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## Budget goes to Senate committee

By DEBBIE CARTER

A representative group of Texas Eastern University (TEU) students and administrators were present as TEU President James H. Stewart made budget increase proposals to the Senate Finance Committee in Austin, Feb. 22.

Terri Russell of Hawkins and Randy Toler of Canton represented the Student Life Advisory Committee (SLAC) at the hearing. Tom Moncrief of Tyler and Thomas Allen of Lindale, both proposed SLAC members, also attended the hearing.

Holly Walker of Tyler, Miss Tyler 1975 and first runner-up in the Miss Texas Pageant, also represented TEU at the hearing.

Student Traffic Court representative Helen Hinton of Jacksonville, and Barbara Carder of Tyler, from the recreation-athletics-sports study committee, attended the Senate hearing. Debbie Carter of Tyler represented *The Patriot* staff.

Tom Turns, dean of student life, accompanied the students to the hearing. John Sawyer, vice president for fiscal affairs, also attended.

In his presentation to the committee, President Stewart asked for increases in the Legislative Budget Board recommendations for the 1977-79 biennium.

These increases were needed, according to President Stewart, in the categories of operating expenses and facilities.

In the area of operating expenses, the board's overall recommendations for fiscal year 1978 were 8.8 per cent, or \$381,509, less than what is currently budgeted for

fiscal year 1977. For fiscal year 1979, the overall recommendation is three per cent, or \$136,123, less than 1977.

Budget recommendations were made by the board based on formulas developed by the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System.

These formulas were transmitted to be used by the governor and the Legislative Budget Board in making appropriations recommendations to the legislature. Institutions of higher education also use the formulas in preparing budget requests for the 1977-79 biennium.

All areas of finance, such as general administration and student services and faculty salaries, are covered by the formulas.

In the case of TEU, however, President Stewart explained, "Our institution simply has not reached the point of enrollment for formula to adequately meet even minimum requirements of a rapidly growing and developing organization."

An enrollment of 2,500, according to President Stewart, would generate sufficient funding for the university by the formula concept. Enrollment for the spring semester was 1657, a 34.8 per cent increase over a year ago. Projections indicate that TEU is two years away from an enrollment of 2,500.

President Stewart explained to the committee that many services, such as the Financial Aids and Student Life Offices, necessary for 2,500 students, are already provided for 1,600. Therefore, he said, "operations would not increase substantially during this enrollment growth

period."

Requested increases, a total of \$739,645 for operating expenses, above those recommended by the Legislative Budget Board, included:

—General administration and student services—\$75,844.

—General institutional expense—\$24,050.

—Staff group insurance premiums—\$37,080.

—O.A.S.I. (a staff benefit—\$3,510.)

—Workers compensation insurance—\$1,200.

—Faculty salaries—\$297,438.

—Departmental operating expenses—\$107,610.

—Instructional administration—\$42,913.

—Library—\$150,000.

President Stewart said that without this assistance the TEU program would be very restricted. But, he continued, "We will not close our doors."

In the area of facilities, President Stewart emphasized the rapid growth of TEU, particularly since the permanent campus was occupied last fall.

Construction being requested for Phase III, in priority order, includes the library, \$7.85 million, the Education and Psychology building, a physical plant addition, a lecture and assembly building and the Fine Arts building.

Estimated cost of the entire Phase III project is \$15.86 million and would not be ready for occupancy until September 1980—three and one-half years from now.

TEU's only alternative to general rev-

enue funding for facilities is through revenue bonds. President Stewart emphasized that at the present time, the Health and Physical Education (HPE) building is being constructed under a revenue bond program in the amount of \$1.75 million.

Senator Tom Creighton of Mineral Wells said during the Senate hearing, "Higher education in Texas has been treated very, very well in the past ten years. But if the proposed bills pass that seem to have a good chance of doing so, the 65th legislature will be \$505 million short. We're going to have to set some priorities."

Representative Bill Clark of Tyler told the visiting TEU students that he believed the proposed library, vetoed by Governor Dolph Briscoe in Phase II, had a chance of approval.

President Stewart said he would be satisfied if the library was approved, even if the other four buildings were not.

He appeared before the House Higher Education Appropriative Subcommittee Feb. 9. His proposals will be taken by the subcommittee to the House Appropriations Committee.

Both the House and Senate committees will make changes in the original budget. Differences will be resolved in a conference committee, resulting in a proposed Appropriations Bill. The bill must be approved by both houses and signed by Governor Briscoe, who will be able to exercise his line veto power if he desires.

President Stewart appeared before the House Appropriations committee March 21.

## Advisory group pleads student causes

"The Student Life Advisory Committee (SLAC) was formed after an unsuccessful attempt by a group of students to form a student government," said SLAC advisor, Christina Mitchell.

