

Rice University president to resign

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HOUSTON — Rice University president George Rupp said Thursday he was quitting next year after eight years as head of the Houston school.

"It is not an abrupt decision," Rupp, 50, said. "It has been one I have thought of for a while. I think institutions have rhythm and benefit from infusion of new leadership."

Rupp said he would leave effective June 30, 1993. He became the school's fifth president July 1, 1985 when he arrived from Harvard where he was dean of the divinity school.

He has a doctorate in religion from Harvard and also studied Buddhist thought and practice at the University of Sri Lanka.

Rupp pointed to tripling of applications, doubling of research support and Rice's higher

national visibility as highlights of his tenure.

"Rice has a sense of forward momentum and energy that I'm very proud of and I think distinguishes it from a great many other universities in this country at this time where there are major traumas of various sorts which are not affecting this institution."

Rice is a private school with about 4,200 students, including 2,700 undergraduates. Its endowment of more than \$1 billion, however, ranks it the 10th largest university endowment in the nation. The school was the site in 1990 for the annual Economic Summit of Industrialized Nations, hosted by President Bush.

Rupp and Charles Duncan, chairman of the school's Board of Regents, denied suggestions that Rupp's departure was the result of friction between the president and the board.

"I think there is not a philosophic

difference," Rupp said.

"There's never a meeting of the board where we don't talk about some aspect of resource needs," Duncan said. "There are differences of opinion, of course."

He insisted, however, that Rupp's resignation was under amicable terms. Duncan said he was surprised a few days ago when he learned of the president's plan to quit, although he noted that when Rupp was hired, Rupp had warned the board he felt a tenure of about 10 years was what they could expect from him.

"I think the time frame for that periodic rejuvenation is about 10 years, give or take two," Rupp said Thursday. "Because I am now in my eighth year here at Rice, I have on the basis of my long-held views felt obliged to consider both my own future and the interests of this university."

Richards backs drug treatment program

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SAN ANTONIO — Gov. Ann Richards in a speech to federal, state and local drug treatment workers Thursday promoted Texas' prison-based treatment program and asked for federal money to help run it.

"We want every single federal cent that we can get for these very successful programs," Richards said. "We're asking politely, and as the old song says, we ain't too proud to beg."

Richards spoke to a meeting hosted by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services aimed at forming partnerships among treatment and education programs.

"Substance abuse is a personal

Governor supports prison-based rehabilitation; asks for federal money

and profoundly important concern to me. I am an alcoholic," Richards said. "I celebrated my 12th birthday (of sobriety) this year."

People addicted to drugs and alcohol must be reached before they become emergency room or prison statistics, she said.

"It's clear that unless we break this horrific cycle of drugs and crime and misery, we're going to be hard pressed to regain control of our streets," she said.

The governor said the state's new prison-based drug and alcohol treatment program is working and could become a model for the nation.

In 1991, as part of a prison

construction measure, the Texas Legislature included several thousand prison beds for drug and alcohol treatment. Richards said ultimately 14,000 prison beds will be designated for the program.

Richards said the main challenge is to maintain the quality of the program. That, she said, could be helped with federal dollars, although she did not specify an amount.

She said the program already is showing results.

For example, three women in a prison treatment plan who were granted parole last month turned it down so they could finish the program.

And male inmates at another prison unit turned in a guard who was bringing drugs into the facility, Richards said.

"These people are saying to us, 'We want a change, and we are willing to act to make it happen,'" she said.

In a question-and-answer session, Richards was asked whether the emphasis on prison rehabilitation might take assistance away from people seeking help outside of prison.

Richards said she used her speech to promote the prison treatment program because of the federal officials who were present.

"It was an audience that was too great to miss," she said, adding that if more federal money is available for drug treatment it could help free up state money for the field.

Inmate offers unborn baby to jail administrator

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AUSTIN — It's not illegal for a Burnet County Jail administrator to adopt an inmate's baby, says a grand jury that looked into the case.

Jail inmate Stephanie Templet, whose baby is due Nov. 23, says she offered her child to administrator Donna Wilson because she expects to spend 12 to 18 months in prison on a forgery conviction.

Templet says she wants her baby to have a good home, and Wilson says she still plans to adopt the child.

The investigation was launched after a grievance letter was sent to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards about the

adoption plan and other alleged jail improprieties. "It's very, very sad that people would use an unborn child as a political football," Wilson said.

The grand jury ruled Tuesday that acceptance of the baby would not violate a state law against giving an illegal gift to a public servant.

County Attorney Eddie Shell said Wednesday that he will inform county commissioners of his findings on other jail matters on Nov. 9.

He said an investigation into the jail, sought by county commissioners, showed that Templet's inmate husband has been allowed to leave the jail without supervision.

The husband, Joey Allen, was convicted of

two armed robberies and is awaiting transfer to state prison to serve his 15-year sentence, Wilson said.

The county attorney also said male and female inmates at the jail have been allowed to spend time together without supervision, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Wilson said inmates are not allowed to intermingle and that there was nothing unusual about Allen's "furloughs."

"We've given furloughs to many, many inmates. You don't go with them when they go on a furlough," she said.

"We haven't violated the law, or jail commission rules so, as far as I know," Burnet County Sheriff Weldon Buck said. "We're not going to change any policies."

Two men sought in slaying

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MEXICO CITY — Two men sought in the brutal slayings of four teen-age girls in Austin have been arrested and will be tried in Mexico, officials said Thursday.

Porfirio Villa Saavedra, 23, and Alberto Cortez, 22, were charged in the Dec. 6, 1991, slayings in a yogurt store. Officials said the two have confessed to the crime.

They will also be tried on rape charges, based on a Travis County indictment for a sexual assault that took place three weeks before the yogurt store killings, officials said.

The two also have been charged with drug trafficking and smuggling arms into Mexico.

"They will not be extradited because Mexican law forbids the extradition of Mexican nationals" to foreign countries, deputy attorney general Jose Luis Romero Apis said during a news conference.

Mexicans can be tried in Mexico for crimes committed abroad, Romero Apis said. There has been no extradition request from U.S. law enforcement officials, he said.

Austin police had no comment on the arrests, said police spokeswoman Gail Phillips.

The bodies of Jennifer Harbison, 17; her sister, Sarah Harbison, 15; Eliza Thomas, 17 and Amy Ayers, 13, were found early the morning of Dec. 7 by firefighters at an I Can't Believe It's Yogurt store.

The girls were tied together and each shot in the back of the head, Austin police have said. The store was then set on fire in an attempt to hide the crime.

"I don't feel good about this. Now someone has confessed to something that is so horrible," said Barbara Suraci, the mother of Jennifer and Sarah Harbison.

Auction

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raise more money with the regular format," Huye said. "The whole idea behind (the date auction) is to go out with someone you want to meet and get to know them. If you don't, you won't spend as much money."

Remmler said the format change hurt fund-raising efforts.

"Date auctions typically bring in \$500 or more," Remmler said. "If the money was just for the hall, that would be OK, but all

proceeds went to the United Way. They're the ones that got the short end of the stick."

Carreathers said any type of people auction is wrong, even if no one is coerced to participate in the auction. He said some people might be offended by the idea.

"Just because someone volunteers for something, doesn't mean it's always correct," Carreathers said. "We understand some people might find (a date auction) offensive."

"It's best to be proactive and prevent any misunderstanding instead of reactive," Carreathers said.

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