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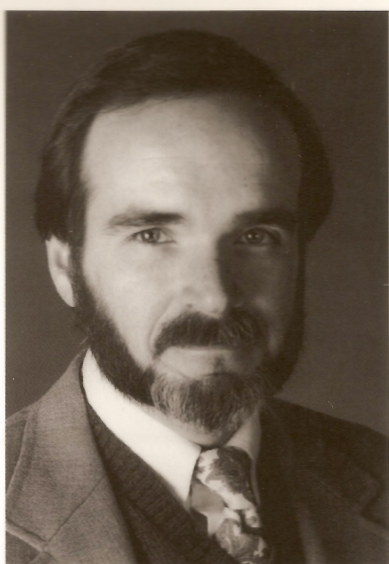


The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) is the sixth largest university in Texas. It has a student enrollment of more than 22,000 and offers a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Despite UTA's importance as an emerging research university of national recognition, few people are aware of its colorful and, at times, tumultuous history.

*Transitions: A Centennial History of The University of Texas at Arlington, 1895-1995*, written by Gerald D. Saxon, traces the school's one hundred year history, taking the reader on a roller coaster ride over the school's ups and downs.

UTA began in 1895 as Arlington College, a small private school located one mile southwest of the North Texas town of Arlington. For the next twenty-two years, the school underwent three name changes and struggled as a private academy before becoming a branch campus of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas (now Texas A&M). While a part of A&M, the school was known first as Grubbs Vocational College, then North Texas Agricultural College, and later as Arlington State College. As a branch of A&M, the college experienced the problems and opportunities brought on by two world wars, the Great Depression, and a rapidly growing Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. In 1965 the college joined the University of Texas system and, two years later, became known as The University of Texas at Arlington.

Based on hundreds of historical sources, such as archives collections, public records, newspapers, oral history interviews, and magazine and journal articles, *Transitions* documents the many changes the school has undergone in its evolution from a private elementary, intermediate, and high school to the graduate-level university of today. The book's 165 historical photographs and lively narrative bring UTA's past alive, making this a "must read" for alumni, students, faculty and staff, and anyone with an interest in the development of higher education in Texas.



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