"The purpose of SLAC is to provide student input to the administration to make them aware of students' needs and preferences," said Mitchell. She is also counselor and presently acting dean of student life.

Selections for membership on the committee were made after an announced meeting date was set. Tom Turns and Mitchell along with several interested students attended the meeting. SLAC was officially approved Oct. 4, 1976 by Texas Eastern University administration at the second meeting. Two representatives were elected from among several volunteers.

One junior and one senior from each school were selected along with two graduate students. Subcommittees are

formed as the need arises, but membership in SLAC is not required to serve on a subcommittee. The only requirements are that a student be presently enrolled at TEU and have an interest in student activities.

The social affairs committee is one of the more active subcommittees. It has been responsible for several weekend dances and is presently planning others. Although the events are planned by SLAC, they must be approved by the administration if school funding is utilized.

Subcommittees presently active in student government are the social affairs committee, the guidelines committee and the student court. Other committees are set up as the need arises.

Elizabeth Brennan, who was instrumental in the forming of SLAC, said "I took an early interest in SLAC and explored the possibility of representing student needs to the TEU administration."

"At a recent SLAC meeting attended by

a group of students who had started a petition to form a student government at TEU, it became quite obvious that many students were not aware of what SLAC was attempting to do," said Brennan. "We want to give a true representation of students' suggestions or complaints," she said.

Coke machines and telephones for the HPR building were approved after SLAC representatives made suggestions to the administration. Interested students are invited to attend all SLAC meetings and give suggestions. TEU President James H. Stewart spoke at the March 4 meeting and expressed a desire to help the student organization. Another interesting figure speaking at the February 25 SLAC meeting was local real estate investor Harry Phillips.

Phillips owns property very near the TEU campus which he plans to develop according to the desires and needs of TEU students. He wanted to know what type establishment the students would patronize. Phillips is planning to build a

shopping center and an apartment complex in the near future.

Parliamentarian Kathy Fisler said, "I'm totally for the improvement of our student organization. I personally seek students' suggestions and report to SLAC at the regular meetings. I am also very pleased with the interest that President Stewart has shown." SLAC plans to form an alumni association in the near future, she said.

Texas State Senate finance committee hearing on funding for TEU's library was attended by three SLAC members, Randy Toler, Terri Russell and Tom Moncrief on February 22.

Meetings are held on Fridays from twelve to one in UC 111.

Presently serving on SLAC are Chairman Randy Toler, Terri Russell, Mary Lewis, Elizabeth Brennan, John Boney, Kathy Fisler, Cecil Fambrough, Glenda Saunders, Darrell Richey, Neal Gibson, Joe Kennedy and Tom Moncrief. Advisors are Christina Mitchell and Tom Turns.

## European tour planned

Students who want to participate in the Travel/Study Program offered the first summer session 1977 must make a \$100 deposit to program coordinator Patricia Gajda by April 10.

The tour will last from June 10-24 and includes stops in England, France, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Germany, Poland and Belgium, and a steamer cruise on the Rhine.

Graduate courses with six hours credit will be offered under the program in history, reading and early childhood education. Undergraduate credit can be arranged in the history class. Interested students can contact Gajda at extension 311. Places are limited, but if enough are reserved, Gajda said she may be able to arrange for a second group to travel with the first.

The trip will cost \$999 per person. This fee covers all travel, including transatlantic flights departing from and returning to Dallas-Fort Worth, hotels, breakfast and supper each day, sightseeing and transfers.

It does not include regular university

tuition and fees which must also be paid.

Students will need to bring only "the minimal amount (of pocket money) for however much fun they want to have in the evening," said Gajda.

All classes will meet several times on campus before departure for regular assignments and reading. Projects and term papers will be arranged by instructors after they return.

All students in the group will go to the same cities and make the same basic tours, but divide afterwards for specialized credit assignments. The European assignments will require observation and discussion. No books will be necessary on the trip.

Gajda said the weather should be mild, in the 70 and 80 degree range, instead of the 90's common in East Texas in June.

Graduate standing is a general requirement, except for the history course in which independent study at undergraduate level can be arranged for juniors and seniors. Interested students should discuss their academic backgrounds with their instructors for specific information.



**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**—Student Life Advisory vice chairman Joe Kennedy [right] makes a point at the March 11 meeting, while chairman Randy Toler looks on. Toler is a member from the School of Business Administration and Kennedy is a member from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. [Photo by G. Morris]



# COMMENTS AND OPINION

## Publications Board: What will rules be?

A student publication board is now being formed at TEU. Supposedly, it will not have the power to censor this newspaper, but is designed to assure "competent and responsible operation" of all student publications. In addition, it has been proposed that the board approve guidelines for operation of all student publications.

