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SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES CELEBRATES

7TH ANNIVERSARY WITH SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

Richardson, Texas --

The 7th anniversary of the founding of the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies is being celebrated this week-end with an open house and tour of the laboratories in the Center's Founders Building. The public is invited to attend Sunday, February 11; all tours begin with a "welcome" in the Center's Seminar Room at 2 p.m.

The Southwest Center for Advanced Studies was chartered by the State of Texas on February 14, 1961.

First construction on the Center campus began with the 1962 groundbreaking for the Dallas Geomagnetic Observatory, the third federally-operated geomagnetic observatory to be built within the continental limits of the United States. Buildings and auxiliary facilities were constructed by Texas Instruments Incorporated; instrumentation and personnel for daily operations of the observatory are provided by the ESSA (Environmental Science Services Administration); and the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies provides scientific supervision for the observatory which includes 7 small buildings just north of Campbell Road.

In October, 1963, dedication ceremony was held for the foundation of the largest educational and research building on the 1200-acre campus, the Founders Building, just north and east of the Observatory, at 2400 North Armstrong Parkway in Richardson. This two-story, 100,000-square-foot building houses the Atmospheric and Space Sciences Division, the Geosciences Division,

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the Biology Division, the Pion Dosimetry Project, the Computer Center, as well as a number of administrative offices.

In December, 1966, the Mathematics and Mathematical Physics Division and a number of administrative offices moved into the new 7,000-square-foot North Office Building.

On St. Patrick's Day, 1967, the first industrial tenant moved into Technology Park of the SCAS campus. The Western Company conducts basic research in many fields of technology in this facility, as other industrial development offices make plans to join the growing community of scholars on the SCAS campus.

In June, 1967, the TAGER TV Building was topped out, and classrooms on a number of college campuses and major technology- and science-oriented industries in North Texas share classroom instruction through their joint facilities.

In October, 1967, dedication ceremonies were held for the High Magnetic Field Facility, the first building of the Materials Sciences Research Laboratory. First "hardware" for the facility was received in January, 1965, and construction of the building was begun around it.

Looking ahead on the occasion of the Center's 7th birthday, President Gifford Johnson reports anticipated construction of an additional 120,000 square feet of laboratory and work space during the next four years: a Materials Research Building, a Biology Building, a Space Sciences Building, an Education Center.

Open House in the Founders Building Sunday afternoon, February 11, has been scheduled in response to specific requests by science clubs,

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the Mortar Board Alumnae and other interested groups. The public is invited to join in the afternoon celebration. All guests will meet in the Seminar Room of the Founders Building at 2 p.m. for a "welcome" by Vice President James S. Triolo, and the tour of laboratories will begin from there.

The Founders Building is 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of North Central Expressway Exit 26, and just north of Campbell Road.

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