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PLAN TO LIMIT UPPER-LEVEL EXPANSION TO AFFECT CENTERS, NOT TEXAS EASTERN

Texas Eastern University will not be affected by a recommendation concerning upper-level institutions prepared for Coordinating Board consideration by Kenneth Ashworth, state commissioner of higher education.

Ashworth is recommending that certain upper-level institutions not be allowed to expand into four-year or free-standing institutions. These institutions are expansion centers of other colleges housed on junior college campuses in some cities, according to David Kelly, head of program development division in Ashworth's office.

"I see no effect in any of this on the growth and development of TEU as it was conceived as an upper-level institution," Kelly said.

Ashworth's report is an exploratory study which will be considered at an October meeting of the Coordinating Board.

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"I want to confirm the commitment of Texas Eastern University to the upper-level and graduate concept. We are fully in accord with the upper-level concept and we have no desire to add the first two years to our curriculum," Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr. said after an Associated Press story was published in newspapers Sunday. One newspaper carried the headline "TEU Could Be Affected By Proposal."

Ashworth also said some of the centers operating on junior college campuses are "marginal in terms of economic effectiveness." His statement did not include upper-level institutions like Texas Eastern which were created by the state legislature, according to Kelly.

Dr. Stewart said the report, if approved by the Coordinating Board, "would alert centers that the Board is going to look at any upper-level center relative to any thoughts about expansion of those institutions into four-year programs or becoming free-standing.

"The Coordinating Board, in effect, would be saying we have enough four-year schools. Of course, TEU is dedicated to the upper-level concept and has never given any consideration to expansion except within the parameter of developing upper-level and graduate programs."



SUMMER CONVOCATION SCHEDULED AUG. 5

The second annual summer convocation for Texas Eastern University will be held at 4 p.m. August 5 in the TEU Auditorium, 100 E. Berta, with David K. McKie, vice chairman of the TEU Board of Regents, the speaker.

Eighty-eight students have applied for summer graduation, according to Robert Marsh.

The Kilgore Schools String Orchestra will play for 30 minutes prior to the convocation program. Jane Huffstetler, a TEU graduate student, is director of the orchestra.

A reception will be held in the University Center immediately following the program.

Participating on the program will be Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr., Dr. Donald M. Anthony and the five academic deans.

TEU PARTICIPATES IN GRANT PROGRAMS

Texas Eastern University is again eligible to participate in two federal grant programs, according to information received by Donald G. Zackary in the student financial aid office.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has awarded TEU \$44,304 in the College Work-Study Program (CWS) and \$6,173 in the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants Program (SEOG).

Student workers are paid 80 percent of wages from the CWS program and 20 percent by the employing department. TEU employed 102 students under this plan during the past year.

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Approximately one-third of the SEOG funds are designated for continuing students and two-thirds for new participants in the program.

TEU is now assisting approximately 10 percent of the student enrollment through financial assistance programs including scholarships, work-study, loans and grants.



REVISION OF TEU HANDBOOK UNDERWAY

The revision of the Faculty and Staff Handbook is underway with distribution of the new book planned for August 30.

All present issues are being recalled. These should be sent to the Public Information Office by August 2.

If individuals must have access to the handbook during August, special arrangements may be made with the Public Information Office.

Several employees who were issued handbooks have left Texas Eastern University. Their copies should be available in the offices to which they were assigned. New employees in these positions should have received the handbooks from the previous holder.

Consistent with procedures established in August 1975, the revised Faculty and Staff Handbook will be issued to all members of the administrative council, department chairmen and certain other offices as needs are established.

INFORMATION FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

DEPARTMENTAL STATIONERY

During the next several weeks, if departments exhaust their supply of letterhead, additional quantities can be obtained from the print shop. It is expected that the recent order for new letterhead will be received in 4-5 weeks. The print shop has a letterhead showing the new address and telephone number and the former letterhead with the address and telephone number removed.

CENTRAL SERVICES

Mail, receiving, central stores and the print shop will move to the new campus this week. It is hoped that interruption of services will be minimal and departmental cooperation and understanding is requested until these areas are back in operation.

Mail, receiving and central stores will be located on the first floor, University Center; print shop on the second floor, University Center.

FOOD SERVICE

The snack bar will open for limited service on or about August 2. Ronnie Watson will operate this important activity for the University. Hours of operation for August will be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Longer hours and an expanded menu will be provided when classes begin.

Mr. Watson is interested in providing high quality meals and entrees. Although blind, he is a veteran in snack bar management and is used to serving 200 people in 10 minutes.

SCHEDULE OF UP-COMING TEU EVENTS

- Aug. 4 - Board of Regents meeting, 3 p.m.,
Board Room of Administration
Building
- Aug. 5 - Summer Convocation, 4 p.m., TEU
Auditorium on North Campus
- Aug. 6 - Final examinations
- Aug. 30 - General Faculty meeting, 9 a.m.,
University Center
- Faculty and Professional Staff
meeting, 9:45 a.m., Lecture Hall,
Room 127
- Aug. 31 - Registration, 1-7 p.m., former
students only
- Sept. 1 - Registration, 1-7 p.m., former
and new students
- Sept. 2 - Classes begin
- Sept. 6 - All offices closed

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