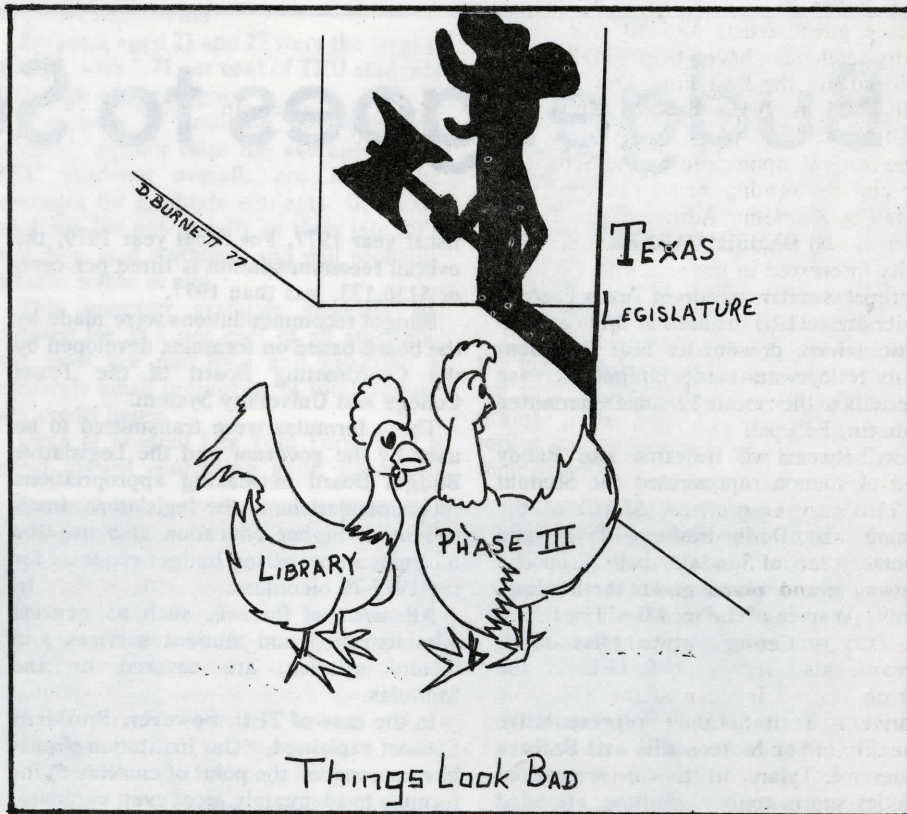
We are sure that the board was proposed with good intentions. But there are a few things that trouble us: for instance, what do you mean by "guidelines for operation of all student publications?" Does this mean that we can no longer criticize the administration if we see something that we think is unfair? Does this mean that someone is going to be constantly looking over our shoulder while we are writing our stories? If so, is this not censorship in a sense?

Before we can give wholehearted support to such a board, we want to know

exactly what is meant when the word "guidelines" is used. Now we certainly have no objections to rules which would say that no libelous statements are to be printed. But when the board's power gets beyond that, we tend to get a little concerned.

Another point: How much say will the editors have in setting these guidelines? Obviously, it would be a conflict of interest for a student editor to sit on the board. But it seems unfair for the editors to have no part in setting out the guidelines.

The editors of this newspaper are adults who feel the responsibility of their positions. We know there's a time when certain things should not be printed—such as libel. But we frankly do not want the freedom of the press to be inhibited by a set of overly stringent rules which will mute all effective editorial criticism. We hope the board will act with reason and restraint.



## Theatre Arts goes on with the show

The Department of Theatre Arts continues to forge ahead despite lack of facilities for its programs.

The department is still staging its plays in Adm 127, with some obvious disadvantages. This room is not a theater but a classroom, so no scenery can be fixed permanently.

But there are some advantages too. The acoustics are good—one can hear everything within the room. The seats are soft and tiered so that one can view from the back of the room. A theater is now under construction near the college post office in the Health-Physical Education building. It is not a full-fledged theater, but it is far

better than what is now being used.

The theater is a large multi-purpose room with many modern facilities which include drama workshop, storage areas, built-in dimmers and 300 movable seats. It is expected to be ready for use by fall 1978.

An auditorium is in the plans for Phase III construction. But there is a problem in getting the legislature to approve funds for it.

Despite all odds, the department is working round the clock to present the play for the semester. The play is S.N. Behrman's "sophisticated comedy" of 1932—*Biography*.

It is no doubt to anyone that tremendous effort had been expended in putting up this excellent facility. Somehow, though, there always seems to be an effort to disfigure it in some special way. What is disheartening to note is that they seem to be the same people for whom these efforts were intended but who could only care less.

