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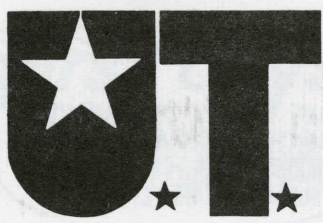
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President says involvement, work will build UT-Tyler

By TERRY SHIRLEY
Editor

From the Black Hills of South Dakota through the deserts of Arizona, Dr. George F. Hamm has come to the hills of East Texas to serve as president of the University of Texas at Tyler.

After being at Arizona State University 19 years, he is pleased to have the opportunity to meet the new challenges UT-Tyler offers.

"I needed a uniquely different challenge, and at the same time I surely did not want to sacrifice the quality of life we had in Arizona," Dr. Hamm said. "It is eminently clear that you don't sacrifice a great deal of quality living in East Texas."

By enthusiastically tackling the priorities of the University, what Dr. Hamm may willingly sacrifice will be personal hobbies.

When there is time, he enjoys playing golf and finds dove hunting "socially enjoyable." He hopes to hunt some with his 16-year-old son, Bobby, when football season is over.

"I guess if I had my choice to do anything I wanted, any time I wanted, I would go snow skiing," he said.

Instead, he is devoting most of the 24 hours in every day to the needs of the University. President Hamm stressed the importance of more involvement between the University and the community—not only with Tyler, but with the entire East Texas area.

"When you get a lot of people involved, the faster you move and the higher the quality of the movement," he said.

A move in an upward direction has already begun. Enrollment is up over last fall. "Up is better than down."

One percent is better than one-half percent," he said. "Growth is healthy in both quantity and quality. We've got to open this campus up every reasonable way we can, always keeping in mind higher education."

A good relationship with Tyler Junior College is a part of community involvement that can be a positive factor in increased enrollment.

Dr. Hamm said that both he and Dr. Raymond Hawkins, TJC president, are working toward similar goals and expect no rivalry between the two schools.

"We should do things to help the junior college to be better and they should help us to be better. Both aim to provide the best educational opportunity for people in this area," he explained.

He sees student involvement as another area of importance.

"I think it's extremely important to involve the students in a lot of ways. I intend to work hard at that," Dr. Hamm said.



PRESIDENT AND MRS. GEORGE F. HAMM — The arrival of Dr. Hamm and his wife, Janie, begin a new era for the University. They come to Tyler from Arizona State University where he served as vice president for student affairs.

Fall enrollment sets high with 1,964

Fall enrollment at UT-Tyler hit a record high and shows a 2 percent increase over 1980 fall enrollment figures.

Dr. Robert Marsh, registrar, said the preliminary figure for total enrollment is 1,964. Last year's fall enrollment was 1,921.

The count was taken from enrollment figures ending Sept. 9 the last day to register for the semester.

"All state schools take a

head count for enrollment purposes, and this is where the money comes from," Dr. Marsh said.

Early enrollment Aug. 10-11 showed an increase from the 1980 total of 629 to the 1981 total of 735.

A breakdown of the enrollment figure will be in the next issue of the Patriot.

A topic uppermost in the minds of many students is the development of student housing. The president is aware of this interest and believes that UT-Tyler should take a serious look at housing.

"We need to accommodate the needs of the people of East Texas who should enjoy the educational progress of this university," he said.

Flag football, anyone?

Jerry Alexander, newly appointed director of Student Activity and Placement, is looking forward to a strong year with the clubs and organizations at the University. Since the fall semester has just gotten under way, many of the clubs and organizations have not met.

One of the many activities in which Alexander is interested is getting an intramural program

started. He is mainly interested now in a flag football.

SA election to choose three officers

The position for vice president of the Student Association is open. The election will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Other openings to be filled include graduate representatives for the School of Business and the School of Education.

The last day for filing is Sept. 25. Filing is to be done in room U.C. 111.

Campaigns will be held Sept. 28 and 29.

Bible group will meet Wednesday

The Campus Bible Study Group will resume at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 in HPR 126.

"The purpose of the group is to study the Bible for the truths it contains in a nondenominational manner," Dr. David C. Riddle, sponsor and chemistry faculty member, said.

A study of the book of Mark will continue and member participation is encouraged, discussion leader Dr. Riddle said.

Begun in the fall of 1980, the group plans to petition for formal recognition as a student organization at UT-Tyler if 10 or more persons are interested, he added.

Ford studies snakes, birds in lab

By MARY HUNTER
Staff Writer

Snakes, birds and other animals are 'guinea pigs' in UT-Tyler research.

