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UH campuses schedule graduation ceremonies

Details for the 1983 commencement ceremonies at the University's four campuses are as follows:

The Central Campus will hold 13 commencement ceremonies, by college, throughout the day on Saturday, May 14 in various locations on campus. The first graduation is set for 8:45 a.m. and the last ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. University President Charles E. Bishop will confer degrees to graduates of the College of Optometry, and Richard Van Horn, newly appointed chancellor of the Central Campus, will speak at ceremonies at the Cullen College of Engineering. Interim Chancellor Hugh Walker will participate in graduation for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Commencement at the Clear Lake Campus will be held on Saturday, May 7 in Atrium II in two ceremonies: graduation for students in the Schools of Business and Public Administration and Human Sciences and Humanities will be held at 2 p.m., and ceremonies for students in the Schools of Professional Education and Sciences and Technologies will be held at 7 p.m. Chancellor Thomas M. Stauffer will lead the ceremonies. Guest speaker will be Dr. Paul F. Sharp, president emeritus and professor of history, University of Oklahoma.

At the Downtown College, graduation will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in the Shamrock Hilton Grand Ballroom. Some 160 students are expected to participate. Dr. Bishop will confer degrees, and Chancellor Alexander Schilt will preside. A reception will follow in the Emerald Room.

Graduation at the University of Houston at Victoria is scheduled for Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m. in the Victoria College Auditorium. Lieutenant Governor William Hobby will be the guest speaker at the event, held for graduates from the last three semesters. This year's ceremonies will bring the total number of graduates for the Victoria Campus to 1,460. Chancellor Martha K. Piper will preside. Dr. Bishop will confer degrees.

Cronkite to receive award from KUHT

Walter Cronkite, dean of American newscasters, will be presented with the award for "Distinguished Achievement by a Texan of National Prominence" at the 30th anniversary celebration of Channel 8 on Sunday, May 29.

Cronkite began his career in journalism with the now-defunct *Houston Press*. While he is in Houston, he will also attend a reunion of his graduating class at San Jacinto High School.

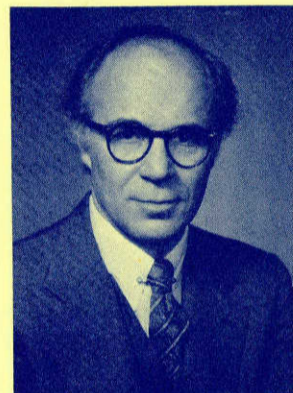
The gala anniversary celebration, to be held at the Inn on the Park, will include dinner and entertainment.

Awards will be presented to outstanding public television broadcasters and underwriters in a total of five categories. Noteworthy volunteer service to public television will also be acknowledged.

KUHT (Channel 8) was the nation's first public broadcasting station. It went on the air on May 25, 1953 at 4:59

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Nobel laureate will lecture on April 28



Lawrence Klein

Lawrence Klein, winner of the 1980 Nobel Prize for economics, will present a lecture on "The Economic Consequences of Lower Oil Prices" on Thursday, April 28 at the University's Central Campus.

The free event, which is open to the public, is part of the University's 1982-83 Nobel Prize Winners Lecture Series. It will be held at 7 p.m. in the Hilton College Building, Constellation Room.

Known as the "father of econometrics," Klein was awarded the Nobel Prize for his development of computerized, macroeconomic forecasting models used to predict national and global economic trends. Klein's models, which integrate and quantify the complex of variables within a total economy, help governments, industries, and other institutions to determine how changes in such dynamic factors as economic policy, production, demand, prices, or employment affect one another and the economy in general.

Klein, currently Benjamin Franklin Professor of Economics and Finance at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, is respected as one of the world's leading economic theorists.

Born in 1920, Klein received the first Ph.D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1944. After spending several years at Oxford University, he joined the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania.

He is the author of numerous articles and over 20 books and is the recipient of many honorary degrees and academic awards from colleges and universities throughout the world.

In addition to delivering the public lecture on April 28, Klein will participate in a videotaped seminar produced by KUHT-TV during which he and representatives from the UH campuses and the business community will discuss a variety of economic issues. The seminar will be broadcast on Channel 8 as part of a series on Friday evenings at 9 p.m. beginning May 13.

Klein's visit to UH will also include a radio interview with KUHF-FM, an interview with the Houston print press, and a luncheon with faculty members.

