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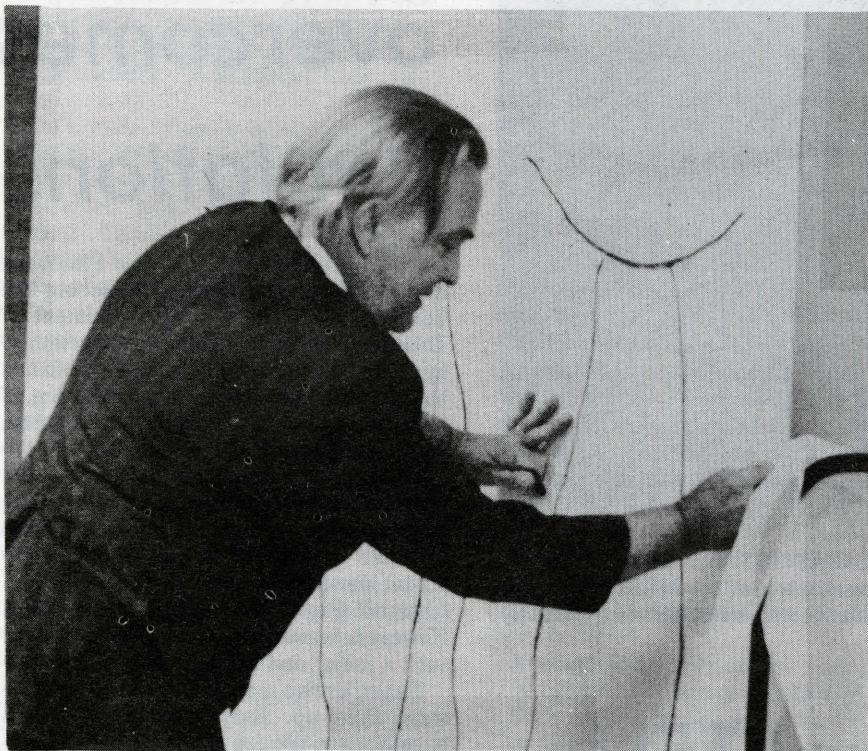
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VISITING ARTIST--Hiram Williams demonstrates his techniques at the Fine Arts Festival April 22. The New York artist also presented a short paper on the working life of an artist and critiqued the exhibitions on view in the HPR Building.
[Photo by Pat Raibon]

Arts festival features work in three fields

A Fine Arts Festival held April 17-23 featured music, art and drama presented by Texas Eastern University and area junior colleges.

A Sunday, April 17 piano recital dedicated the university's Steinway grand piano. Featured performers were Doris and Ralph Harrel of San Marcos. The piano was a gift from the estate of Mrs. V. E. Sutton.

Harrel is dean of the School of Creative Arts at Southwest Texas State University. Mrs. Harrel is professor of piano at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Both completed master's degrees at the Julliard School of Music. He received his doctor of education in piano pedagogy from Columbia University, and she holds a doctor of musical arts from the University of Texas at Austin.

TEU senior Sue Dunn, contralto, presented her senior music recital April 19 in the University Center. She performed works by Guiseppe Forellik, Johannes Brahms, Georges Bizet and other composers.

An art exhibit by students from Lon Morris College, Kilgore College, Henderson County Junior College and Navarro College was on display all week in the hallway of the second floor of Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth Building. Each school sent five selected works of any size for exhibit.

TEU students also exhibited advanced drawings, paintings and graphics.

Artist Hiram Williams, professor of painting at the University of Florida, presented a painting demonstration April 22 in HPR 275. He also gave critiques of the junior college art work.

Williams has works in the National Collection of Art in Washington, D. C., the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts.

Junior college choirs from Jacksonville, Navarro, Kilgore, Panola and Tyler and the TEU Concert Chorale performed during a choir festival April 23 in the University Center.

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Graduation Plans Announced

If you plan to take part in the May 14 commencement ceremony at Harvey Hall, have your guests there well before the 2 p.m. beginning to be sure they get seats.

Degree production this spring sets another record. A total of 251 students have filed for undergraduate degrees and 84 for graduate degrees. This is an increase of 113 over last spring's total.

