IN MEMORIAM

DR. HOWARD A. CALKINS

Dr. Howard A. Calkins, Professor Emeritus of Government, died January 5, 1988.

Calkins was born September 3, 1904 in Geneva, Ohio. He attended public schools, then Ohio Wesleyan University, where he received the B.A. degree in 1927. He obtained an M.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) in 1928 and began work on the Ph.D. degree, which was completed and the degree awarded in 1952. He came to The University of Texas as instructor in the Department of Government in 1929 and moved through all the ranks of the department to become upon retirement in 1971 Professor Emeritus. He served during a portion of World War II and also on a later occasion as acting chairman of the department.

Except for one year when he returned to the University of Wisconsin for further work toward the Ph.D. degree Calkins taught continuously in the Department of Government at The University of Texas from 1929 to 1971.

During most of his career he taught regularly courses at three levels. He taught sections of the introductory course in American Government, an upper level course in state government and administration, and (after 1950) a graduate course in administrative management. The graduate course was given at a time when it would be available for public employees, and was required for the master's degree in public administration. His teaching thus reached

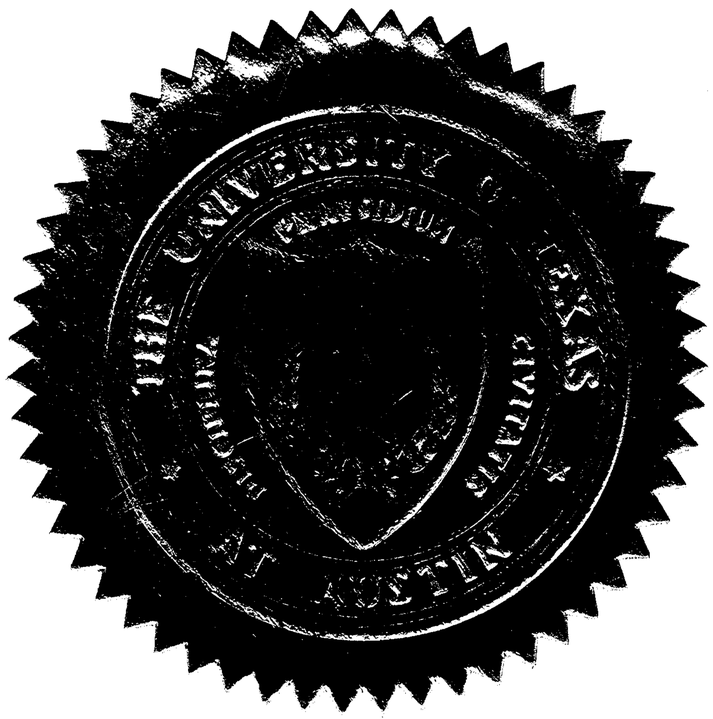
thousands of undergraduate students and a full generation of students seeking professional education in the Department of Government and the Institute of Public Affairs.

Calkins' teaching was characterized by the completeness and thoroughness with which he pursued his subject. He gave unstintingly of his time to students. For many years he gained much satisfaction out of service as adviser to prelaw students in the Department of Government.

From 1946-1950 Calkins was, while still teaching, Registration Supervisor for the University. In that position he planned and installed new procedures that simplified the processes and reduced the delays for students.

Calkins was a faithful worker on committees and served as an elective member of the University Council. He was from 1944-1950 and 1952-1969 a member of the State Executive Committee of the Interscholastic League, and was proud that he made the motion that the word "white" in the rules of the League be construed as having no legal significance, the ruling that admitted Blacks to League competitions. His activities outside the University included service in offices of his local church.

Howard was married September 15, 1931 to Alice Eleanor Parkes and they became parents of two daughters, Carita and Phyllis. Howard is survived by his wife, his daughter Phyllis, six grandchildren, and a great granddaughter. His departure is mourned within a closely-knit family, by a multitude of friends within the University and among his former students, and by many others with whom he had happy associations over fifty-nine years in the Austin community.



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