

Outstanding Alumni To Be Recognized Charter Day

The Outstanding Alumnus Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Alumni Association. It recognizes distinguished achievements of UMHB graduates who have made and are making valuable contributions to his/her community, vocation or profession.

Awards will be presented to three individuals at the morning chapel program on Charter Day, February 2. To be recognized this year are Kay Teer Crawford, Bess Hieronymous and Vic Feazell.

Kay Crawford, known as the "Dean of the American drill team", graduated in 1936. Beginning the first drill team in the United States in 1930, in Edinburg, Texas, while still a high school student, she moved to California in the late '30's to begin drill teams in that state in addition to serving as professor of physical education at Santa Monica College. Her work with the Santa Monica Coronette drill team brought recognition to the city for which she was honored by the Chamber of Commerce. She has been choreographer for the Los Angeles Rams halftime shows for 33 years and has been part of the staff to produce shows for many bowl games. She is producer/director of national and international drill team pageants. Recently she was drill team coordinator for the New Orleans World's Fair Spectacular and for opening and closing ceremonies of the 1984 Summer Olympics held in Los



Angeles. She has been honored by the governor and the state of California for outstanding contributions to young people of that state.



Former student of Dr. Walter Gilewicz to whom she attributes her excellent first training, Dr. Bess Hieronymous is professor of music at the University of Texas-San Antonio teaching organ and organ literature. She was the first person to be granted the degree Doctor of Musical Arts in organ performance at the University of Texas at Austin. Bess received two degrees from UMHB, a B.A. in 1944, and a B.M. in 1945.

As a performer Bess has appeared with the Boston Pops Orchestra and the San Antonio Symphony and in major cities across the United States. During the past summer, she played in twenty cathedrals and churches in France.

In 1985, to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Johann Sebastian Bach, she and Dr. Marilyn Mason, head of the organ department at the University of Michigan, will present his complete organ works using lectures and organ.

The sixteen concerts will be presented throughout the year at University of Texas-San Antonio.

During Charter Day/Homecoming 1983, she performed the dedicatory recital on the new organ in Walton Chapel.

Vic Feazell will be the first recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, created especially to recognize those who graduated less than twenty years ago. Vic is District Attorney of McLennan County and lives in Waco.

Vic entered UMHB as a campus boy in 1969 and graduated in 1972, after the college became coeducational. As an ordained minister, he pastored several small Central Texas churches during and after college. He also worked as a probation counselor for Bell County. While working on his law degree at Baylor School of Law, he was Team Leader for the Outreach Program of the Mental Health Mental Retardation Center. He was promoted to Director of the Drug Abuse Treatment Program for Waco's MHMR. The program went from last place in the ratings made by the governor's office of such programs to first place. Following graduation with a J.D. degree, he went into private law practice. In November 1982, he won election as district attorney. This year, McLennan County has been given the highest rating for percentage of convictions in the state.

He is a member of the National District Attorneys Association and the Texas District and County Attorneys Association. He has been active in state and national politics, traveling to Austin and Washington to work on the development of more effective legislation in the fight against crime.