This may indicate that some of us have not come to realize up to this time that we are now in an upper level institution, one of the consequences of which is the higher degree of responsibility expected of us by other people in and outside the campus.

Maybe we should now start being responsible in case we have not and the

The play is about politicians and lovers.

Other actors include: Steve Westhafer—Tyler Junior College instructor, Cathy Speas—TEU interdisciplinary graduate student, Vicky Musick—TEU senior English major, J.B. Duffield—TEU junior drama major, Neal Gibson—TEU junior music major and John Callahan himself.

Several TEU drama minors and some secondary education majors with drama certification will also take part in the production.

Assisting "beloved director and all-round nice guy" Callahan is Jeanine Lefevre who also acted in *The Lesson* and

*Plaza Suite* in 1975-76.

According to the director and associate professor of theatre arts John Callahan, folks will be pleasantly surprised at just how topical Behrman's work still is. He said, "after all, lovers will always be lovers, and politicians....well, maybe they're lovers, too."

The director stressed that two of the *Biography* surprises will be professors Judy Freeman and Paxton Hart, TEU's "most promising hams." He said that if TEU ever burned down, these two distinguished faculty would be "cured"....or at the very least, "smoked."

## Letters to Editor...

I have desperately tried to repress this thought and its persistence made me decide to share it in the hope of getting some peace of mind.

Sometime ago, at the students' parking area No. 5, as I was getting out of my car, I noticed an empty paper cup and some peanut wrappers beside a heap of cigarette butts left out in an adjacent parking space. It was indeed a very unpleasant sight.

schoolground is an ideal place to do it.

Hopefully, this letter is impressive enough but in the event that it is not, let me add that if I am capable of doing my part, I see no reasons why others can't. A few more semesters are not long enough for me to wait and I'll be back home 6,000 miles across the ocean where I intend to express without any inhibitions and/or reservations my feeling against similar unfortunate circumstances, maybe even to the extent of using insult if necessary. I wish I could do it here but I am just a passerby.

Jimmy R. Calaycay

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## School plans student publications board

A Student Publications Board is being organized by assistant journalism professor Robert Jones and Stephen Rada, chairman of the Department of Communication to oversee all student publications.

Jones, who initiated the development of the board, believes its main function will be "to minimize interference from other sources." He pointed out that under the proposed operating rules the board will not have the power to censor publications, but would instead attempt to assure "competent and responsible operation" of all student publications.

The idea of a publications board is presently being considered by President James H. Stewart. Before the board becomes official it must receive his confirmation.

President Stewart said he had been looking at the idea of creating a publications board since September 1976. "I think the board is a viable idea," he said.

Before the board can be confirmed two final steps remain to be considered. First, the guidelines and rules of the board have to be established and agreed upon. Secondly, the people on the board have to be picked and confirmed by President Stewart.

The proposed guidelines for the board, written by Jones, include the following:

—Approval of guidelines for operation of all student publications.

—Appointment of student editors for all student publications.

—Reprimand or removal of student editors for specific violations of publication guidelines (set of operational rules).

—Resolution of serious conflicts between the student editor and the faculty advisor of the publication.

—Resolution of conflicts between the student editor and members of the university community.

—Performance of other duties related to student publications as assigned by the president of the university.

Under the guidelines only student editors will be responsible to the publications board.

Student positions on the publications board will be filled on a volunteer basis. Rada, who was given the task of finding volunteers, asked for them from the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences and Fine and Performing Arts. He chose these schools because he believes the students in them have a greater interest in publications and knowledge of how they function.

Six students volunteered. Rada said he picked two whom he recommended to President Stewart be placed on the board.

In making his choice Rada said he looked for students taking at least six hours, having a good grade standing, general maturity, an interest or familiarity with media and "undefinables like common sense."

He emphasized that he had not looked for "students with one ideological viewpoint."

Rada declined to tell which students he recommended to President Stewart. The six students who volunteered are Gene Cravens, Cathy Speas, John Mark Ellis, Phil Jackson, Bobby Taylor and Billy Emberlin.

The other members, excluding Jones, will be picked directly by President Stewart. He declined to give any possible names.

The board members will be selected on a staggered two year basis. By staggering board appointments the board will always have experienced board members, said

Jones.

At the present time *The Patriot* newspaper is the only student publication, but all future student media whether print or electronic will also come under the jurisdiction of the board.

Jones predicted that with only one publication to watch over, the board members should find their jobs "extremely dull as long as the guidelines are followed."

Rada believes one advantage of the proposed board is that it will create a "buffer" between student publications and the president of the university. "Every time there is some flare up the president will not be directly involved. Instead the board can iron out the misunderstanding," he said.

"In the early stages it (the proposed board) will be involved in insuring that student publications get off on a solid footing. After a few years the board will recede into the background," said Rada.