The university bookstore estimated from its cap and gown orders that about 250 of the 335 eligible students plan to attend the ceremony. These candidates include all those who completed degree requirements since spring 1976.

Betty Jo Hay, member of the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System, will give the commencement address.

The School of Education and Psychology leads in number of candidates with 71 undergraduate candidates and 70 graduate candidates.

It is followed by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences with a total of 68 candidates, Business Administration 57, Applied Studies 53, Fine and Performing Arts 13 and Sciences and Mathematics three.

Mike Harvey Lake on campus will be dedicated at 10 a.m. the same day.

A. W. Riter, president of the University Educational Foundation, will present a letter from Harvey to chairman of the board of regents David K. McKie giving the lake to the university.

The public is invited to the dedication and a tour of the campus afterward.

House passes library fund only

Funding for a new library at Texas Eastern University (TEU) appears fairly certain, but funding prospects for the other buildings in Phase III are bleak.

The appropriations bill which recently passed the Texas House of Representatives included funds for the library, but not for capital equipment--anything over \$50.

A trend has apparently ended. The past four years were good ones for Texas colleges and universities in terms of legislative funding for additional buildings. Now the trend has reversed itself, said Representative Bill Clark.

The reversed trend is due to a general feeling among legislators that Texas colleges and universities are now overbuilt.

The library was the only one of five Phase III buildings included in the Texas House appropriations bill.

Despite the gloomy news from Austin, President James H. Stewart is still reluctant to give up on the other four buildings in Phase III until the legislative process ends. He admits there is a "money shortage," and will have to prove a real need to get funds.

However, he believes the facts show there is a need for funds. He said that unlike many universities nation-and state-wide TEU is not suffering from declining enrollment. "TEU's enrollment is increasing, in fact, and the East Texas area is

prospering," he said.

Nothing that goes through the legislative process is assured, and President Stewart believes even the library has a long way to go before its final passage. "We have a lot o work to do yet," he said.

He did not wish to comment on the effects of a legislative setback. His office walls are scattered with artists' pictures of present and future TEU buildings, and he wants to see the buildings built.

The future for institutions of higher education is not bright. President Stewart sees continued difficulties for the next several years in obtaining funds necessary for expansion. "It will have some effect on our growth," he said.

It may affect the master plan. Next year recommendations will be made for Phase IV construction. Only two buildings are now being proposed for construction, a Humanities and Social Sciences building and an addition to the physical plant (there is one such addition in each phase).

When the governor vetoed the library during Phase II legislation, the library was put into the Phase III budget. Now four buildings have been left out of the Phase III funding request. President Stewart would not comment on the possibilities of these four buildings bumping the two in Phase IV into another phase.



NO SMOKING PLEASE--Kathy Speas and J.B. Duffield relax between scenes at dress rehearsal for the University production of "Biography." The play was presented to standing room audiences last week.

COMMENTS AND OPINION

If theater leaves--we lose

Over 300 people came to the play at Texas Eastern University during its three-night run the week of the fine arts festival. It cost the university and none of those who attended paid to get in.

The crowd estimate is a guess. Friday night there must have been as many extra chairs brought in as the fire marshal would allow and they were filled.

You know the legislature will not budget the university lavishly this year. You probably know which program and which department could be eliminated most easily to make the money we get stretch a little farther for the rest of us.

I cannot think of a single benefit the Department of Theatre Arts gives the university, except that it is a lot of fun to see the plays. For those who perform, whether students or faculty, the plays are an opportunity for artistic and professional growth--one of the opportunities a university should provide.

I do not know whether drama students will come to TEU because of the plays. They certainly will not come if there are no plays.

And I do not know whether the assorted community members who go to see such things--the housewives and physicians, faculty and students--will ever contribute an extra cent to TEU because of them.

I just hope we never stop having plays.
Melissa Embry.



