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Administrative Notes, April 14th, 1975

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To: Board of Regents, Tyler State College

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Subject: Administrative Notes

I. Master of Business Administration and Master of General Studies Degrees

Dr. George Joyce, dean of the School of Business, Dr. Frank H. Smyrl, dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and I attended the Coordinating Board Program Development Committee meeting last Friday at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport.

The agenda for this meeting was very long and as a result, the committee only had time to consider approximately half of the items. Our Master of Business Administration Degree proposal was among those that was not considered because time ran out. Our MBA Degree proposal and the remainder of the committee's agenda will be taken up at a meeting on Thursday, April 17, 1975 in Austin. We, of course, expect this degree to be approved at that time.

Action on our other proposal, the Master of General Studies Degree, was deferred by the committee for further Coordinating Board Staff study. I hasten to add that this was a general action by the committee which applies to all requests for this degree in the state of Texas.

The Program Development Committee of the board feels that more attention should be given to the title and purpose of the degree before graduate programs are approved for institutions. There were three Master of General Studies Degrees before the committee Friday. Besides Tyler State, Texas Tech University and Texas A & I University at Corpus Christi requested approval for Master of General Studies. The committee deferred action on all three.

I do not expect the committee to consider this degree for several months. Hopefully, action can be taken before September 1975 because this is a very important degree for our institution which we would like very much to implement by the beginning of the next academic year.
II. Associated Press Story Concerning Higher Education Committee Action

The attached Associated Press story which appeared in the Tyler Morning Telegraph on April 11, 1975 contains the information about the appropriations recommendation by the Higher Education Committee of the House of Representatives which I discussed with you last Wednesday.

Although you may have read the article elsewhere already, I wanted to be certain that you had a copy of the story for your information.

III. Condition of Workman Injured in Construction Accident

Charles Hanks of Whitehouse, who was injured in the Administration Building construction accident, was listed in fair condition at Tyler's Medical Center Hospital on Sunday.

I visited Mr. Hanks the day after the annual meeting of the board. Prior to that time, as was reported at the board meeting, it did not seem advisable for him to have visitors. He stated that his attending physician thought he was making good progress although he had found out on the day of my visit that a blood clot had formed in one lung. Also, he informed me that surgery to take care of broken bones on the left side of his face was scheduled for the next day, Friday, April 11, 1975.

For your information, soon after the construction accident, I sent flowers to Mr. Hanks from the Board of Regents and Administration. He and his wife, who was with him during my visit, expressed appreciation to us for this action.

IV. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from our Director of Physical Plant and Resident Engineer for the week ending April 11, 1975.

V. Coverage of Annual Meeting

Enclosed is a copy of the Tyler Morning Telegraph for April 10, 1975 which carried a picture and story on our annual board meeting.

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Enclosure and Attachments