## Dean of Student Life returns

Dean of Student Life Tom Turns will resume his duties at Texas Eastern University after the spring break. He returned home March 17 after treatment at

M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Counselor Christina Mitchell has been acting dean of student life since March 7.



# Fine Arts festival set for April 17-23

Three guest artists and 10 area community colleges have been invited to participate in the first Fine Arts Festival April 17-23 at Texas Eastern University (TEU).

The festival, sponsored by the School of Fine and Performing Arts, was approved last fall by Academic Administrator Frank Smyrl. It will acquaint TEU students and faculty interested in the arts with talented people of similar interests, assess community interest in the arts and encourage artistic talent. It will also acquaint community college students with TEU.

Activities sponsored by the Department of Music will open and close the festival and in between will be art exhibitions, a demonstration on art techniques, recitals and TEU's spring play.

Ralph and Doris Harrel will give a dedicatory recital Sunday April 17 on the Steinway grand piano given to the University last spring. The recital will be in the University Center student center at 3:30 p.m.

Ralph Harrell is Dean of the School of Creative Arts at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. His wife Doris is professor of piano at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

The piano was given to TEU by the executives of the estate of Mrs. V.E. Sutton. Department of Music chairman Kenneth Muckleroy said at the time of the donation, "This particular instrument was made in what is considered the peak of the company's (Steinway's) rise to fame and is one of its best."

The week's final event will be a concert presented by community college choirs

Saturday April 23, conducted by assistant professor of music Chadwick Edwards.

Guest artist Hiram Williams of the Nordness Galleries of New York and the University of Florida will be on campus Friday April 22 to present a demonstration of his techniques and critique exhibitions contributed by the colleges.

The demonstration will be at 10 a.m. in HPR 275.

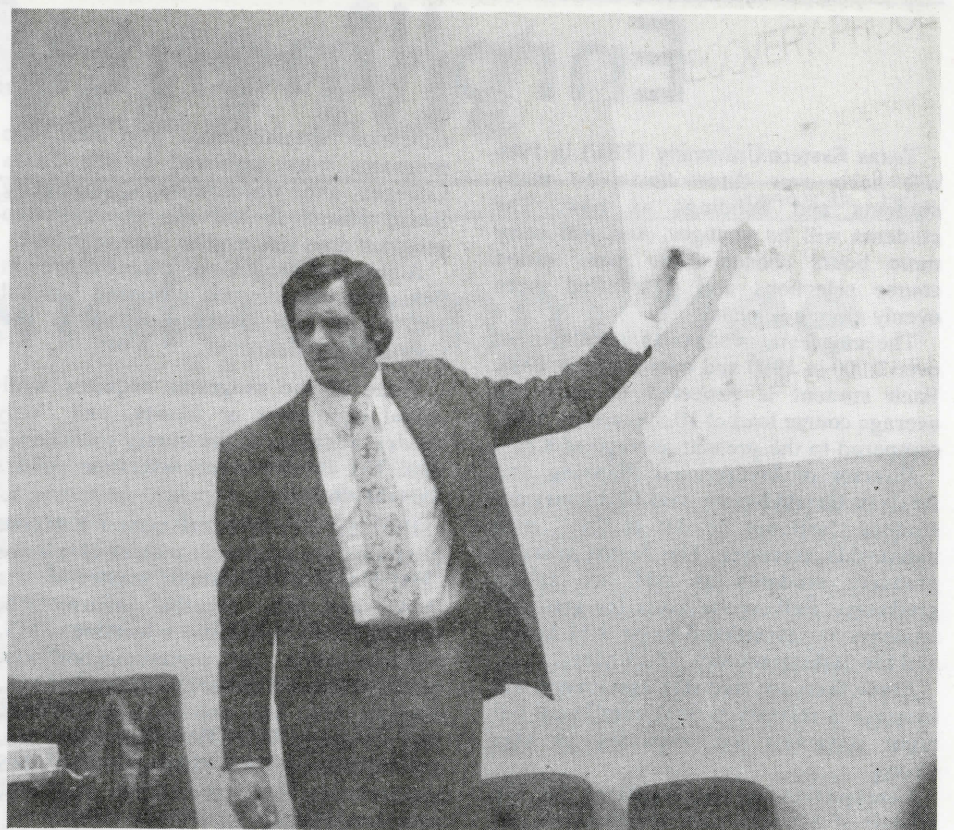
Five works have been requested from each participating school and will be displayed during the week on the second floor of the HPR Building. There are no restrictions on size or materials of the exhibitions. Williams may also be able to critique some works by TEU art students.

The Department of Theatre Arts will present its spring play April 20-22 in Adm 127 at 8 p.m.