DRAIN COVER--Early last semester, THE PATRIOT ran pictures of the uncovered drains in the campus lake. When the water is low, the drains are almost on dry land. They have since been covered, as this recent picture shows. [Photo by Tommy Gober]

Traditions at TEU

There ought to be a place where you can rent history for any occasion. Such a shop could bring it in, spread it around, take it back to the store when it was not needed and clean up the mess left over.

Or, like plant rental agencies, come back to water and prune it as needed without any bother to the renter.

Sometimes history and traditions flour-

ish no matter how badly trampled on. At other times, they can be coddled like exotic plants and still die for unknown reasons.

The problem here is how to get them to grow at Texas Eastern University. They are more important to building vital academic and community life than trees and clipped lawns.

But traditions do not always follow good intentions. They are not exclusively for public service or moral inspiration. They grow very selfishly for their own sakes.

There are some things at TEU that seem to have potential tradition written on them. The fine arts festival last month may be one. Club activities may produce others. But whole university traditions have to be broader, wide enough to fit people who never join clubs, who are colorblind or tone deaf. They have to be things that will instantly suggest TEU to a former student.

I do not suppose anyone is sorry that TEU has new quarters, but when I leave here one of the things that will stick in my mind is having gone to college in the old Roberts building--having studied in a library that was a gymnasium and used a darkroom that must have been a converted broom closet.

That now is something to tell your kids about.

Comedy overcomes limitations

On Thursday evening of the Fine Arts Festival, I had the pleasure of seeing the Texas Eastern University Department of Theatre Arts' production of "Biography" by S. N. Behrman. Director John Callahan has once again overcome the limitations of poor facilities and proved that the drama department is getting bigger and better.

The play had a tenuous start with J. B. Duffield as Richard Kurt, a curt young man, rushing through his lines, and John Callahan as Feydak letting his Austrian accent slowly become Irish. Duffield's performance improved as the play progressed. However, he was disappointingly weak for such a major and difficult role.

The other two major characters made the stage light up. Judy Freeman seems to have been made for the role of the independent, lively and attractive Marion Froude. Miss Froude's lover from long ago, the sometimes boyish and sometimes solemn Bunny Nolan, was played by Paxton Hart. Hart's interpretation of this foolish character was a highlight of the evening. The moments when these two were on stage together were the best moments of the play.

At one point, Nolan describes another character as a "silly ass." This description could fit himself, Warwick Wilson (Neal Gibson) or Orrin Kinnicott (Steve Westhafer.) The remark was aimed at Wilson, and Gibson's brief performance as this vain and shallow Hollywood star was a bright spot in the second act. The other possible "silly ass" was Orrin Kinnicott. Westhafer was entertaining as this newspaper publisher from Tennessee who was mainly interested in metabolism and eating enough roughage.

Of the two remaining minor characters, one was good and one was not. Cathy Speas as the maid was overacting. Whereas, Vicky Musick was believable as Bunny's coquettish fiancée, Slade Kinnicott.

With the theatre arts department moving into new facilities next year, and with continued support, I think TEU audiences can expect continued entertainment on a level as high as that of "Biography."

No more, please!

By PHILLIP WILLIAMS

It seems to be popular these days to use profane language in the college classroom. This is true at Texas Eastern University, not only of students, but some professors as well.

At the risk of sounding like a prude, I must say that I am tired of all this cussing in the classroom. It would not be so bad if we only heard one or two of these four-letter words in a semester. But when a professor starts using 10 or 12 of them every time class meets, that is disturbing.

If a person wants to use profanity in a private conversation with friends, I do not object. But profanity offends some people and therefore should not be used--at least

not frequently--in the classroom. We have freedom of speech in this country, but we also ought to have the freedom to not have to endure language that offends us--particularly when we, the students, are paying tuition fees.

Let me give you an example. There is one professor here at TEU who seems to delight in taking the Lord's name in vain in the classroom. This is patently offensive to religious persons and should not be condoned.

There are plenty of good words in the English language that can get a point across. It is not necessary to use the kind of language that one finds written on bathroom walls.

Nurses talk to seminar

Two students of the Texas Eastern University department of nursing and health professions will speak at a cancer symposium for nurses and other health-related personnel May 6 and 7 in Longview.