"We keep a lot of animals around for this purpose," Dr. Neil Ford said.

"Research gives a real insight to what biology is all about.

This basic research will show up in a textbook in a few years."

Dr. Ford is a behavioral physiologist and is also a herpetology and ornithology ex-

pert. In addition to his teaching duties, he conducts research and counsels students with their research projects.

A paper, "Reproductive Effort," by Dr. Ford and fellow biologist, Dr. Don Killebrew, is nearing completion and will soon be ready to submit for publication. This paper concerns energy expended by the Butler's gartersnake to reproduce.

Dr. Ford said this paper will show quite a bit of insight into why some of these snakes produce from four to 45 babies in a litter. Carefully kept data indicates this snake, which bears live young and has a placenta similar to but not exactly like humans, is able to regulate the size of the litter. They think this ability is based on nutrition the year before.

Three types of garter snakes studied in the biology department are the checkered garter snake common to Texas, the plains garter snake from the plains area and the Butler gartersnake from Ohio and the surrounding region.

These three types are closely related. All have placentas and

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STUDIES SNEAKY SNAKES — Dr. Neil Ford, member of the biology faculty, measures a garter snake the morning after she produced a litter of babies. The snakes are the subject of several research projects in progress at UT-Tyler. (Staff photo by Mary Hunter)



Editorials

Hamms herald

...new era

The arrival of Dr. and Mrs. George F. Hamm at The University of Texas at Tyler heralds a new era of progress. President Hamm is the embodiment of all the personal and professional attributes of a great leader now needed by UT-Tyler, and Mrs. Hamm is a gracious, effective First Lady.

The president has asked all faculty members and administrative staff to assist with determining the priorities for the University. His forward-looking, let's-get-the-job-done attitude will take UT-Tyler to the position of prominence previously predicted. He deserves the support and cooperation of everyone.

President Hamm undoubtedly will make needed changes in the way things are done at the University. Having been vice president for student affairs at Arizona State University, an institution of 38,000 student enrollment, he brought with him the experience and industry to get things moving at UT-Tyler.

In his August address to the faculty, he mentioned several priorities: increasing enrollment, improving salaries for both faculty and staff, developing a student housing program, and establishing a sense of community spirit. He has asked the faculty and staff to assist with identifying other priorities.

For the first time in the history of UT-Tyler, The University of Texas System Board of Regents will meet here (on Oct. 8-9). The Board's coming to Tyler undoubtedly is to demonstrate support of Dr. Hamm and the University.

The U.T. Tyler Patriot, the University's community newspaper, welcomes President and Mrs. Hamm and the Board and pledges support for assisting in the development of UT-Tyler into the great university for which it has the potential.

Everyone at UT-Tyler, the City of Tyler and in East Texas ought to become Partners in Progress for this university.

Libyan incident

...raises pride

In the last half of the '70s and the first two years of the '80s, America's image and strength has been declining throughout the world.

Lately some countries of the world think they can take over American embassies and attack American planes, ships, and men without any reprisals. With the Iranian crisis, our government allowed itself to be pushed around and held at bay by madmen and terrorists.

Now during the new administration, the American president's policies have been put to a test. With the attack of the Libyan jets, Russian built SR-22 M.I.G.s fired missiles at our F-14 jets. The nuclear carrier Nimitz-based jets were on Mediterranean military maneuvers in international waters 150-miles off the Libyan coastline.

With the Libyan incident over, there have been two more incidents. One involved an American reconnaissance plane that was flying over international waters off the coast of North Korea. The North Koreans fired a surface-to-air missile, which exploded more than a mile away from the American reconnaissance plane.

With these attacks on military bases and planes, should President Reagan take a harder stand on the tactics used to deal with these people? Maybe we should do like the Italians.

In the Italian government, they do not even try to negotiate with the terrorists; they simply tell them to go ahead and kill the hostages because they will not talk any deals. However, they do tell the terrorists: "If you do kill our hostages, we will kill you where you stand when the ordeal is over."

This seems a harsh way to deal with these people, but maybe that is what has to be done to stop the spread of terrorism around the world. However, in a country dedicated to peace, we have always felt that we must negotiate whenever possible and not let ourselves be backed into a corner. But by no means should we be so harsh as to cost the lives of the hostages.

Maybe these attacks and the retaliations on the aggressors should be enough to show the other countries of the world not to attack the United States or its environs.