The play is a comedy, **Biography**, by S.N. Behrman. It is billed by director John Callahan as "a sophisticated comedy of 1932. It is about politicians and lovers, and the audience will be pleasantly surprised at just how topical Behrman's work still is."

Cast members are TEU faculty Judy Freeman and Paxton Hart, students Cathy Speas, Vicky Musick, J.B. Duffield, Neal Gibson and Lee Hardy, and Tyler Junior College faculty member Steve Westhafer.

Other events throughout the week will be a recital Tuesday April 10 at 7:30 p.m. by TEU student Sue Dunn, contralto, and possible performances by stage band or pop-vocal groups from the colleges. Participating choirs will be on campus all day April 23 for performances and rehearsals before the evening concert.



**BUBBLE TIPPING**—Robert Cox, dean of the School of Education and Psychology, illustrates recovery after a stimulus in his March 10 talk for the Alpha Chi lecture series. [Photo by Billy Emberlin]

## Educator illustrates reactions to change

The Alpha Chi society's March 10 luncheon presented Robert Cox, dean of the School of Education and Psychology, who spoke on "Self-Consistency and Change or What Happens When You Get Your Bubble Tipped."

Alpha Chi president Dan Potter welcomed guests and introduced Cox by saying, "We are fortunate in a vanilla world to have a speaker such as Dr. Cox who has a rich and colorful sense of humor."

Potter listed Cox's credentials which include a doctor of education from the University of Houston.

He is also one of the original 1973 Texas Eastern University faculty.

"Self-Consistency and Change" dealt with the concept that man maintains a scheme of life—a bubble—composed of work, play, school and family, and "any-

thing that interrupts that scheme causes your bubble to tip," said Cox.

"You must structure your personality to cope with problems by reflex action. This way, anything irregular that effects your way of life can be dealt with," he added.

A question and answer session followed the lecture.

The program was second in a series of lectures to be presented by Alpha Chi at Texas Eastern University.

The first lecture was presented by Frank Smyrl, dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dec. 9. He spoke on "John Tyler and the Constitution."

John Fletcher, chairman of the Department of Economics and Finance and professor of business administration, will present the April 28 lecture titled, "No Virginia, There Is No Santa Claus."



**FRIDAY DANCE**—Texas Eastern University students Gayle Stanitzky [left], Randy Toler [background] and Joe Kennedy dance to the music of local group Ironhorse March 11. Toler and Kennedy are members of the Student Life Advisory Committee which sponsors the dances. [Photo by Robin Rice]

## Traffic court meets

Students with parking tickets from Texas Eastern University have a chance to appeal before the student traffic court each Tuesday evening in UC 111.

Provisions for the court were set out in the university constitution. All members are students appointed by Dean of Student Life Tom Turns. The court has met alternately at 4 and 6 p.m. since Feb. 15.

The court can only try parking violations, not moving violations. Many students seem not to know they can be given a ticket for parking improperly or parking in the wrong place. Chief Justice Mary Lewis said, "The campus police are real police. The tickets are real tickets. They are not toy tickets."

Students who do not pay tickets and are not found innocent by the court may be penalized by withholding of grades and transcripts and failure to graduate.

No more than four cases are heard and judged separately at each session.

Students who appeal tickets must be at

the scheduled court hearing or pay the fine shown on the citation. A minimum of three of the six court members must be present to hear cases, which are decided by majority vote.

Both the student who got the ticket and the policeman who issued it must be present at the open court sessions.

However, the courtroom is cleared of everyone except court members during discussion and decision of cases. The defendant and spectators may return to hear the verdict. If a decision cannot be reached, the court may reschedule a hearing. The court's decisions are final.

The court cannot lower or waive fines for a defendant judged guilty, but in the case of extenuating circumstances may deliver a ruling of innocent.

Students who have complaints about parking regulations are urged to bring their grievances before the university instead of breaking rules they consider unfair.

## Library closes April 6-10

The Texas Eastern University library will be closed April 6-10 for the spring break.

The library had originally planned to stay open during the entire break to give students working on master's degrees—one-third of TEU students—time for research, but electricity in all campus buildings will be cut off during the period.

The library will reopen April 11, a day

ahead of classes, for regular hours. Spring break lasts from April 4-11.

The schedule for spring break is:

Saturday, April 2	10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sunday, April 3	2 p.m.-6 p.m.
Monday, April 4	7:45 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5	7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday, April 11	7:45 a.m.-10:30 p.m.



**WHAT'S IN A KISS?**—Marian Froude's [left, played by Judy Freeman] got a horrified reaction from "Bunny" Nolan [played by Paxton Hart] during rehearsals for the spring play **Biography**. [Photo by Donna Loyd.]



# Enrollment to triple by '86

Texas Eastern University (TEU) in 1986 will have over three times as many students and buildings as now. The students will be younger, and will carry more hours chosen from more varied course selections and distributed more evenly among schools.