The Nobel Prize Winners Series opened last October with a lecture by Czeslaw Milosz, 1980 prize winner for literature. Isaac Bashevis Singer, 1978 prize winner for literature, was scheduled to speak on November 8 but cancelled due to illness. David Hubel, winner of the 1981 Nobel Prize for medicine, presented a lecture March 3.

Alumni awards are announced for 1983



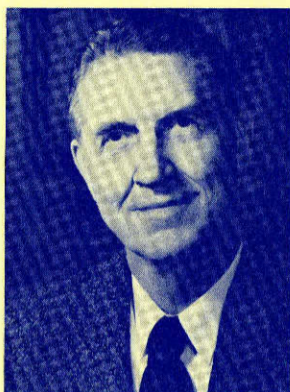
Peter Roussel



Ruby Kless Sondock



Shearn Smith



Elliott Johnson

President Reagan's deputy press secretary, the first woman justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, and Harris County's 61st District Court judge will be awarded the 1983 Distinguished Alumni Awards from the University's Alumni Organization at the annual awards banquet on Saturday, April 30.

The nominating committee of the Alumni Organization recently selected Peter Roussel, Ruby Kless Sondock and Shearn Smith because of their outstanding career achievements and their dedication and contributions to society.

Roussel, currently U.S. deputy press secretary, graduated from UH in 1965 with a B.S. degree in communications. He served as staff assistant to President Gerald Ford from 1976-78; as press secretary/assistant to then-Congressman George Bush from 1969-75; and was media advisor for Senator John Tower's campaign from 1966-69.

Sondock received her B.S. degree from UH in 1959 and her L.L.B. in 1962. In June 1982 she became the first woman appointed Justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

In April 1977, Sondock was appointed first judge of the new 234th Judicial Court of Harris County. She ran unopposed for the position in 1982. She was the first woman judge appointed to the Harris County Court of Domestic Relations #5 in 1974.

Smith received his J.D. in law from UH in 1951. He has served as a Harris County judge for 15 years and as a Houston trial attorney for 17 years. Currently he is judge of the 61st District Court in Harris County.

He was founder of the Houston jury system, "One Day One Trial," which is now used nationally. Smith has served on the dean's search committee, UH Law Center; as past president of the Houston Trial Attorneys; and as chairman of the Jury Management Committee.

Three Houston residents, Frell Albright, Elliott Johnson, and Rollie McGinnis, have been chosen by the Alumni Organization's nominating committee as recipients of the 1983 President's Service Awards.

Albright, vice president of advertising and public relations for Fingers Furniture Co., has contributed hours of his time and artistic skills in the design of numerous graphic arts projects for the M. D. Anderson Library.

His diverse collecting interests have resulted in donations to the library of examples of early printing, illuminated manuscripts, early Egyptian artifacts, and rare bibles.

Johnson, president of the law firm of Johnson, Wurzer and Westmoreland P.C., played a significant role in the 1975 gift to UH of the South Texas Junior College, which

has become the Downtown College. His tenure on and continued chairmanship of the UH Foundation Board is additional evidence of his contributions toward the development and advancement of the University.

McGinnis, president of McGinnis Cadillac-Rolls Royce, has been associated with KUHT for more than seven years through his participation in the Association for Community Television (ACT).

In 1976 McGinnis assumed responsibility as vice president for the annual KUHT auction.

The awards banquet on April 30 will be held at 7 p.m. in the Conrad Hilton College Building, Central Campus. Tickets are \$40 per person; tables for group reservations for the black-tie event are available. For details, call the Alumni Organization at 749-2242.

Glashow accepts UH consulting post

Sheldon Glashow, co-winner of the 1979 Nobel Prize for physics, has accepted an appointment as affiliated senior scientist for the University's College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics on the Central Campus.

The Harvard University physicist will remain on the faculty there but will spend at least one week a year at UH and be on call as a consultant the remainder of the year for an annual honorarium of \$10,000, according to Dean Roy Weinstein.

His duties during that week are not yet finalized but may include teaching a mini-course for undergraduates or presenting lectures for graduate students.

UHCL commissions to plan for future

Dr. Thomas M. Stauffer, chancellor of UH's Clear Lake Campus, has appointed three commissions and 10 task forces to "plan the shape of the University for the remainder of this century."