TEU students Alice Stjernstrom and Muriel Clark, both local registered nurses, were invited to speak by the sponsor, the Gregg-North Nurses Committee of the

American Cancer Society. The seminar topic will be colo-rectal cancer.

Stjernstrom will welcome seminar participants and Clark will present a talk and film on nursing aspects of colo-rectal cancer.

The program will be held in the Contessa Inn in Longview from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. It is for all registered nurses who seek continuing education.

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TEAM PORTRAIT--Members of Texas Eastern University's spring 1977 softball team are, standing left to right: Jim Austin, Jim Revill, Alvin Harold, Jack Means [coach] and Michael Huertas. Kneeling, left to right are David Kidder, Robin Roberts, Charles Turner, Mark Evans and Randy Fox. Active members not shown are Bill Emberlin, Don Killebrew, Robert Thompson and Keith Thomas. See story page 4. [Photo by Ronnie Thompson]

Visiting speaker talks on China

UCLA Professor of Economics Edward Rada spoke March 30 to a meeting of two Texas Eastern University political science classes on the relationship of hunger to political instability in Mainland China and Taiwan.

Rada's main interest is in agricultural economics. He was visiting professor at Soochow University of Taiwan in 1961.

His chief topic was the ways the mainland Chinese and the Nationalist Chinese of Taiwan have tried to achieve nutritional adequacy for their populations. The mainland government has adapted strict socialism with some concessions to private enterprise. The Nationalists have used a modified private enterprise system.

Rada considered the inability of the Nationalists, who came to power in 1911, to develop a sufficient source of food as a factor leading to establishment of a communist government on the mainland in 1949.

The communists considered themselves agrarian revolutionists, in contrast to the classic Marxist concept of industrial revolutionism, he said.

They gained a strong grass roots following.

The mainland itself is slightly larger than the 48 contiguous states of the United States, but only about 10 per cent of the land is arable, said Rada. Farming is concentrated along rivers and deltas, and in the north, he added.

About 70 per cent of the population is engaged in agriculture, compared to 85-90 per cent during the Nationalist decades of the 1920's and 1930's, the professor noted.

This labor concentration is due to the intensive methods of farming. Human labor has been used traditionally in prefer-

ence to animal or mechanical labor, Rada said.

When the Nationalists fled to Taiwan in 1949, they took the plans for agricultural production that had been worked out for the mainland and implemented them on Taiwan.

Both governments followed a program of land redistribution to the peasant farmers. In the case of the Nationalists, Rada said, redistribution was "more of a political move than an economic one." They knew dissatisfied tenants lead to political instability, he said.

Both governments have since moved away from the small single-family farm. This happened on mainland China in 1958 when communes consolidating 120 million households were established to control regional production decisions and accounting, said Rada.

Taiwan also allows farms to consolidate, a reversal of the redistribution move.

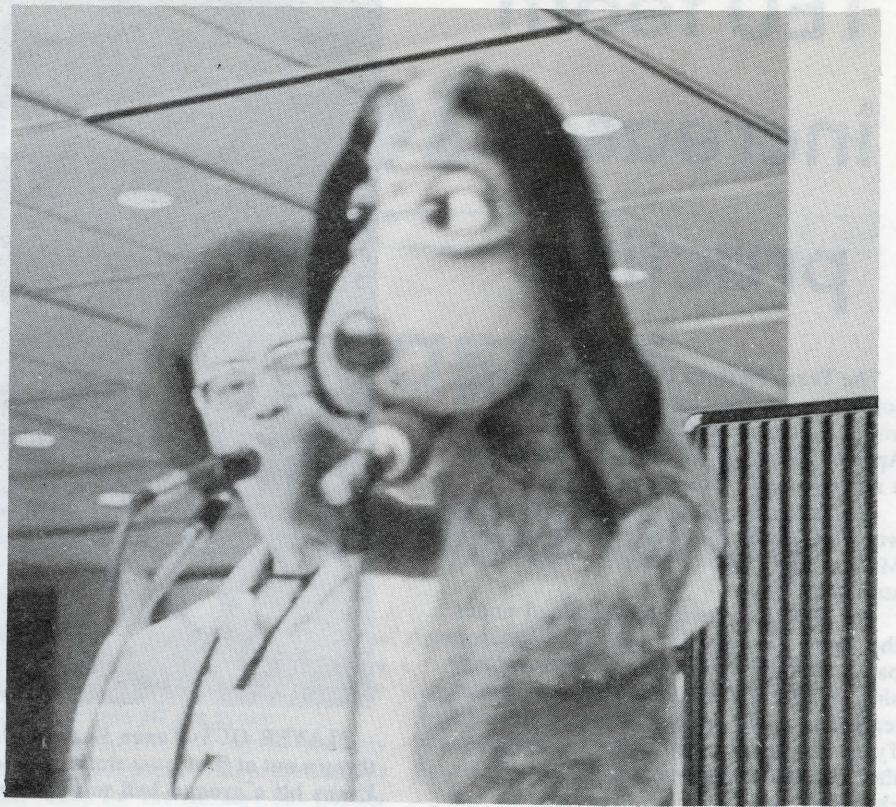
Mainland China allows private production on about five per cent of the arable land, he noted.