Reagan scores

...on local radio

East Texans recently were given a taste of how important a single vote could be. The president of the United States called a local radio station to be interviewed by a newscaster so he could lobby the people in the 4th Congressional district to write, call or telegram their congressman, Ralph Hall, to vote for his tax cut bill. The people responded overwhelmingly.

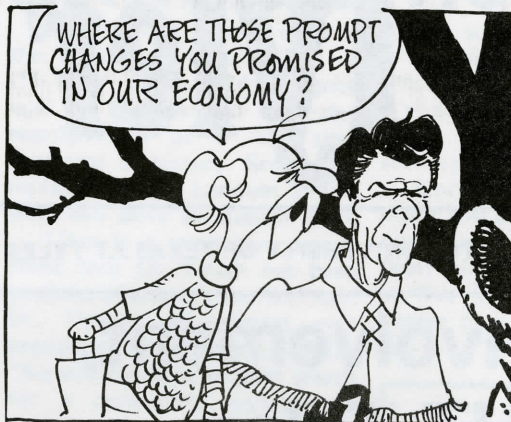
Next the nation watched as he fired 12,000 air traffic controllers after they staged an illegal strike. He also had the public support in this. Sixty percent approved while only 25 percent disapproved, according to a Newsweek poll.

What was shown here was what history has already shown opponents of Ronald Reagan. He has time after time been underestimated. The president has the ability to come out and talk to the people on their level and make them understand what is going on and what is needed.

It may be time that the United States has a leader who isn't afraid to ask those who vote to contact their elected officials to support their ideas and remind them how they got where they are.

Don Q Public

by David Gantz



University achieves 5-year accreditation

By LAURA HUGHES
Staff Writer

When the Commission on Standards for the Teaching Profession renewed UT-Tyler's accreditation May 15, the University achieved a status few universities attain — accreditation for five years with no interim reports required.

It's "very unusual" for a school to receive such approval, Dr. Robert Cox, School of Education and Psychology dean, said.

Approval can be for from one to five years. UT-Tyler's accreditation was last renewed for four years.

Much of the credit, said Cox, goes to the University's Self-Study 1980-81, coordinated by Dr. Vivian Hicks, director of development.

"The faculty did a good job and it showed," Cox said.

The study detailed nine areas the Texas Education Agency uses as guidelines for teacher education programs: major developments, administrative structures, finance, faculty, students, curriculum, teacher field experiences, facilities and equipment, and future plans.

It covered a program that "is very different from 90 percent of the colleges in Texas," Cox said. "Faculty members are

excited about and believe in what they're doing, and students appreciate that."

The University sent the study to TEA and the Commission on Standards. A 10-member committee made up of university and public school teachers and one college student, visited UT-Tyler March 9-12. It reported to the Commission which, then made recommendations to the State Commission on Education and the State Board of Education.

The Commission on Standards approved continued accreditation for the University through the 1985-86 academic year.

Nursing department reveals high interest for new program

By BILLIE POPE
Staff Writer

Interest in UT-Tyler's planned nursing school curriculum is good, according to Doris Johnston Riemen, chairman of the Department of Nursing.

Her office has received 160 inquiries since January 1981, when plans for the program were first announced.

The new curriculum will begin in the fall semester of 1982. The present two-year curriculum will be phased out by the end of the 1984 school year.

Riemen noted that under the new program, UT-Tyler will accept students who have completed two years of study at the lower division. Now only registered nurses are accepted for enrollment in the Department of Nursing.

Under the present curriculum, R.N.s complete two years of upper level study in order to receive UT-Tyler's Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

After 1982, nursing students will complete two years of academic study and clinical training, and graduate with a B.S.N. The graduates must then pass the State Board Examination to become registered nurses.

Beginning in the fall of 1982, classes for this new program are planned for 24 full-time students. These students will be selected in the spring of 1982.

Riemen emphasized that all students in the new program will be full-time students, spending two full days a week in the classroom and getting the clinical part of their training in hospitals and agencies in community situations.

At present, those enrolled in UT-Tyler's nursing

school are not all full-time students, with 95 percent working at full-time jobs in hospitals.

R.N. students will still be admitted under the new program and will be able to challenge for college credit for a number of courses based on their practical experiences.

"We are allowed a maximum of 12 students to one instructor, and, with students required to spend two full days a week in the classroom, we will eventually need more teachers," she said.

Riemen sees the nurse's role changing in the next few years.

"A shortage of working nurses has created problems for

the entire health care field," said Riemen, "and that, together with modern technology and the rising costs of hospital care, has resulted in a need for different types of health care."