The planning commissions and task forces reflect the issues and concerns fundamental to the growth of the campus. In his charge to the groups, comprising more than 130 faculty, staff, and students, Dr. Stauffer said, "The spirit of planning should rest on boldness, creativity, direction, pragmatism, prioritized options, action orientations, and incisive recommendations."

The three commissions will be concerned with academic quality, the curriculum, and public service. The task forces will cover academic advisement, affirmative action, athletics and recreation, committee structure, gifted and talented students, global education, services for women, sponsored research, telecommunications, and both a weekend college and summer school.

A six-member steering committee will review the recommendations from all planning groups next fall and construct an action plan.

Cornell professor will discuss teaching process

Dr. James Maas, chairman of the Department of Psychology at Cornell University, will be the keynote speaker at the second annual conference on "Experimentation in University Teaching." The all-day event will be held on Friday, April 22 in the Kiva, Farish Hall, College of Education, Central Campus.

Dr. Maas is former director of the Center for Improvement of Undergraduate Education at Cornell and the author of "The Yellow Pages of Undergraduate Innovations." His presentation will focus on approaches and techniques for improving the teaching and learning process.

The program will also include a number of topical workshops and presentation sessions. Sponsored by the UHS Office of Academic Affairs, the conference and luncheon are free and open to all UH faculty, graduate assistants, and administrators.

For further details, call 749-2817 or 488-9400.

Blaffer Gallery: a decade of growth

A decade has passed since the University's Sarah Campbell Blaffer Gallery opened its doors, and during that time members of UH and the community have viewed an interesting range of visual arts, notes William Robinson, gallery director.

"The scope of art has ranged from exhibition of art history, social commentary, architecture and design to those having community and regional interest, as well as exhibitions of special interest to professional artists and art students," he says.

Since beginning operations during the 1974-75 academic year with a small budget and only two full-time employees, Blaffer Gallery has grown in importance to both the University and the community, states the director.

In just the past five years, the gallery has hosted more than 100 exhibitions. His staff, which now consists of five full-time and three student employees, organized 54 of them, collaborated with other institutions in organizing 16 other major exhibitions, and has published 11 catalogues.

"There are a number of people who, like myself, are deeply interested in the arts in Houston and have felt for a number of years that the Blaffer Gallery, under the direction of Bill Robinson, has been bringing remarkably high quality exhibitions to this area," says Michael McLanahan, a member of the gallery's advisory board of trustees. "We want to continue giving the gallery moral support and ideas so that these very important and worthwhile exhibits continue to be offered to the community."

Through the years, Blaffer Gallery has given Houstonians an opportunity to view exhibitions such as "Three Centuries of the American Nude" (1975); "Picasso, Braque, Leger" (1976); "Ancient Roots/New Visions" (1978); "Texas Crafts" (1979); "Beyond the Box: Architecture of Philip Johnson and John Burgee" (1980); "Alfred Stieglitz" and "New American Paperworks" (1982).

The Blaffer Gallery was created largely through the efforts of Dr. Patrick J. Nicholson III, the former UH vice president of development. His long-standing friendship with the late Sarah Campbell Blaffer resulted in the gift of artworks to the University and the inspiration for the creation of a University art gallery to house them, Robinson explains.

The gallery was realized out of state funds and dedicated to Mrs. Blaffer in appreciation for her generosity to UH. "The good will and friendly ties that Dr. Nicholson established between the University and the Blaffer family still flow today," says Robinson. "Subsequent UH administrations have provided the Blaffer Gallery with the majority of its financial base and program support, while keeping the lines to the Blaffer Foundation open for future growth and development."

Selected works from the Blaffer Foundation collections were on display in March. The exhibit included 28 works and spanned seven centuries of art by Dutch, Flemish, German, Italian, Spanish, French, and American masters. In conjunction with the show, entitled "1973-1983: An Anniversary Exhibition," the Blaffer Gallery has a poster available to commemorate the occasion. The posters are \$5 each and are available at the Gallery and at the downtown Foley's store.

"The 1983 Student Exhibition" opens April 16 and continues through May 1 at the gallery. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday. For further information, call 749-1329.

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p.m. and was dedicated in June of that year. Dr. Richard I. Evans, now chairman of the UHCC Department of Psychology, began the first on-the-air class.