Average food daily on the mainland is 2100 calories per person, Rada said.

Daily calorie intake in Taiwan is about 2700 calories per person. About 40 per cent of the population there is engaged in agriculture, which has shifted to production of protein and specialized commodities for export, Rada said. Basic grains are imported.

Rada finished by raising questions on the future economic development of the two Chinas.

He is the father of Stephen Rada, chairman of the communications department.



NOON APPEARANCE--Delaware the Dog [right] steals the show from his friend Gary Larrimore during a lunch hour musical performance March 31 in the University Center.

Student paper sees new name possible

The Texas Eastern University student newspaper may still be called **The Patriot** next fall, but it may also have one of four other names.

TEU President James H. Stewart appointed assistant journalism professors Kenneth Casstevens and Robert Jones and director of the public information office Archie Whitfield Feb. 15 to suggest alternate names.

They submitted four recommendations: **University Patriot**, **Texas Eastern Patriot**, **Texas Eastern Press** and **Patriot Press**.

The newspaper name was changed from **The Tyler Statesman** to **The Patriot** in spring 1976. Patriot had been chosen as the university mascot earlier in the semester.

Some complaints about the present name were that it did not adequately identify the newspaper and had chauvinistic associations.

A new student burst out laughing when told the newspaper's name.

A student poll on the issue was conducted in March. Responding students divided almost equally on three possibilities.

About one-third were satisfied with the present name, one-third were basically satisfied but believed the name should be

modified to sound more like a newspaper, and the rest believed the name should be completely changed.

One student who voted for a name change said, "Everything's (called) patriot around here."

To avoid confusion with other newspapers, President Stewart does not want the name to be changed to one that resembles any other Texas college or university newspaper or local professional newspaper.

For instance, there can be no TEU News in Tyler, which already has a student newspaper called the TJC News.

However, a name which incorporates the university name may build more identity than one that does not.

Final recommendations of the committee are being considered by President Stewart, who may choose to retain the present name.

Any change will take effect in the fall of 1977.

Post office on campus

For the student who needs to mail a letter, Texas Eastern University (TEU) has a post office located on the southeast corner of the University Center.

The university-supported office is staffed by Randy Brown who also works in the TEU print shop.

All mail, either local or out of town, is taken to the downtown post office at 5 p.m. each day.

Although TEU does not sell money orders, stamps can be purchased in the bookstore.

Brown handles about 3000 pieces of incoming mail per day. "The largest bulk of the incoming mail goes to the library with the rest being divided up between the education, business and science/mathematics departments," he said.

"Between \$40-\$60 postage per day is spent on outgoing mail and this includes the media department," Brown added.

"TEU's bulk mail--catalogs, films and inter-library loans--are processed through this office and all correspondence of TEU must be handled by this office before reaching or being distributed to the individual departments of the university," Brown said.

History clubs plan joint lecture, dinner

Texas Eastern University's two historical societies, Phi Alpha Theta and the Webb Historical Society, will present a joint banquet and lecture May 13 in the student center of the University Center.

