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#### TEU EMPLOYEES TO OBSERVE HOLIDAYS;

#### OFFICES TO BE CLOSED DEC. 23-JAN. 2

Texas Eastern University offices will close Dec. 23-Jan. 2 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. All offices will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 22 and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Jan. 3.

The university mail room will be open from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on four days during the holidays. Employees may pick up mail at the designated time on December 23, 26, 28 and 30. Due to the volume of mail received, mail will be delivered on the above dates to the following areas: administrative offices, School of Education and Psychology, and the library.

Payroll checks may be picked up by employees from 10 a.m. - 12 noon on Dec. 30. Anyone wanting to have a check mailed to their bank may do so by leaving a stamped self-addressed envelope in the Personnel Office. A deposit slip should accompany the envelope.

Library hours between semesters are as follows: 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 20, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 21-22 and Jan. 3-18. Regular library hours will be resumed on Jan. 19. You are invited . . .

#### CHRISTMAS

#### BRUNCH

Kill Kitter Market

Date: Tuesday, December 20, 1977

- Time: Between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- Where: University Center, Room 134 Texas Eastern University

HOSTS: The Stewarts The Whisenhunts The Sawyers

#### BOARD OF CONTROL BEHIND SCHEDULE

The purchasing department has learned that the Board of Control has implemented a new data processing system for orders which have to be issued by that agency.

Wayne Criswell said the system has some problems and university requisitions are taking longer to process than before this change.

"We have some requisitions that were sent to the board in late October which still have not had bid invitations issued at this time," Criswell said.

This information is made available to the departments to illustrate the extremely long time necessary to place a purchase order through the Board of Control and to remind and request departmental assistance in anticipating their needs as far in advance as possible.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY PLANNED

When the faculty and professional staff return on January 16, 1978 to begin a new semester, they will have an opportunity to participate in activities connected with TEU's first Professional Development Day.

This is the first university-wide event sponsored by the Professional Development Committee and it features Dr. Stanford C. Ericksen as guest speaker. He is senior research assistant and professor of psychology from the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. According to Dr. Patricia A. Gajda, chairman of the committee, Dr. Ericksen is a specialist in the career development of teachers and is currently working on a book entitled "By Precept and Example," the subject of his morning address.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the University Center at 10 a.m. and Dr. Ericksen's address will begin in the Lecture Hall (ADM 217) at 10:30 a.m. A full schedule of the day's sessions will be sent to faculty and professional staff before the end of the fall semester.

#### EMPLOYEES ATTEND TRAINING SEMINARS

Two custodial training seminars were recently presented at the Texas Eastern University Physical Plant. Conducting the seminars were Larry G. Smith, TEU custodial foreman, Arlis Mallory of Baxter Sales and Ted Trask of Hillyard, Inc.

Emphasis was on products and techniques for properly caring for resilient floors and for cleaning restrooms. Use of equipment such as polishers and wet vacuums was demonstrated.

Attending the seminars were 15 TEU custodians and representatives of Linden Municipal Hospital and East Texas Baptist College.

# TEU DEGREE CANDIDATES RECOGNIZED DURING FALL CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Texas Eastern University degree candidates for the fall semester were recognized at a convocation held Dec. 9 in the new Physical Health and Education Building. Seventy of the 125 degree candidates were among the crowd of more than 300 attending the ceremony.

Jeff Austin, Jr. of Jacksonville brought congratulations from the board of regents. Other program participants were James H. Stewart, Jr., Donald W. Whisenhunt and the academic deans.

The 125 candidates make up the largest group of fall graduates in TEU's history. The previous high was 93 in 1976. Fall graduates totaled 37 and 52 in 1974 and 1975, respectively. Twenty-one master's degrees are among the 125 to be awarded. Twenty-five towns are represented.

Elementary education sets the pace with 24 candidates. Other academic degrees earned include criminal justice 12, accounting 9, nursing 8, interdisciplinary studies 8, general business 6, applied arts and sciences 6, management 4, early childhood education 4, psychology 4, health and physical education 4, reading 4, art 3, sociology 3, political science 3, marketing 3, history 2, mathematics 2, vocational education 2, biology 2, curriculum and instruction 2, English 2, health professions 1, industrial education 1 and general studies 1.

Happy Holidays



# in the Spotlight

KENNETH MUCKELROY has been invited to be a clinician for the Florida Elementary School Educators Association at the clinic/convention in Orlando, Fla. on Jan. 5-7. He will be among the nationally known musicians who will be featured in a January convention issue of the "Florida Music Director" published in connection with the 34th annual session of the Florida Music Educators Association and its eight affiliated music groups.

JAMES H. STEWART, JR. was the speaker at a noon luncheon for the South Tyler Rotary Club on December 5.

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ROBERT G. TEETER was recently elected to the Executive Committee of the Southwestern Region of the American Criminal Justice Association at their fall regional conference held at the Criminal Justice Center, Sam Houston State University. He was also appointed parliamentarian and legal advisor to the regional president.

DONALD W. WHISENHUNT recently presented a paper on Texas in the Depression to the Duquesne History Forum in Pittsburgh, Penn. and on the discovery of the North Pole to the Society for the History of Discoveries annual meeting on Tucson, Arizona.

## A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO EMPLOYEES

The board of directors of the Greater Tyler United Way adopted a 1978 budget of \$508,000 at a meeting on Dec. 6. This is the amount pledged this year by people who live and work in Smith County.

We are pleased the employees of Texas Eastern University played a role in establishing this record gift which will be distributed to meet the needs of many, many individuals during the next 12 months.

The United Way plays a vital role in our community. Almost every family in Tyler will be affected in some way by one of the 21 United Way agencies during the next year.

It is important, we feel, that Texas Eastern University employees continue to be involved in this community. Your participation in the campaign is appreciated. We also wish to recognize the campaign coordinators for their assistance.

Together we made it happen in '77.

Archie Whitfield Robert Cranford

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