigan.

Prior to his appointment in 1972 as chancellor of the University of Houston at Clear Lake City, he was dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Houston Central Campus for 14 years after first serving as assistant to the president.

In addition to numerous assignments chairing regional and national academic conferences and committees, Dr. Neumann has found time to serve as president of the Houston Contemporary Music Society, Houston Friends of Music, and the Houston Jewish Family Service.

He was general chairman for two Houston festivals of the Bible in the Arts, and for 17 years, he was program annotator for the Houston Symphony Orchestra and the Houston Grand Opera.

For six years he was a member of the Houston Municipal Arts Commission and is a member of the Space City Rotary.

In 1964, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Marshall University and the West German Government decorated him with its Commanders Cross of its Order of Merit.

He is married to the former Selma Smith, a musician and teacher of piano from Utica, New York. She has been vice president of the Women's Committee of the Houston Symphony, has served as head of the annual subscription drive, and has chaired the initial symphony radio marathon in 1977 as well as the maintenance fund in 1975.

She also founded the Bay Area Women's Committee and has served as its president and as the president of the UH at Clear Lake City Women's Association. Formerly she was president of the Houston Planned Parenthood Center.

Their two children are Stephen and Carolyn, both of Houston.

Universities to Sponsor Research Center

The University of Houston will join two other major Texas institutions in the creation and operation of a research and development center at The Woodlands.

The Houston Area Research Center (HARC) is the first large-scale project to be sponsored cooperatively by the UH System, Rice University, and Texas A&M University.

UH regents approved the institution's participation in the center at a meeting on November 9. Participation by the other two universities is subject to the approval of their governing boards.

Studies by Arthur D. Little, Incorporated, management consultants, working with a planning committee appointed by UH President Charles E. Bishop and chaired by Dr. David Gottlieb, special assistant to the UH president, and composed of representatives of the three universities, led to the recommendations that the Houston Area Research Center be established.

George P. Mitchell, president of Mitchell Energy and Development Corporation and developer of The Woodlands, has agreed to assist in the establishment of the center with the donation by The Woodlands Development Corporation of a 100-acre land parcel having an estimated value of \$10 million. In addition, \$3 million to cover start-up costs will be contributed jointly by the company and by George and Cynthia Mitchell.

"The facility, which is planned to be similar to the Stanford Research Institute in California and the Research Triangle in North Carolina, will provide contract and grant research for area businesses and institutions," said Mitchell.

The site is in the 650-acre Academic Center of The Woodlands. It is adjacent to The Woodlands High Technology and Business Complex.

Perspectives

Perspectives is published monthly by the UH System University Relations Office. Executive Director: Farris Block, 749-4149. Editor: Haise Currie.

The University of Houston seeks to provide equal educational opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap, or veteran status.

This policy extends to all programs and activities supported by the University.

UHCC Wins Approval for New Ph.D. Program

For the first time in five years, a new doctoral program for a general academic institution in the state was approved by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

The University of Houston Central Campus Ph.D. program in computer science, which is scheduled to begin next fall, should help ease the severe local and national shortage of Ph.D. computer scientists.

"We are delighted on two counts," noted UH Provost George Magner. "Not only does this action provide us with the authority to implement this long-delayed and critical program, but it also signals the end of a five-year moratorium on doctoral programs in the state."

The UH program will emphasize research in applied areas of computer science.

While the first doctorate will not be awarded for at least three years, Dr. Willis King, chairman of the UH computer science department, emphasized that the program will be a boost to the lagging output of computer scientists.

Citing the Snowbird report of the 1980 meeting of Computer Science Department Chairmen, representing the 67 computer science departments in the U.S. and Canada awarding Ph.D. degrees, King said that the gap between supply and demand for Ph.D. computer scientists continues to grow. In 1980, 200 computer science Ph.D. graduates had a choice of 1300 advertised jobs, and 56 fewer Ph.D.s were awarded than in 1975.

Bell Prepares Study of Upper-Level Institutions

The current status of upper-level institutions in the United States has been examined in a recently published monograph by Dr. David Bell, coordinator of academic planning for the University of Houston System.

Published by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the monograph, "A National Study of Upper-Level Institutions," represents the culmination of a two-year research effort by Dr. Bell and the office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, UH System.