Guest speaker Kenneth Ragsdale will present a lecture on adventures in historical research in Texas. Ragsdale is director of educational services for the Texas State Historical Association.

Both banquet and lecture are open to interested persons. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. and tickets are available from members of the societies for \$5 each. The

lecture will be free and will begin between 8:30 and 9 p.m.

Ragsdale will present the Webb Society with its charter and Phi Alpha Theta will initiate new members in a program during the banquet.

Copies of Ragsdale's latest book will be available during the lecture.

An autographed copy of the book will be presented to the TEU library by the two societies.

Ragsdale was born in Troup and is a graduate of Tyler Junior College.



PIANO DEDICATION--Guest musicians Doris and Ralph Harrell [seated, left to right] started the Fine Arts Festival April

17 with a four-hand recital on the Steinway grand piano donated to Texas Eastern University. [Photo by Tommy Gober]

TEU team increases practice

The Texas Eastern University slow pitch softball team has intensified training to improve its performances. It shows. TEU's April 27 game against the Tyler Eagles was a narrow loss 17-16.

Practices are every Sunday under the watchful eyes of player-coaches Jack Means and Alvin Harold, both TEU students.

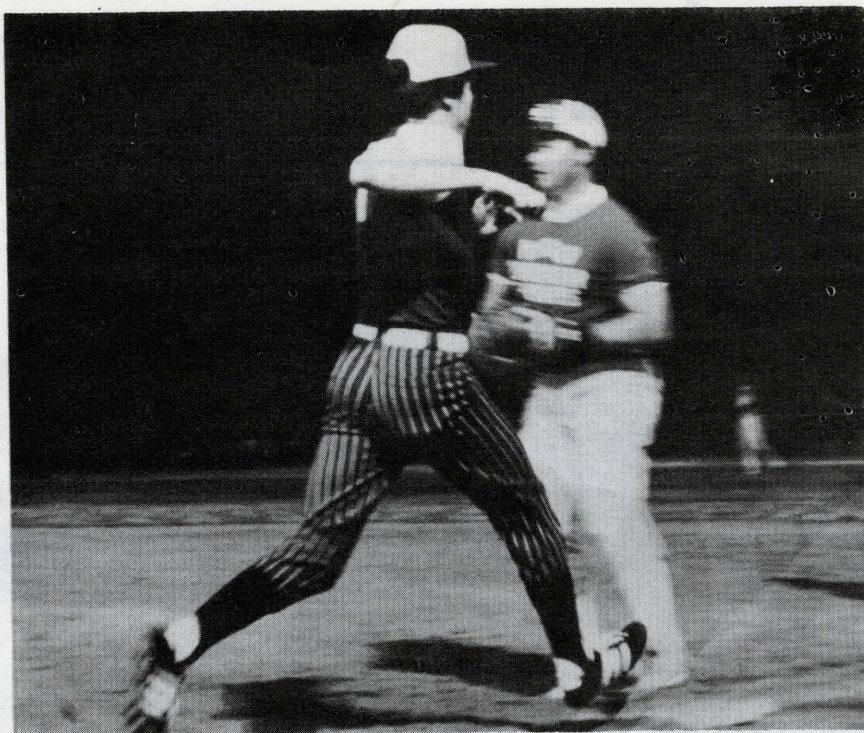
The TEU team, which is grouped under the Tyler Commercial League, is taking part in the men's open softball championship of the city league. The commercial league is made up of business houses in Tyler. The other group in the city league is the church league made up of Tyler churches.

There are 12 games in the city league schedule. Games are played every Wednesday at Northside Park--across Loop 323 from the Department of Public Safety office.

TEU lost its first two games 30-6 to H and B Sports of Tyler and 31-9 to Chandler Bank.

The coaches maintain that those two losses were due to lack of experience as a team.

They believe that practice will solve the problem.



PLAYER OUT--Texas Eastern University softball player Mark Evans [left] is thrown out at first base during the April 6 match of TEU against A and B Sports. Evans hit a ground ball to the infield before making this run. [Photo by Ronnie Thompson]

Laughter relieves academic pressure

Without laughter, the pressures of college would become just about unbearable. Having to plow through a 500-page book for a report is not exactly a laughing matter. Neither is writing a term paper at 2 a.m. on the day it is due.

