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September 8, 1972

President James Stewart  
Tyler State College  
431 Citizens Bank Building  
Tyler, Texas 75701

Dear President Stewart:

As you perhaps know, a cooperative program for the training of Registered Nurses has been conducted by Tyler Junior College in cooperation with Medical Center Hospital and Mother Frances Hospital for some 20 years, and it has been very successful — making a distinct contribution to the development of Tyler as a center for health services, hospitalization, and the healing arts. At present, these students complete a three-year curriculum, including service on the wards in the hospitals; and, as a result, they have been very successful in passing the examination for registration.

For some time, the development of Tyler as a medical center and the urgent need for trained nurses has led to consideration by numerous parties — including the governing board of the Texas Eastern School of Nursing — of a four-year program leading to the B.S. Degree in Nursing; and, at a recent meeting of that board, I was designated to make necessary contacts in this connection, especially with regard to the development of the program of service by Tyler State College.

I have contacted President Jenkins of Tyler Junior College, and he tells me that Tyler Junior College will cooperate in any way possible in this project, including desirable modification of the present program conducted by Tyler Junior College and the local hospitals through the Texas Eastern School of Nursing.

It has been suggested that a program might be possible whereby the program for training our Registered Nurses on a two or three-year basis might be continued and an adaptation made thereafter whereby the credit which they would have earned in their two or three-year programs would be transferable to Tyler State College on a B.S. Degree in Nursing.

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Accordingly, this letter is sent you with the thought that, if such a program might be feasible, the proper time for its consideration might be when you are proceeding with the Coordinating Board for Higher Education in the formulation of the program for Tyler State College, and I would appreciate hearing from you concerning the project. If it appears feasible, I am sure the Board of Trustees of the Texas Eastern School of Nursing would appreciate meeting with you or your designated representative in this connection.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "I. L. Friedman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "F" and a trailing flourish.

I. L. Friedman, Member  
Board of Trustees  
Texas Eastern School of Nursing



September 15, 1972

Mr. I. L. Friedman  
Member, Board of Trustees  
Texas Eastern School of Nursing  
801 Clinic Drive  
Tyler, Texas 75701

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Thank you for your letter of September 8th in which you referred to the nursing education program that is being conducted so successfully between Tyler Junior College and the local hospitals in Tyler and to the possibility of Tyler State College establishing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing as a part of our academic program.

In this early period of planning and development of Tyler State, we are examining very carefully the academic programs which the East Texas community and junior colleges are offering, along with the societal needs which exist in our area in order that we can provide specific degree programs that will realistically meet the requirements of all potential students and society in the geographical area which we are to basically serve. With this fundamental planning concept in mind, it is, of course, apparent that I am deeply appreciative for your calling this matter to my attention at this time.

Therefore, I want to express to you and to the entire Board of the Texas Eastern School of Nursing my desire to vigorously explore with all professional diligence the possibility of developing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at Tyler State College. I am very anxious to visit with you and Dr. Bill Turney, our Academic Vice President, about this matter in the near future. In the meantime, perhaps you could visit with Dr. Turney or me by telephone about this matter which I can assure you is one of mutual concern.

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

James H. Stewart, Jr.  
President

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President

James H. Stewart, Jr.

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University of Texas at Austin

After I saw your letter to me of August 1st, I was very glad to hear that you were coming to Austin. I am sure that you will find the University of Texas a most interesting place to visit. I am sure that you will find the University of Texas a most interesting place to visit. I am sure that you will find the University of Texas a most interesting place to visit.

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Very truly yours,

James H. Stewart, Jr.  
President  
University of Texas at Austin  
Austin, Texas  
Mr. J. H. Stewart

September 12, 1912