According to the foreword by UH at Clear Lake City Chancellor Alfred R. Neumann, the study takes a look at upper-level institutions at a point in their history when they are turning from innovation toward tradition and are reexamining their purposes, mission, and place in the educational community.

Upper-level institutions provide only junior, senior, and graduate level courses. There are about 25 of them currently operating in the United States, and two of these schools, UH at Clear Lake City and UH Victoria Campus, are component campuses of the University of Houston System.

Hoffman Named TMC President

The former president of the University of Houston System, Dr. Philip G. Hoffman, has been elected president of the Texas Medical Center, Incorporated, by its board of directors.

Dr. Hoffman, president emeritus of the University of Houston, succeeds Dr. Jack K. Williams, who died on September 28.

Dr. Hoffman served as UH president for 22 years before resigning in 1979. He has recently served as a consultant for academic and research affairs for Mitchell Energy and Development Corporation.

The Texas Medical Center, Inc. oversees development and use of the land in the center.

The position which Dr. Hoffman has been selected to fill was recently elevated from an executive vice presidency to the presidency. The volunteer member who previously was president, Houston attorney Leon Jaworski, has been named chairman of the Texas Medical Center board.

The University of Houston Board of Regents passed the following resolution at a meeting on November 9, 1981.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL

WHEREAS: The University of Houston System has encountered increasing difficulty in attracting and retaining high quality faculty and staff to the University of Houston Central Campus because of the lack of acceptable housing near the campus, and

WHEREAS: A major problem with the available housing near the Central Campus is the lack of quality public schools near the campus to provide public education for the children of the faculty and staff, and

WHEREAS: The Houston Independent School District is willing to establish a public magnet school for kindergarten through the eighth or ninth grades on or near the University of Houston Central Campus if the University of Houston System and Central Campus work with them, and

WHEREAS: The University of Houston System and its Central Campus are of the opinion that said public magnet school is essential to the continued progress of the Central Campus,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the University of Houston System Board of Regents encourages the Houston Independent School District to locate said school near the University of Houston Central Campus and authorizes the System and its President to work with the Houston Independent School District toward this end.

Brace Appointed UHCC Vice Chancellor

Paul K. Brace, a higher education management consultant for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company in New York, has been named vice chancellor for financial affairs at the University of Houston Central Campus.

The appointment, announced by UH Central Campus Chancellor Barry Munitz, was approved by the UH System Board of Regents at its regular meeting on November 9.

As vice chancellor for financial affairs, Brace will initially focus on accounts receivable, the cashier's office, auxiliary and campus financial reporting, and the financial accounting system. He will also serve as the main liaison with the UH System financial offices.

Brace has been with the New York accounting firm since 1970, serving as a member of the audit staff and as audit manager before being named a higher education management consultant.

In management consulting, he has conducted groundbreaking research into data collection and reporting by non-profit organizations, in relation to their service efforts and accomplishments. He has also assisted a number of colleges and universities in many facets of their financial operations.

A certified public accountant, Brace holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Wesleyan University. He is a member of the American Society of Association Executives and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He serves on the National Society of Fundraising Executives fundraising cost study committee and the National Information Bureau State Data System Committee.

Because of the December vacation period, the next regular issue of UH System Perspectives will be published in February, 1982. The deadline for the submission of material for publication is Tuesday, January 12, 1982.

Around the Campuses

Tuesday, November 3, was a statewide election day. Staff employed on the day of a statewide election are eligible for a floating holiday. If the holiday is not taken on the election day, it may be taken on any other work day during the remainder of the fiscal year with the approval of the employee's supervisor.

Raymond Lenart, UHCC psychological counselor in the counseling and testing office, has received the 1981 Governor's Citation as the Outstanding Handicapped State Employee. The award was presented by **Governor William Clements** at the state capitol.

Judy Ritts, coordinator of the UHCC Upward Bound program in the counseling and testing service, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Texas Association of Student Special Services Program. Ritts will also serve as representative to the board of directors of the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs.

Dr. Joanna Friesen, UHCC associate professor of education and director of the dance program in the health, physical education, and recreation department, has been appointed to the advisory panel of the Texas Commission on the Arts. The advisory panel holds responsibility for the financial assistance review process for state arts groups.