"When you look at the larger picture of health care and the nurse's place within that picture, you begin to see the possibilities for the nurse's role in the future."

Looking ahead, Riemen sees the baccalaureate degree as becoming the entry into a nursing career.

"Under the baccalaureate plan, we stress leadership and management techniques as well as clinical performance," said Riemen.

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First days at UT-Tyler for a man of action President George F. Hamm



With John Sawyer, vice president for fiscal affairs

"Participation suggests an openness — one which encourages involvement, encourages faculty members and students to inspect, to object, to influence, to become fully cognizant of the process which markedly affects their professional lives," President Hamm said in his opening address to UT-Tyler employees.

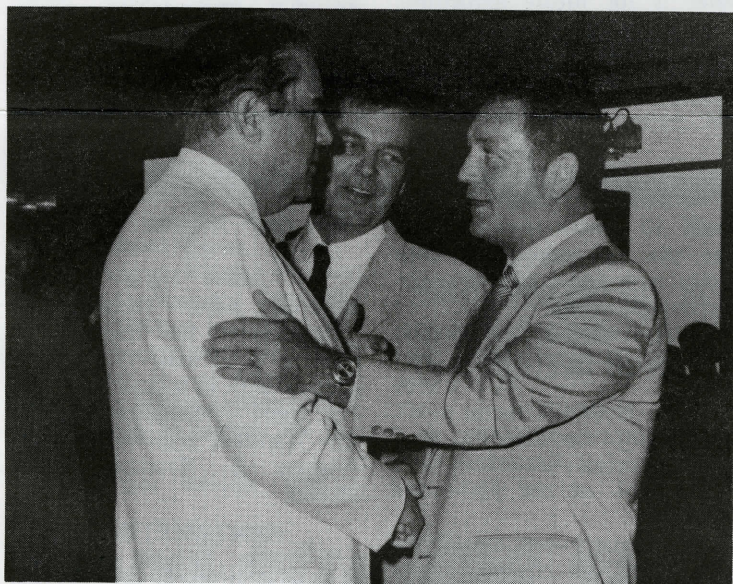
The pictures on this page show only a small part of the activity in which Dr. and Mrs. Hamm have participated during their first days in Tyler.

President Hamm has encouraged all students, faculty and staff, and friends of UT-Tyler to participate in making the University a great institution of higher education.



Addressing the faculty

Photos by Mick Bandy



At reception with Dr. B. H. McVicker, left, Lufkin physician, and Dr. Donald Whisenhunt, center, vice president for academic affairs



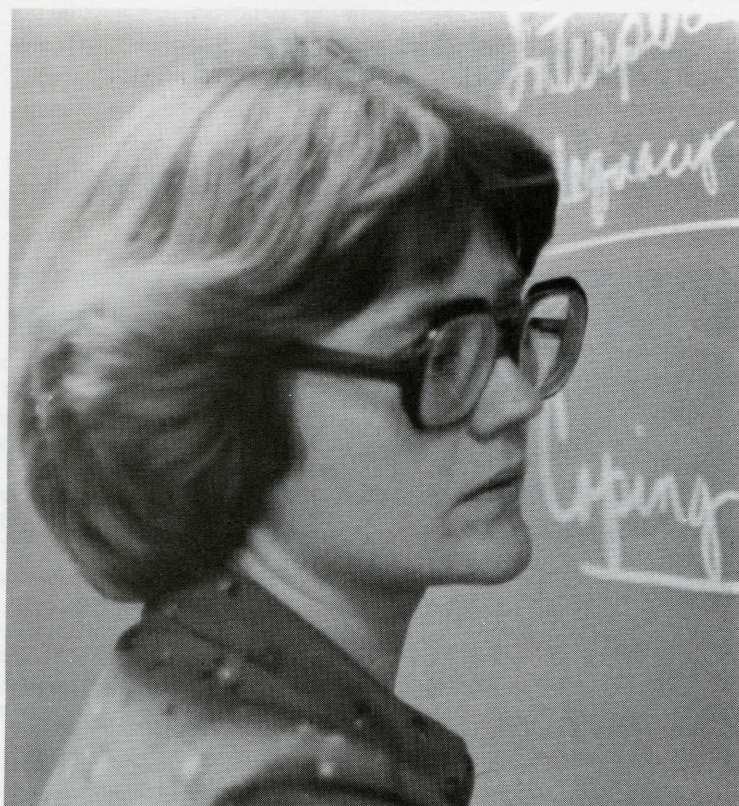
With son, Bobby, 16, and Mrs. Hamm

Mrs. Laura Greer Ruggles-Gates, left, local UT-Tyler supporter, with Dr. and Mrs. Hamm at reception



Phil Hurwitz, right, Tyler businessman, with Dr. and Mrs. Hamm at reception





Debbie Bockman

Psychiatric nurse joins UT-Tyler

An initial interest in pediatric nursing opened the door to psychiatric nursing for Debra Sue Bockman, new faculty member in the Department of Nursing.

