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DR. DAVID T. KELLY IS SELECTED AS SPEAKER FOR SPRING COMMENCEMENT

President Stewart announced at the annual Board of Regents meeting that Dr. David T. Kelly, head, Division of Program Development, Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, has accepted the invitation to be the principal speaker at the second commencement for Tyler State College to be held Saturday, May 17, at 10 a.m. at Harvey Hall.

Dr. Kelly has a wealth of experience in the field of education. His present position with the Coordinating Board is to develop recommendations for the Coordinating Board to implement its legal responsibilities for the development of state supported colleges and universities; to recommend policies concerning establishment, discontinuance or uniting of public institutions; to prescribe changes in role and scope of public colleges and universities; to direct studies of educational needs, student enrollments, and

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program offerings; to approve or disapprove requests for new degree programs and administrative changes; to order the initiation, consolidation, or elimination of programs as needed to achieve excellence; to develop core curricula to promote free transfer of credits among Texas institutions; to develop and administer community service, adult and continuing education programs; to assist colleges and universities in relating program offerings to manpower training and economic development needs; to encourage cooperation between public and private colleges; and provide leadership in improvement of quality of education.

Dr. Kelly, a native of Kansas City, Mo., was graduated from Little Rock High School, received his Bachelor and Master's degrees from Louisiana State University, and his Doctorate from Florida State University.



NEW MBA DEGREE GETS PROGRAM COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL

The Program Committee of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, Thursday moved to recommend approval of the TSC Master of Business Administration degree to the Coordinating Board.

Official approval of the new degree is expected to take place today in Austin at a meeting of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

POWELL RESIGNS — REPLACEMENT IS SOUGHT

The resignation of James S. Powell as director, Public Information Office, was accepted Apr. 9 by the TSC Board of Regents at their annual meeting. Powell's resignation will be effective June 15.

Powell said his reason for tendering his resignation was "Based on my desire to accept the position as Director of Advertising for Brookshire Grocery Company."

He mentioned, "Brookshire's offered me a very attractive salary and an immediate advancement that I could not pass up."

He said his association with Tyler State College has been "very gratifying and rewarding." He commented that he "would always be grateful to all of the Tyler State College community who had assisted him in performing his job." He also said he was "confident that TSC will continue its fine growth and, in time, will be one of the leading higher educational institutions in the State of Texas."

President Stewart said, "Although I am extremely disappointed that Jim Powell will be leaving the Tyler State College organization, I am very happy about his new position which carries with it a substantial promotion in his professional field. Jim is a highly effective public information officer and his personal qualities and characteristics are impeccable. He has, indeed, contributed immeasurably to Tyler State College and the indelible impressions that he has made within our organization shall remain."

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He continued, "Having been associated with Brookshire's for fifteen years prior to joining Tyler State, Jim and his superior abilities are well known to the firm and it is understandable that they want him back in their outstanding company. The fact that Jim and his family will remain in Tyler and East Texas is a very positive factor for Tyler State College as well as the community of Tyler and the larger East Texas community. I am pleased for Jim and Brookshire's. But we at Tyler State College will miss him and his fine family as a part of our college organization."

Criteria upon which to evaluate candidates who express interest in the director, Public Information Office position is available from Mrs. Lou Love, executive assistant.

Deadline for accepting applications for the position will be May 9, 1975.



FEW 1974-75 CATALOGS REMAIN

According to Dr. O. Robert Marsh, dean of Admissions and Records, there is a small supply of 1974-75 catalogs left over.

Anyone who might want copies for files or keepsakes may obtain them from the Office of Admissions and Records.

AIR CONDITIONING NEWS FOR BOTH CAMPUSES

Mr. Bob Grubbs, director of the Physical Plant and resident engineer, has released the following information regarding the institution's air conditioners:

South Campus -- All faculty and staff members should refrain from closing and/or adjusting air diffuser devices. Many of the devices have been closed at the South Campus resulting in uncontrolled air distribution throughout the system, and possible back-pressure problems in the air handler and compressor system.

North Campus -- Some inconveniences may be encountered as a result of annual cleaning of window air conditioning units. However, please be patient with the maintenance staff since cleaner air, increased efficiency, and reliability will result from the annual inspection.

FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM SET FOR APR. 23

Tom West, assistant fire marshall for the City of Tyler, will be conducting a fire safety program Wednesday, Apr. 23, at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room.

