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The benefits of education and of useful knowledge, generally diffused through a community, are essential to the preservation of a free government.

SAM HOUSTON

Cultivated mind is the guardian genius of Democracy, and while guided and controlled by virtue, the noblest attribute of man. It is the only dictator that freemen acknowledge, and is the only security which freemen desire.

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR

School and community opinion should be so conditioned that every interschool contest dramatizes not only the reign of law but the reign of a higher law giving the Spirit of the rules precedence over the Letter, thus establishing a jurisdiction in which Conscience is the court of final appeal, empowered to confer the ultimate and most highly valued awards.

Educational Competition
The Story of the University Interscholastic League
by ROY BEDICHEK
UIL Director, 1921-1948
Message from the
Chair of the Legislative Council

Dear Students, Coaches, Administrators and Parents,

It is incredibly humbling to serve as the Chair of the University Interscholastic League Legislative Council this year. This Council’s responsibility to establish the rules and policies that govern competitions and contests in the areas of fine arts, academics, and athletics is an obligation that none of the regionally elected school administrators take lightly. In fact, we often discuss what a joy and privilege it is to serve the students of Texas in this way.

As someone who has witnessed countless student competitions on the court, the field, the stage and in the stands—I know how vital the UIL experience is to the advancement of our young people. Healthy competition provides numerous opportunities for self-expression and growth while also laying the foundation of fundamental skills such as teamwork, leadership and the importance of perseverance. I believe the classroom atmosphere is only enhanced when students can engage in the activities that they truly enjoy.

On behalf of the Council, I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Charles Breithaupt and his team. Their dedication is evident through the many efforts put forth to ensure each student is enriched through academics, athletics and fine arts.

I would also like to thank you for your commitment to the UIL and to the betterment of a comprehensive academic experience. Your support is a crucial component in the development and success of our students. Finally, I wish all of our competitors an exciting and rewarding year as they strive to reach new heights for both themselves and for others.

Sincerely,

Thomas Randle, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Dear UIL Participants:

While the most important work you do as a student is in the classroom, there is much more to learn and experience beyond your classroom studies. That is why I am so pleased you have chosen to participate in one or more UIL-sponsored activities this year. Through extracurricular competition—whether academic, artistic, or athletic—you immerse yourself in experiences that instill the principles of teamwork and fair play, you develop respect for both yourself and your opponent, and you earn the satisfaction of setting goals for yourself and working hard toward achieving them. Winning can be deeply satisfying—though it is certainly not the sole measure of your success.

The relationship between the UIL and The University of Texas at Austin is historic and unique. The UIL was founded on UT’s “Forty Acres” in 1910 and has been going strong ever since. I am exceptionally proud of this history and the important role that the UIL has played in the lives of students in Texas for more than a century. UT and the UIL are a perfect fit, because both place high value on excellence, integrity, and fairness. If a UIL competition brings you to Austin, I invite you to explore our campus and discover what UT Austin has to offer. I am confident that you will be inspired by the teaching, research, preservation, and artistic expression that takes place here every day.

You have my best wishes for a great year, both in the classroom and in your UIL competitions. Many wonderful adventures lie before you in life. You will experience them with your family and friends, during your working career, through your hobbies and avocations, and in the recreations and moments of solitude that you set aside for yourself. My advice is to enjoy and experience each to its fullest—including the wonderful moments and memories your UIL competitions will provide.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gregory L. Fenves
President
Statement of Purpose

The University Interscholastic League believes

that most students enjoy the pursuit of excellence and seek opportunities to test themselves against their own accomplishments and those of their peers,

that such opportunities are best provided through properly conducted and equitably administered competitive activities,

that the classroom is enriched by the flow of student energy into the more intensified arena of competition and back into the classroom.

Therefore, we reaffirm that students are the focus of our endeavor and deserve an opportunity to:

refine physical and mental aptitudes,
nurture self-realization and build self-confidence,
feel a sense of pride and dignity,
experience teamwork and develop a sense of fair play,
develop the ability to lead and the willingness to follow,
foster self-discipline and perseverance,
appreciate that rules, consistently applied, create order and discipline,
learn to accept graciously the decisions of judges and officials,
affirm self-worth in times of disappointment as well as adulation,
cultivate lifetime skills,
complement their class work with practice and performance,
have fun,
experience the joy of achieving their potential in a wholesome environment and,
discover that ultimately the true meaning of winning is doing one’s best.
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**Second Vice-Chair:** Jo Ann Bludau

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INTRODUCTION

The University Interscholastic League was created by The University of Texas at Austin to provide leadership and guidance to public school debate and athletic teachers.

In 1909, with the approval of the Board of Regents, Dr. S. E. Mezes, president of The University, organized and formed the Extension Bureau at The University to serve the state. He later created the Debating League of Texas High Schools as a part of Extension Division of The University. Almost simultaneously, he appointed a history professor, Dr. Charles W. Ramsdell, to the University Athletic Council and asked him to investigate the possibility of organizing an annual high school track meet, to be held at The University. After talking with public school officials across the state, Professor Ramsdell organized such a meet and then formed the Interscholastic Athletic Association to assure the continuance and improvement of the meet and other similar athletic activities.

In 1913, the Debating League of Texas High Schools and the Interscholastic Athletic Association were merged to form the extension program known from 1913 to the present as the University Interscholastic League, which is still operated by The University of Texas at Austin.

The UIL is the largest organization of its kind in the world, covering a larger geographic area, serving more public schools, scheduling a greater variety of contests, and holding more contests and meets than any other similar organization in the United States.

Public school administrators and contest sponsors believe that competitions organized and administered by educators, without interference from outside interest groups, have provided a useful channel for the energies and talents of the state’s finest public school students.

Special attention is called to the following matters:

(a) The rules published herein and citations to special bulletins, as well as notices in the “Official Notices” column of the Leaguer, constitute official notice to all UIL members.

(b) It is the responsibility of each school district superintendent to submit application forms and see that payments for memberships are made prior to the prescribed deadline.

(c) When a school district joins the UIL, it agrees to accept and observe the terms of participation in the contests as set forth in the Constitution and Contest Rules. When disputes arise, they shall be settled by the committees in the prescribed manner. This is a voluntary organization and all conditions surrounding participation are freely accepted. Both the letter and spirit of the rules are to be observed with genuine cooperation.

(d) All persons involved in organizing, administering or sponsoring a UIL contest should familiarize themselves with rules governing participation, schedule and disposition of fees, definitions, eligibility rules, organization of the various meets, methods of settling disputes, etc. A Professional Acknowledgment Form shall be signed by all of the school district’s coaches and sponsors of UIL activities.

(e) Special rules should be studied by the directors of the respective events. Sponsors should be experts on the rules of the contests which they undertake, and if rules are not understood, the UIL office should be contacted for clarification.

(f) These rules will be distributed to schools by the opening of the school session in August.

(g) Official Interpretations of the State Executive Committee are in Appendix I. Those rules on which Official Interpretations have been issued are indicated within the rule.

The UIL program does not offer an activity for every student in the school. If a considerable group of students find participation in a contest educationally rewarding, then that program is justified from an administrative point of view. With the varied program offered by the UIL, a large percentage of public school students find at least one contest in which they can do well, thus enjoying the rewards of fair competition.

It is the mission of the University Interscholastic League to continue a focus on the educational aspects of contests and on the positive benefits to Texas public school students.
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