"I saw a lot of the problems that children had were caused in family situations," Bockman said.

Since then, her attention has been focused on children and their families. She was trained more as a family therapist, she said. After returning to East Texas, she found there were not many family therapy programs.

She received her master's degree from the University of Wisconsin and her bachelor's

degree from U.T. at Austin.

Although new to Tyler, Bockman is not new to East Texas. She is a native of New Boston. She has a 2-year-old daughter, Jennifer.

At UT-Tyler, Bockman will teach nursing and health care systems and nursing process.

She has taught in the nursing program at Kilgore College and worked part-time as a therapist for individual adults and in community mental health agencies.

"Most people we see (in this type of program) are just like you and me," she explained, "but they are facing a crisis in life."

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: 1978 Ford XLT p/u, good condition, new tires, 50,000 miles, 400 cu. inch engine, loaded, \$3950. Call Dr. Prosser at 581-1646, or at home at 825-2337.

AUDIO-VISUAL TECHNICIAN II needed to work in Media Center full time from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F. Duties will include classroom distribution of audio-visual equipment. Salary open. Call Dr. Casstevens at Media Center, ext. 260.

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FOR SALE: Journalism textbook, "Reporting for the Print Media," new condition. Contact Laura or leave message at 566-1471, ext. 249.

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LOST: Gold necklace with miniature key w/diamond on it about 3 weeks ago on campus. Call Lynne at ext. 281.

FOR SALE: Practice Piano for sale. Needs tuning, \$200. Call Ext. 232 or 592-3142 after 6:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: Good 350 Olds engine. Call 566-1753 after 4 p.m.

FOR SALE: Wedding Gown, Slip & Veil for sale. Never worn, Size 7-8, \$100. Call Ext. 232 or 592-3142 after 6:00 p.m.

Black Student Union shares cultural interests

The Black Student Union is seeking membership, but more than that they are wanting to help make some changes concerning life on the campus, Dr. Charles Key, sociology faculty, said.

"The campus needs some things going on today, not somewhere in the future," he said.

Dr. Key would like to see days set aside for sharing cultural interests to show the diversity of students enrolled at

UT-Tyler. He suggested a day before a regularly scheduled holiday or spring break.

"I have been involved in trying to set up an International Day. We would have food and

music from many different groups or cultures," he said.

He would like to see on-campus picnics and activities that would help students, faculty, and staff to become better acquainted.

Smith named interim dean

Dr. Frank H. Smyrl, dean of the School of Liberal Arts at UT-Tyler since 1974, resigned late last month and requested reassignment as a full time professor of history. Smyrl was replaced by Dr. Lannom Smith, who will serve as interim dean.

"This is a temporary assignment that Dr. Smith has been gracious enough to accept," said Dr. Donald Whisenhunt, vice president for academic affairs. "We will conduct an open search for a permanent replacement later in the year, and hope to fill that vacancy sometime next year."

Smith is a professor of English and is the former chairman of the Department of Humanities and Communication.

Born and reared in Georgia, Smith earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University and the M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina. Smith earned his doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania where he also taught English for 10 years.

Smith joined the UT-Tyler faculty in 1973 and now is taking his new position as interim dean in stride.

"The fact that it was all

rather sudden makes things a little difficult," said Smith. "But a lot of it isn't new, and it's a good school. So I don't think I'll have any trouble settling in."

Smith said that he would not make any changes in the school, but feels one problem should be dealt with "as soon as possible."

"We need a traditional M.A. degree plan in liberal arts," said Smith. "The Interdisciplinary

Studies degree serves a good purpose, but it can't be all things to all people. We need a more diverse degree plan."

According to Smith, UT-Tyler hopes to submit a new degree plan later this year.

Taking Smith's former position as chairman of the Department of Humanities and Communication will be Dr. Janice D. Glascock, professor of Spanish.

Calendar

SEPT. 22:

Sigma Tau Epsilon, election of officers, 10 a.m., HPR 251.

SEPT. 23:

GRE Prep Course, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., LIB 102.

Bible Study Group, 12:15 p.m., HPR 126.

