

McCall announces resignation

Baylor's Judge retires at 65

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WACO — Judge Abner V. McCall, Baylor University president since 1961, announced his resignation Friday, effective May 31, 1981. Baylor's Board of Trustees named Dr. Herbert H. Reynolds, now executive vice president and chief operating officer, to succeed him.

McCall will remain with the university in an advisory capacity as chancellor.

McCall informed the board several years ago he wanted to be relieved of his responsibilities after his 65th birthday on June 8, 1980. The trustees developed a long-range plan in which Reynolds would succeed McCall.

Except for a three-year stint with the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1943 to 1946, McCall has been associated with Baylor since 1938. That was the year he was awarded a law degree, and he immediately began his career at Baylor as an assistant law professor, receiving his master's degree in 1942.

McCall was dean of the Baylor Law School from 1948-1959. He also served as an associate justice on the Texas Supreme Court from 1956-59. He became executive vice president of the university in 1959.

He was installed as Baylor's 10th president in 1961.

At that time, Baylor University consisted of 25 buildings on 50 acres with capital assets of \$36 million. Now the campus has more than 40 buildings on 300 acres and \$180 million in assets. In 1961, there were 600 students and 300 faculty members. The university now has 10,100 students and a faculty of 538.

More than 35,000 students — 54 percent of all Baylor graduates since the school was founded in 1845 — will have received degrees during McCall's presidency.

McCall was born in Perrin but was raised in the Fort Worth Masonic Home and Orphanage, where he, his brothers and sister were placed following their father's death in 1918. He graduated first in his class from the Masonic High School and was awarded a scholarship to Baylor.

McCall is especially active in the Texas War on Drugs Committee and has been associated with the Texas Judicial Council, the state Education Commission, the state Baptist General Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. He has also been honored in "Who's Who in America."

Reynolds, after earning a bachelor's degree in industrial psychology from Trinity University in San Antonio, received a master's in psychology in 1958 and a doctorate in experimental psychology in 1961 from Baylor. He was a member of the Baylor faculty from 1956 through 1961 as a lecturer, teaching fellow and assistant professor.

After seven years of service with the Biomedical Research Laboratory in Alamogordo, N.M., Reynolds was made commander of the Air Force Human Resources Research Laboratories in San Antonio.

He retired from the Air Force in 1968 after 20 years of active service to become management consultant to General Dynamics Corp.

Reynolds rejoined the Baylor administration in March 1969 as its senior vice president. Since then he has been treasurer and provost before assuming his present duties as executive vice president and chief operating officer. He has tenured professorships in psychology, management and higher education.

McCall was renowned for his strict, conservative posture, consistent with the university's creed.

Among his more notable actions

as president of the Baptist-supported university were his actions when some Baylor women students wanted to pose nude for a Playboy Magazine pictorial in 1980.

McCall promised that students who posed for the magazine would be severely reprimanded and followed up his threat by forbidding one woman to participate in graduation ceremonies. The university newspaper, The Lariat, published pro and con editorials on the matter, and McCall dismissed three student editors for their actions.

In 1978, McCall and university trustees heard rumblings that some Baylor professors were not following the Baptist Faith and Message Statement of 1963 that advocated teaching the Bible as the inspired Word of God and interpreting it literally.

A trustee committee investigated the school's religion department and ruled that religion department professors must use the Bible as its main textbook.

The same year, McCall banned an informal campus group which had been present since the 1930s. The secret Noze Brotherhood's members dressed in outlandish garb and pulled relatively harmless campus pranks. McCall reprimanded the

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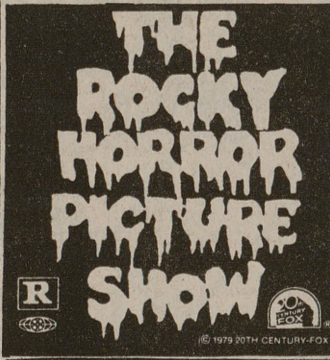
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The House Thursday overwhelmingly voted to void the race in which Republican Alan Schoolcraft defeated Rep. Al Brown, D-San Antonio, by 1,038 votes in the November election.

Earlier a special committee recommended to seat Schoolcraft, but the entire House accepted the committee's minority report to void the election.

Clements, who announced the date Friday, also set Jan. 21 as the filing deadline.

Brown claimed that nonresidents of the district were allowed to vote absentee by mail. He said if the questionable votes were thrown out the result of the race would have been different.

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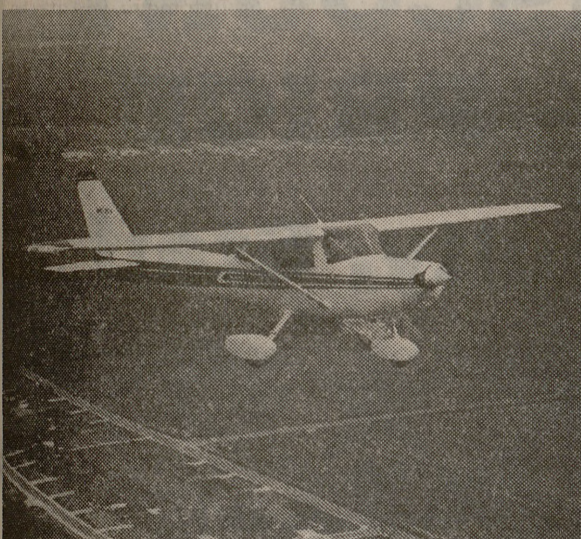
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