The university predicts an enrollment of over 3,500 in 1980 and over 5,000 in 1986. Each student is expected to carry an average course load of 10.3 hours by 1986, compared to the present average of 8.8.

Director of Institutional Planning and Analysis Gerald Morris said 10.3 hours per student "will not be out of line" with nationwide averages. The figure includes graduate students as well as undergraduates. Full course loads for graduate students are considered to be 9-12 hours, and for undergraduates 12-16 hours.

Predictions are that day enrollment will increase in relation to total enrollment but night programs are expected to stay strong.

Construction on two buildings for the schools of Sciences and Mathematics and Business Administration will start this summer or earlier. Funds for these buildings have been approved by the legislature.

No money for further buildings has been approved, but the university plans to add six more buildings within ten years if possible.

Proposed buildings are a library, 300-seat theater, auditorium for commencements and other large-audience activities, and buildings for the schools of Education and Psychology, Fine and Performing Arts, and Humanities and Social Sciences.

No university housing for students is proposed, although the master plan shows an area set aside for possible student housing. TEU recruiter Martha Wheat said housing was one of the university's most critical problems in attracting students.

Additions to degree programs are projected on a five-year basis and updated annually. Three programs which will begin this fall include two baccalaureate degrees—bachelor of fine arts—in art and music, and reading as an elementary

education specialization. The first two programs were approved by the Texas Colleges and Universities Coordinating Board March 8 and the specialization program does not require state approval.

A proposed bachelor of science degree in industrial education is proposed for fall 1977. It is now awaiting action by the Coordinating Board.

None of the programs requires additional equipment or faculty, and "only modest additions to the library collection," said Vice-President for Academic Affairs Donald Anthony.

By 1981, 23 additional master's degree programs are proposed: master of science (MS) industrial education; master of arts (MA), and MS., criminal justice; MS, nursing; MS, special education; MS, administration; MS, communication disorders; master of music (MM), music; MA, English; MA, MS, political science; MA, MS, sociology; MA, MS, history; MA, MS, communication; MS, biology; MA, MS mathematics; MS, chemistry; and MS, computer science.

Bachelor's degrees in communication, physics and recreation are also expected by fall 1981.

All proposed programs are subject to change for two major reasons—availability of state funds and changes in the job market.

Anthony said most programs are based on the number of jobs available in the field. Relevance of academic programs to job applications is considered a factor in attracting students.

Courses are scheduled on basis of student demand, as well as can be determined. A change to more fulltime day students in most areas may justify more day classes.

Undergraduates in the future are expected to include a larger proportion of students just finished with junior college.

The average undergraduate age is expected to continue to decline until it is about the same as the age of juniors and seniors at any four-year school.

Last fall students aged 19-23 constituted

36.7 per cent of all students, followed in descending order by 24-29 years, 30-34 years, 35-39 years, down to 60-64 years by five-year increments.

Students aged 21 and 22 were the largest groups, with 7.71 per cent of TEU students falling in each category.

Expansion of graduate programs will probably neither raise the average age of TEU students overall, nor lower the averages for graduate students. Graduate students are now mostly in their late 20's and 30's, said Anthony, and will probably remain stable in age.

This semester graduate students accounted for 35.1 per cent of all students, but most are part-time and generate a relatively small proportion of total university credit hours.

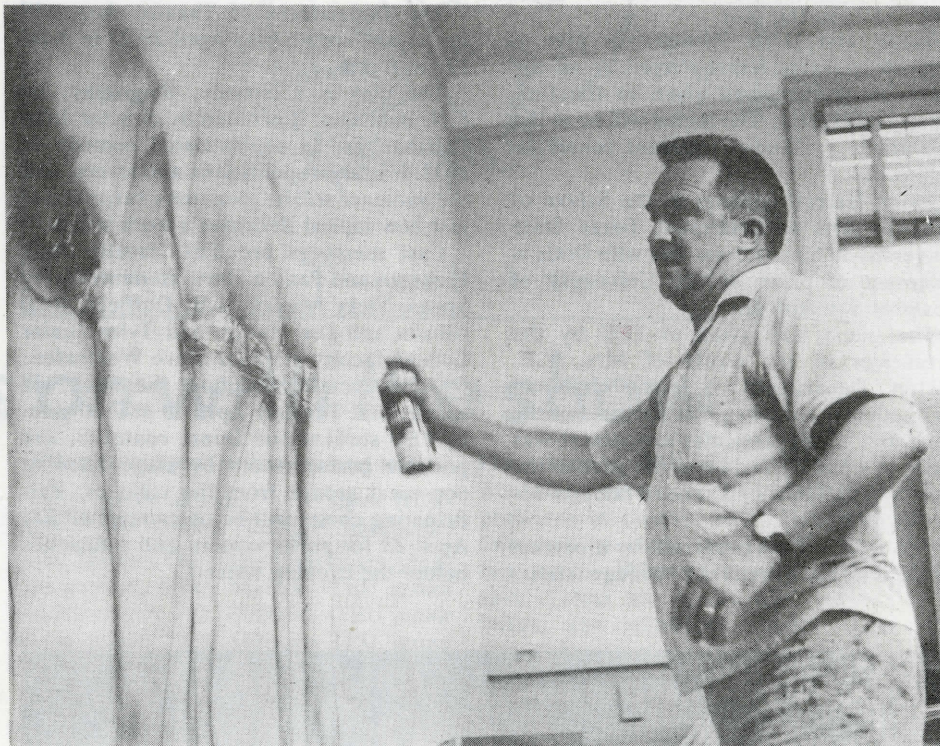
Dean of Student Life Tom Turns said a trend toward continuing adult education