Coordinators for the celebration are Bill Roberts, general chairman; Alan and Louise Shepard, dinner chairpersons; Helen Michael, advisor; and Mary Faye Way, decorations chairman.

Most of Texas' nine public television stations are expected to participate in the celebration, according to Jim Bauer, station manager.

Gifts to UH

CORPORATE GIFTS

Allied Endowment—\$8,000 final payment on a \$40,000 pledge for the UH Fund, UHCC.

AMOCO Foundation—Pledge of \$60,000 and first payment of \$20,000 for faculty development, Cullen College of Engineering, UHCC.

Atlantic Richfield Foundation—\$100,000 for laboratory equipment, Cullen College of Engineering, UHCC.

E. I. Du Pont DeNemours & Company—\$61,000: \$25,000 for the DuPont Young Faculty Award and \$8,000 for program support, Chemical Engineering; \$14,000 for the program for minority engineering students; \$14,000 for other departments, Cullen College of Engineering, UHCC.

Exxon Company, U.S.A.—\$10,000 for the Center for Public Policy, UHCC.

First City National Bank—\$30,000 for program support, University of Houston Foundation, UHS.

FOUNDATION GIFTS

M. D. Anderson Foundation—\$100,000 for library development, UHCC.

R. C. Baker Foundation—\$15,000 for the R. C. Baker Scholarship Fund, UHCC.

Clayton Fund—\$25,000 for enhanced educational programming, UHDC.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation—Pledge of \$21,350,000 and first payment of \$2,350,000 for the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management for a building addition, three endowed chairs, and overall college development; \$50,000 for program support through the University of Houston Foundation, UHS.

Rockwell Fund—\$10,000 for library support through the University of Houston Foundation, UHS.

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

Frell L. Albright—Gift of Stephen F. Austin papers and unpublished letters, UHCC.

Archie Bennett, Jr.—\$20,000 for the Athletic Endowed Scholarship Fund, UHCC.

Jack Cannata—\$10,000 for the Guy V. Lewis Endowed Scholarship Fund, UHCC.

Estate of Richard P. Goodwin—\$46,958 for the Cullen Leadership Scholarship Endowment through the University of Houston Foundation, UHS.

Estate of Gyda A. Hallum—\$11,750 to establish the Gyda A. Hallum Endowed Scholarship, UHV.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith J. Long—\$10,000 for art scholarships and Friends of Art Program, UHCC.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Mitchell—\$100,000 for System educational planning; final payment on a \$500,000 pledge, UHS.

Albert K. Smith—\$10,625 for the 1982 Athletic Campaign, UHCC.

Robert B. Westendarp—Gift of 19 Picasso etchings with an appraised value of \$92,250, UHCC.

Perspectives

Perspectives is published monthly by the UH System University Relations Office. Executive Director: Farris Block, 749-4147. Editor: Merry McCrimlisk.

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Around the campuses

Dr. Richard A. Aló, UHDC, has been appointed to a team of 32 nationally prominent American mathematics/computer science educators who will visit mainland China for four weeks from May 23 to June 17 as guests of the Chinese government. The team will tour and review selected Chinese colleges and universities and make recommendations to the Chinese government on improving the Chinese higher educational system. During the trip, Dr. Aló will present an invited lecture on "Mathematical Science Undergraduate and Graduate Programs: Their Creation, Implementation and Career Outlook." The presentation will be based on Dr. Aló's work in that area for several national committees and his many years of consulting work for the Mathematical Association of America.

Peter W. Guenther, UHCC, gave a paper at the annual convention of the College Art Association of America on "From Expressionism to What? The Dresden Sezession Gruppe 1919 and the Year 1925." He also spoke on "The New Chronology for Dadaism and Expressionism" at a meeting of the Mid-West Art History Society held March 31 at the University of Iowa. Dr. Guenther has been re-elected president of the Association for the Study of Central European Art.

A portrait of **Alfred R. Neumann**, UHS and chancellor emeritus of UHCL, was recently presented to the University. Local artist and UHCL graduate Robert Hutson was commissioned by the Faculty Senate to paint the portrait, which was officially accepted by Dr. Thomas M. Stauffer. The work hangs in the Rare Books Room of the campus library; that room has been renamed the "Alfred R. Neumann Special Collections Room."