West will be discussing fire prevention and the use of various types of fire extinguishers. He will also give some hints on locating and correcting fire hazards.

The program is designed for Physical Plant employees; however, all interested TSC personnel are invited to attend this informative training session.

SOFTBALL SEASON GETS OFF TO A SLOW START

Due to inclement weather, the first two TSC softball games have been postponed. The next game is scheduled for Wednesday, Apr. 23, at 7 p.m. TSC will verse the Tyler Merchants at Field No. 3 in Northside Park.

June 25 through July 2 has been designated as make-up time for postponed games and play-offs will begin July 7.

All TSC games will be played at the soft-ball complex in Northside Park.

Softball schedules may be obtained at the Student Life Office.

SPRING PICNIC IS PLANNED FOR MAY 3

The second annual spring picnic has been planned by the TSC Student Government Association for May 3 at Fun Forest City Park in Tyler. Students, faculty, staff and their immediate families are invited to attend.

According to Glenn D. Phillips, president of SGA, all food and drinks will be furnished. Activities such as softball, tennis, volleyball, badminton, and horseshoes will be organized. Also, checkers, cards and dominoes will be available.

Tickets are 25¢ per person and can be purchased through Bob Uzzell, ticket chairman, or at the Office of the Dean of Student Life.



HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVED TYLER STATE FUNDING

President Stewart has reported that the Higher Education Committee of the Texas House of Representatives has recommended funding Tyler State College at the level which TSC has requested.

The funding is to include two extra buildings, over and above the two buildings that are in the Legislative Budget Board's recommendation.

The funding approved by the Higher Education Committee includes a half a million dollars over the L.B.B. recommendation for the first year of the biennium for operating expenses and \$700,000 extra for the second year of the biennium for operating expenses.

This is a positive move but is only the first step toward obtaining the requested funding.

Of course, the final funding for Tyler State College will depend upon other factors. The final House bill and a Senate bill must be sent to a Conference Committee to resolve any differences before final submission to the Governor.



CIRCLE K SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

Circle K at Tyler State College is sponsoring a blood drive which will be held May 7, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the TSC parking lot, according to Dr. Gerald L. Morris, faculty sponsor of Circle K.

The drive is being held to benefit Sharon Temple Children's Burns Hospitals.

According to Mrs. Betty Hayes, a representative of Stewart Blood Center of Tyler, the process of donating blood takes about 30 minutes and is practically painless.

Anyone in good health between the ages of 18 and 66 is eligible. However, it is recommended that donors eat a regular meal prior to donating.

Mrs. Hayes said that she was really looking forward to a large turn-out since this is Tyler State College's first drive.



FINAL EXAMS SCHEDULED MAY 12-15

The final exam schedule has been released by the dean of Admissions and Records. Exams are scheduled for May 12-15.

During that time period, all night classes will meet at regular times.

Copies of the final exam schedule can be obtained from the Office of Admissions and Records.



ABERNATHY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF TSC BOARD OF REGENTS

Regent C. Quentin Abernathy, Gladewater banker and industrialist, was elected new chairman of the TSC Board of Regents Apr. 9 during the group's annual meeting.

Jeff Austin, Jr. of Jacksonville was elected vice chairman and Jack C. Morgan of Kaufman was named secretary by the board. All were elected by acclamation and are to serve one year.

Abernathy is president of the First State Bank of Gladewater and also serves as a director of the First National Bank of Carthage. He is also chairman of the board of five East Texas corporations.

He was appointed to a six year term on the first TSC Board of Regents in 1971. He was recognized in 1971 by both houses of the Texas Legislature for service as an "Outstanding Texan" and is past president of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce and the Gladewater Development Foundation.

He has been serving as chairman of the Finance and Appropriations Committee, vice chairman of the Campus and Building Committee, and as a member of the Special Committee--Gifts and Scholarships.

Austin and Morgan were also appointed to the original TSC Board of Regents in 1971 by the former Gov. Preston Smith.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 23 3:00 p.m. Fire Safety Program Conference Room

> 7:00 p.m. TSC vs. Tyler Merchants Northside Park, Field #3

Apr. 30 7:00 p.m.
TSC vs. Evening Lions Club
Northside Park, Field #1

May 2 8:00 p.m.
TSC vs. Dairy Queen
Northside Park, Field #4

May 3 Spring Picnic Fun Forest City Park



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