may be a factor on student ages, but such programs seem to be the prerogative of community colleges.

However, graduate students who had not filed a degree plan this spring made up 17.9 per cent of all students. This is a larger percentage than either seniors—15.2 per cent—or graduate students with degree plans—17.1 per cent.

Some graduate students may file degree plans later, or transfer hours to another university, but graduate work is a choice for those who wish to continue their education without working for a degree. Most graduate classes are held at night.

Education at TEU will not extend above the master's level. Anthony said, "We're not ever projected to start doctoral programs." The state has placed a moratorium on new doctoral programs because of their expense.



**GUEST ARTIST—Hiram Williams demonstrates a technique for his students at the University of Florida. He will be at TEU April 22 during the Fine Arts festival.**

## 'Travel is part of education' for 12 students

By PHILLIP WILLIAMS

About two and a half years ago, Cletus Udeh of Enugu, Nigeria, decided he was interested in working in the radio-television communications industry.

It seemed to him that the United States was the "best place for me to qualify" for a job in that field.

In addition, Udeh had a desire to follow the old English idiom that "Travel is a part of education."

So he came to Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville in July 1974. And last summer, he arrived at Texas Eastern University where the 23-year-old senior is majoring in political science.

He is one of 12 foreign students attending classes at TEU, according to Robert Marsh, dean of admissions and records. Of these, three each come from Iran and Nigeria. The others are from Israel, Malaysia, Pakistan, Panama, the Philippines and Thailand.

How do these students from such far-off places come here?

"Most of the ones we get come through junior colleges," said Marsh. He noted that these students have made friends in East Texas and want to stay here.

Most of them are supported financially by their families, he noted, adding, "As far as I know, none are on exchange programs."

Udeh, for example, lives with a Tyler family and is supported by his family back home. Like the other foreign students, he falls into the 22-25 age bracket.

Marsh also noted that foreign students have an incentive to stay in school. "Since they're over here on an immigration visa," he said, they have to stick with their studies or return home.

How do the professors assess the students' performances?

Stephen Lefevre, associate professor of political science, said, "They do o.k. They're not the best. What they're good at particularly, I think, is broadening the interests of other students in the classroom." The foreigners handle themselves

well and ask perceptive questions, he noted.

You might think foreign students would have all sorts of problems here—such as language, learning the monetary system and transportation.

Well, Udeh solved his transportation problem by getting an American driver's license. And he said he had no problems with money.

But language was something else again.

Udeh learned English in Nigeria from the grade school level upward. In fact, that is the official language in his country. But he learned a form of English known as the "Oxford Language," which is considerably different from some of the East Texas dialect.

"I had to drop a course in history

because I couldn't follow the accent," he noted.

But Udeh also finds some things he likes about our country.

Among them are the "American system of government" because of its "freedom" and the American educational system.

Udeh, who is taking 18 hours, likes the fact that students here have to take several courses in different subjects even though they are specializing in one field. He noted that under the British system, a history major would take only history courses.

## Campus Odds and Ends

April 1	Beta Beta Beta initiation	6 p.m., Cambridge House
April 13	Alpha Chi	4 p.m., UC 111
April 14	Phi Alpha Theta installation	
April 17-23	Fine Arts festival	
	Webb Historical Society	noon, Adm 111
April 18	Beta Beta Beta	12:15 p.m., UC 134
April 28	Faculty lecture series	12:30 p.m., UC 134

John Fletcher: "No, Virginia, There is No Santa Claus"



**COURT SESSION—Two students appealed parking violations tickets at the March 15 session of the Texas Eastern University traffic appeals court. From left to right are court members Rene**

**Ferrell, Mary Lewis, David Kidder and David Covnet, and defendants Debbie Musslewhite and Patsy Grelling.**

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