Notes, the weekly publication of the Office of College Relations, UHDC, was honored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) at the recent Southwest District IV 1983 communications awards competition. The newsletter received an "Award of Excellence" in the category of periodicals improvement in a field of 499 entries.

Dr. Martha K. Piper, UHV, presented greetings and introduced guests at a recent education forum of the Victoria Classroom Teachers Association.

Dr. Jeffrey T. Sammons, UHCC, has received a summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support his final research on "America in the Ring: The Relationship Between Boxing and Society, Circa 1930-1980."

Dr. Thomas M. Stauffer, UHCL, authored a guest editorial entitled "Higher Education in the Year 2000" in the winter 1983 issue of *Educational Record*. He also wrote a letter to the editor which appeared in the *New York Times* on March 24. The letter was entitled "Ill-Fitting Cap on a Professor's Tenure" and addressed the issue of uncapping the retirement age for all workers.

Engineering College receives ARCO gift

A gift of \$100,000 has been made to the University of Houston Foundation by ARCO Petroleum Products Company and the Atlantic Richfield Foundation. It is designated for the Cullen College of Engineering on the University's Central Campus and will be used to purchase equipment for a nearly completed addition to the engineering building.

"We are especially gratified that a company with so many Houston connections recognized our need and demonstrated a desire to help," said University President Charles E. Bishop, noting that the funds were particularly

critical to complete the facilities. "We deeply appreciate this commitment to the University."

A \$100,000 check was presented to Dr. Bishop and Cullen College of Engineering Dean Roger Eichhorn by A. A. Muse, Jr., refinery manager, and Dean Baxter, both of ARCO.

"The work done by the University in engineering is extremely important to Houston and to the State of Texas, and we are happy to participate in these endeavors," stated Muse.

Atlantic Richfield Foundation is represented in the Houston area by ARCO Petroleum Products Company, ARCO Chemical, ARCO Oil & Gas, ARCO Exploration, and ARCO Pipe Line and Airtron.

Du Pont awards five grants to UHCC programs

Grants totalling \$61,000 have been awarded to the University from E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Company of Wilmington, Delaware. The Department of Chemical Engineering on the Central Campus received \$33,000, more than half of the funds awarded.

A \$25,000 Du Pont Young Faculty Grant was given to the Department of Chemical Engineering to support research efforts of young faculty members. The grant is designed to encourage highly original research. The department was also awarded an \$8,000 Du Pont Science and Engineering Grant to enhance university teaching and research in science and engineering.

The purpose of the grant is to help the department satisfy needs and engage in activities that would not otherwise be possible. Such needs include equipment purchases, support of scholarly activities of faculty, scholarships for gifted undergraduate students, or summer fellowships for graduate students.

The company also presented a second Science and Engineering Grant to the Department of Mechanical Engineering in the amount of \$6,000 and a Du Pont Environmental Grant to the University for \$8,000.

A fifth award, a Minority Engineering Grant of \$14,000, is for discretionary use in the University's minority engineering programs.

In a recent study conducted by a committee of the Conference Board of Associated Research Councils, the chemical engineering department received an overall ranking of the best in the South and Southwest and in the top ten nationwide; and the chemical, mechanical, and civil engineering departments were ranked nationally in the top ten in improvement.

UHCL awards given for business leadership

The 1983 Distinguished Leadership Awards from the School of Business and Public Administration at UH's Clear Lake Campus were presented on March 31 as part of a day-long program that focused on the business world.

Recipients were Warren M. Anderson, chairman of the board, Union Carbide Corporation; Ben F. Love, chairman and chief executive officer, Texas Commerce Bancshares, Inc.; and Kathryn J. Whitmire, mayor of the City of Houston.

The theme for the event was "Business in the Changing World." Some 20 guest lecturers from the Gulf Coast and Houston business communities participated as guest lecturers in business classes; displays and exhibits were set up throughout the Bayou Building.

UHDC sponsors annual benefit this month

The Red Rose Ball, an annual scholarship benefit for the University's Downtown College, will be held on April 23 at the Warwick Post Oak Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Proceeds from the event will go into the college's scholarship fund to benefit deserving UHDC students.

Dancing and a midnight breakfast buffet will be part of the event. Tickets, at \$35 each, may be purchased from the Office of College Relations at the Downtown College.