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A RECORD 862 CANDIDATES
SET FOR ETSU GRADUATION

COMMERCE, --Eight hundred and sixty-two degree candidates--a record number--will be eagerly awaiting diplomas when East Texas State University commencement exercises begin at 7 p.m. May 13 (Saturday) in Memorial Stadium.

In addition to 674 bachelor's, 174 master's and 14 doctoral degrees, ETSU will confer three honorary doctorates.

Honorary doctor of laws degrees will be awarded to Felix R. McKnight, editor and co-publisher of the Dallas Times Herald; Dr. Ralph W. Steen, president of Stephen F. Austin State University; and O. Pendleton Thomas, chief executive officer and a director of B. F. Goodrich Co.

Dr. Paul W. Barrus, professor and former head of the ETSU English department, will deliver the commencement address, "The Furnished Mind." Dr. Barrus, who has been a member of the university faculty since 1949, was the first recipient of the ETSU Distinguished Teaching Award in 1969.

After Dr. Barrus' address and the presentation of honorary degrees by Dr. D. Whitney Halladay, ETSU president, the 862 undergraduate and graduate degrees will be conferred.

The Rev. William S. Montague, pastor of the First Christian Church of Commerce, will give the invocation and benediction. After the degrees are awarded, ETSU Director of Alumni Affairs Rob Whitener will greet the new graduates.

In the event of rain, the commencement exercises will be held in the university's Field House.