But fortunately, there are some wags

here at Texas Eastern University who have provided us with some humor to keep us going in the face of failing grades, library fines and long reading assignments.

There are some who find humor in their jobs. Take this little ditty posted in university computer programmer Gary

Pike's office, for instance:

"We the willing, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful. We have done so much for so long with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing."

Then there are those who prefer quotations about other matters. Barbara Sears, associate professor of nursing, has this bit of wisdom from Mark Twain posted near her desk:

"The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you don't want."

This notice was tacked up on a bulletin board in the HPR building:

"To insure both humor and good taste, all cartoons posted on this bulletin board must be first cleared with both Dr. Szarka and Dr. Anderson. Dr. Lefevre will then sign the cartoon-posting permit. . .which must then be submitted to Sunny Hayden (a secretary). . .at least 30 days before the cartoon is posted."

On this same bulletin board, someone posted a photograph of a football game. In the background, a school building is burning, but no one seems to be paying attention to the burning structure. This photo was made Nov. 26, 1965 while a high school game was in progress.

Committee suggests award choice method

A committee of the Texas Eastern University Faculty Senate was formed this spring to recommend a method for choosing TEU's nominee for the Piper Professor Award offered by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation each year.

The foundation honors ten professors in Texas each academic year for "outstanding academic, scientific and scholarly achievement and for dedication to the teaching profession."

The present enrollment entitles TEU to one nominee.

The Senate committee has recommended that the nomination committee consist of one faculty representative from each school and the library. It also recommends that two students--one undergraduate and

one graduate--have full voting rights for this function of the committee.

The local Piper committee considers student input to be of prime importance and asks students to use the following ballot to nominate outstanding professors.

Boxes will be placed in the HPR, Administration and University Center buildings to collect the ballots.

It is important to turn this information in before the end of the semester so that the committee can build a case for TEU's nominee.

Please write a short paragraph, at least, giving your reasons for choosing the nominee, and sign the statement before turning it in.

Student Nomination Form For TEU Piper Award

My nomination is:

My statement telling why follows:

Would you be willing to write letters or support this candidate in any other way?

To be considered your nomination must be signed.

Signature:

Arts festival

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Each choir performed an individual program and then combined to perform a major work.

The Department of Theatre Arts presented "Biography" April 20-22. TEU and Tyler Junior College faculty members and TEU students performed the comedy by S. N. Behrman.

Cast members included TEU faculty members John Callahan, Judy Freeman, Paxton Hart and Cathy Speas, and TJC instructor Steve Westhafer.

TEU student members were senior drama major J. B. Duffield and junior music major Neal Gibson, both of Winnsboro, and senior Vicky Musick.

Campus Odds and Ends

Spanish Society installs members

Sigma Delta Pi, the national honor society in Spanish, granted a chapter to Texas Eastern University. The installation ceremony of the new chapter, Mu Omicron, took place on the campus May 6.

Charter active members initiated were Sally Hauk, Marygwen Arnold and Kathleen Osborn. Frank Smyrl, dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, was initiated as a charter associate

member.

The chapter installation ceremony and first initiation were conducted by sponsor Janice Glascock, associate professor of Spanish.

Sigma Delta Pi was established in 1919 at the University of California in Berkeley. It is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies.

Bookstore buys listed used texts

The University Bookstore will buy selected used textbooks from students during the week of finals, May 9-13, for approximately half the new book price. A list of these books will be posted in the bookstore.

In addition, a representative of Missouri

Book Service will be on campus Wednesday, May 11, from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. to purchase used, current edition textbooks not needed by the University Bookstore. For more information, contact any bookstore employee.

University honors students

Texas Eastern University held its first annual honors day presentation Tuesday, May 3 from 10:25 to 11:20 a.m. in the University Center to recognize outstanding

student accomplishment.

Several honors and recognitions were presented, including the Watson W. Wise award to a graduating senior.