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SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES BECOMES THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS  
SEPT. 1, 1969; PRIVATE INSTITUTION GIVEN TO STATE; DR. FRANCIS S. JOHNSON NAMED  
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DALLAS, Texas --

The Southwest Center for Advanced Studies will become The University of Texas at  
Dallas on Sept. 1, 1969.

Beginning as a private institution in 1961, the SCAS will continue co-operation  
with other universities generated since then, but will also grant graduate degrees  
in its own right.

Dr. Francis S. Johnson, a leading space physicist who has headed the Atmospheric  
and Space Sciences Division since 1962, will serve as acting president of The University  
of Texas at Dallas.

The transfer and establishment of UTD involves approximately 50 faculty members,  
a supporting staff, and administrative departments (total personnel 362); 250 acres  
of land, and the Founders Building, high magnetic field facility and neutron monitor  
station operated by the SCAS. Value of the land and physical plant has been set at  
\$11 million.

The gift was approved by the SCAS' Board of Trustees a year ago, and accepted  
by the University System regents subject to approval of the Coordinating Board,  
Texas College and University System, and the 61st Legislature of Texas.

The Coordinating Board, in a series of hearings, opposed creation of a primary  
degree-granting unit within the University System; the state-wide agency, which  
must approve new graduate programs and institutional expansion plans for all systems  
and state colleges, recommended instead that the SCAS go into the University System