Phi Alpha Theta Informational Meeting, 2 p.m., BUS 258.

Webb Historical Society Informational Meeting, 2 p.m., BUS 258.

SEPT. 25:

Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee, 9 a.m., Dean's Conference Room.

SEPT. 28 - OCT. 3:

East Texas Fair.

SEPT. 29 - OCT. 2:

Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators State Convention, Brownsville.

OCT. 2:

8 to 5 Forum, Guest Speaker, President George F. Hamm, noon - 1 p.m., UC 134.

University gets electron microscope

During the summer there was an electron microscope installed in the HPR building in one of the large laboratories which had been renovated to house the microscope and its accessories, Resident Engineer L.J. Grubbs said.

Included in the laboratory for housing the microscope are a

microtome room, darkroom, two microscope rooms, and a general lab room. One microscope room is used to house the one just obtained, and the other is for future expansion.

The renovation of the laboratory cost approximately \$11,000, and the microscope and chiller cost approximately

\$80,000. The chiller is used to keep the temperature in the microscope down to a safe operating temperature.

Other parts of the project included new tables, chairs,

room dividers, electrical equipment, and a fume hood for working with some of the different chemicals.

News Briefs

PRE-LAW

Considering going to Law School after graduation? You are invited to make an appointment with Dr. Stephen Lefevre, the pre-law adviser.

He can help with information about the LSAT admissions test, costs and assistance programs, and admission deadlines.

"We at UT-Tyler have enjoyed a good measure of success placing our graduates at law schools in Texas and throughout the Southwest," Dr. Lefevre said. "Students can greatly enhance their chances of getting

into the law school of their choice with just a little preparation and planning."

Lefevre's office is BUS 229.

SENIOR RECITAL

Karen Holifield, senior music major from Jacksonville, presented a senior recital Sept. 3 in Room 134 of the University Center.

The soprano was assisted by Laura Edwards at the piano. Holifield is a graduate of Ennis High School and Jacksonville College.

PHI ALPHA THETA

Phi Alpha Theta is the historical honor society. The requirements for becoming a member is to have 12 hours of history with at least a 3.5 GPA. For more information, contact Jim Wansley, president, or Dr. Andrew S. Szarka, faculty adviser.

JOINT MEETING

A joint informational meeting of the Phi Alpha Theta and the Webb Historical Society will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 23, in BUS 258. This meeting is open to anyone wishing to find out more about the organizations.

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the females give off a chemical from the skin called pheromones.

Jim Low, senior Biology major, worked on a study pertaining to this chemical last summer. Although he does not have quite enough data to publish, he has documented significant information on the abilities of these male garter-snakes as opposed to the common gartersnake familiar throughout the U.S.

The next step is to see if there are overlapping areas of these three species.

These snakes must be weighed and measured, fed, watered and their plastic home boxes cleaned regularly.

Graduate student Carolyn Schofield was also able to do research with the aid of a grant last summer.

During the summer of 1980, Dr. Ford said they had 2,000 baby snakes and each had to be weighed, measured and fed. Last summer they had 200-300 snakes.

In addition to the various specific studies being carried on, all types of data are kept as reference for future research.

"I have this many (he picked up a stack of papers two inches high) projects of studies that we can do when we have the time or students," Dr. Ford said.

The research does not stop with snakes. The charts and other data around his office are also concerned with his other interest, ornithology.

Tiny Zebra finches from Australia are upstairs in the "bird room" of the science building. Fred Kersh, senior biology major, is conducting research with these birds.

His research concerns bird size and mothers' eggs according to mothers' size and age. Since animals rarely waste energy, Dr. Ford said, Fred will try to prove a theory concerning older wild birds producing more eggs than young ones and the reasons why. He also hopes to publish his research.

Zebra finches were the type

bird Dr. Ford chose because of their ability to produce several clutches a year. After the eggs are laid, they take 14 days to hatch. The birds take 14 days to fledge and are adults at four months. Most other birds have one clutch a year.

Next summer, Cindy Skolnick will look at the effects of crowding with these birds.

Dr. Ford said that birds are one of the few animals that have the ability to regulate size. If the population gets too large, they can control it.

"We have to figure out how they do that," he said.

Later this year, a seminar called "Altruism - Can Animals be Altruistic?" is planned.

As the biologists continue with their research at UT-Tyler, the techniques and studies get more sophisticated.

Two of Dr. Ford's papers are scheduled for publication in top scientific journals. One is in the Southwestern Naturalist in January and the other is set for December in Copeia.