Dr. David Gerson, UHCC professor of social work, has been invited by the Council on Social Work Education to serve as a member of its committee on international social welfare education for a three-year term.

Dr. J. H. U. Brown, UHCC professor of biology, has been selected as one of the 1981 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The formal presentation of the award will be February 27.

Dr. Michael Horvit, UHCC professor of music, has composed an opera for children titled *Adventure in Space*. The work was premiered by the Piccolo Opera Company in cooperation with Wayne State University at the National Opera Association convention in Detroit.

Dr. Robert S. Randall, professor in the department of educational leadership and cultural studies of the UHCC College of Education, recently won the 1981 President's Problem competition in evaluation. The prize, judged in blind competition, was awarded by Evaluation Network, the national organization of evaluation professionals who work and/or teach in education, allied health, legislation, government, or other fields.

Dr. Merrilee Cunningham, UHDC associate professor of English, has been nominated to be considered for the Piper Professor for 1981. Piper Professors are distinguished teachers of Texas named by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation each year. Dr. Cunningham's nomination will be submitted to the Piper Foundation in San Antonio, and the foundation will announce the Piper Professors in April.

Dr. Peter Bishop, UHCLC associate professor in the School of Behavioral Sciences, was selected as the state coordinator for the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations. The council was established last year as an affiliate of the Texas Association of College Teachers (TACT) to serve as a statewide network of faculty organizations at public institutions.

Hugh Avery, UHCLC director of institutional services, was recently honored by the 3500-member College and University Personnel Association as the recipient of the organization's highest honor, the Donald E. Dickason Award. The award honors outstanding and distinguished leadership and service in the field of university personnel administration. Avery is only the third currently active administrator to receive the award.

Fund Drive Launched for UHVC Institute

Enthusiastic Victoria area companies donated over \$40,000 during the first two weeks of the campaign to raise funds for the UH Victoria Campus' Petroleum Training Institute.

The current total represents almost 25 percent of the \$180,000 goal which will be used toward the purchase of a computerized rig floor and well systems simulator, and a USGS Certified Well Control School.

The institute, organized in April, is a unit of the university's continuing education program. It grew out of a request for expanded programs by executives of petroleum-related companies in the area who said they believed the non-credit courses over the past two years had proven beneficial to their employees. Fall enrollment in the program is 174.

The Institute offers short courses and seminars designed to assist petroleum personnel in developing, maintaining, and upgrading their professional skills. Through the training, companies should realize significant monetary savings from improved safety records and more efficient operations.

The computerized rig floor and well system simulator will provide opportunities for hands-on laboratory experience in addition to the classroom instruction which is currently offered. The simulator uses actual equipment which drillers, toolpushers, and company representatives use in the field. It permits students to work with problems before they actually experience them in day-to-day operations.

Retirement Policy Clarified

Tenured faculty members whose 65th birthday occurs prior to July 1, 1982, and who have a nine (9) month appointment or contract are subject to mandatory retirement at age 65 unless invited by the Board of Regents to continue in service. The foregoing policy will be applicable even though the faculty member may continue to receive salary payments and employee benefits through August 31, 1982.

If a tenured faculty member whose 65th birthday occurs prior July 1, 1982, has an appointment or contract which provides for regular teaching, research or administrative duties beyond June 30, 1982, such faculty member will not be subject to mandatory retirement at age 65.

For the fourth time, the popular UHCLC tour of European business firms is being offered for UHCLC students and those individuals who can qualify to be UHCLC students. From May 14 to May 30, 1982, students can earn three hours graduate or undergraduate credit in European finance, European marketing, or European management. The course can also be taken on a non-credit (audit) basis. The tour includes stops in England, Germany, Switzerland, and France.

Alzina Fontenot, UHS manager of personnel services, has been reelected to a two-year term as the UH System administration representative to the advisory committee of the Texas State College and University Employees Uniform Insurance Benefits Program. The program is administered through the Coordinating Board, Texas Colleges and Universities.

Thomas Benjamin, Carlisle Floyd, Michael Horvit, and David Ashley White, faculty members in the UHCC School of Music, have been chosen by the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers to receive the 1981-82 ASCAP Awards. The awards are made annually to composers who have made major contributions to American music over the past year and are selected on the basis of the quality of their work, their productivity, and the number of performances their work has received throughout the country.