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Senator Peyton McKnight Commencement Speaker

Senator Peyton McKnight of the Second Senatorial District of Texas will be the speaker for the fifth annual commencement of Texas Eastern University. The program is scheduled for 2 p.m. on May 20 in Harvey Hall. McKnight will be introduced by Senator Roy Blake of Nacogdoches and the Third Senatorial District.

McKnight has served in the Texas Senate since January 1973. He also served in the Texas House from 1949 to 1951.

In the Texas Senate, McKnight serves as chairman of the Nominations Sub-committee, vice chairman of the Senate Natural Resources and chairman of the Natural Resources Sub-committee on Energy. He is a member of the Senate State Affairs Committee and of the Senate Economic Development Committee.

The senator was appointed by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby on July 19, 1975 to serve on the Joint Advisory Committee on Government Operations. He also serves as chairman of the Advisory Committee of the National Legislative Services and Security Association and on the Texas Energy Advisory Commission. He is chairman of a Special Interim Committee to investigate ways to replace the Ad Valorem Property Tax.

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McKnight is a native of Alba and a graduate of Quitman High School and Texas A&M University. He also attended the University of Texas School of Law.

President Dwight Eisenhower appointed him to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas in 1953, making him the youngest marshal in U.S. history. Later that year he entered the oil business in Tyler and today is an independent oil producer. He is also a former member of the Texas A&M University Board of Regents, serving from his appointment in 1967 by Gov. John Connally to 1972 when he was elected to his present position in the State Senate.

Schematic Design Drawings Receive Board's Approval

Schematic design drawings of a library building received approval of the Texas Eastern University Board of Regents at their meeting of April 12. Approval was given with reservations that Part B will be subject to review at the time funding is received.

Architects were authorized to move into preliminary design with this expected to take approximately one month. Construction is projected to begin in the fall 1978 for Part A.

TEU's three administrative officers received new one year appointments. These include James H. Stewart Jr. as president, Donald W. Whisenhunt as vice president for academic affairs and John R. Sawyer as vice president for fiscal affairs. Other personnel actions include the approval of Mrs. Barbara Cushing as assistant professor of nursing on a one-semester appointment, changes in teaching assignments or loads for the spring semester, new classified personnel changes in positions, terminations and full-time and part-time teaching assignments for the summer terms.

David K. McKie of Tyler was re-elected chairman of the board while Neal Velvin of Athens was re-elected vice chairman and Jeff Austin, Jr. of Jacksonville was re-elected secretary. This is the first time for officers to serve more than one consecutive term.

in the Spotlight . . .

W. CLAYTON ALLEN was elected reporter of the East Texas Industrial Education Association at the spring meeting held at East Texas State University. He has also been appointed by the Industrial Arts Division of the American Vocational Association to serve on a National Safety Committee to determine the need for national curriculum materials related to the O.S.H.A. regulations. He is one of six members serving on the committee and his term expires June 30, 1981.

JOHN CALLAHAN gave a stage violence workshop at Whitehouse High School on April 24 and at John Tyler High School on April 26.

WAYNE GOFF has been selected to discuss a paper entitled "Data Transformations and the Random Coefficient Regression Model: An Application with Financial Market Data" at the Midwest regional American Institute for Decision Sciences in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 18-19. The paper was written by three University of Michigan professors.

C. RAY GULLETT completed his year as president of the Academy of Management, Southwest Division, by presiding over the annual meeting held March 8-11 in Dallas. He also presented a paper entitled "Writing College Level Textbooks."

KENNETH MUCKELROY recently presented music workshops for the faculty and staff at Grace Community School in Tyler, the Tyler Association for the Education of Young Children and at Trinity Baptist Church in Henderson. He is also serving as an accreditation consultant for the School of Fine Arts at Southwestern University.

COLLEEN K. RANDEL was the speaker at a March 24 luncheon of the Overton Rotary Club.

OTHO RINK spoke on "Conflict in the Horn of Africa" at an April 8 meeting of the East Texas Chapter of MENSA.

RONALD W. ROBINSON spoke to the Tyler Smith County Retired Teachers Association on April 13.

JOHN H. SPURGIN was a recent speaker at meetings of the Whitehouse Kiwanis Club and Rose City Kiwanis Club.

DONALD W. WHISENHUNT is the author of an article in El Palacio, the Quarterly Journal of the Museum of New Mexico.

Five faculty members recently served on the visiting committee to Chapel Hill Independent School District for the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. These include Robert L. Cox, W. A. Mayfield, Tommy Gilbreath, Janice Glascock, Keith McCoy and Patricia A. Gajda.

Smyrl Scholarship Fund Increases

The Edwin Morgan Smyrl History Scholarship fund has grown to \$2,609.01 with the receipt of several contributions in memory of Mrs. Sammie M. Smyrl.

An annual scholarship is awarded to the student achieving the highest academic record made at Texas Eastern University among history majors completing the junior year or equivalent. The scholarship was started by family and friends of Edwin Morgan Smyrl.

Recent contributions have arrived from Commerce, Tyler, Dallas, San Antonio, Palestine, Wichita Falls, Lindale, Fort Worth, Mineola, Hardin, Mont., Fort Collins, Colo., Enterprise, La., Huntsville, Ala., Los Angeles, Calif. and Marseilles, France.

Income from the fund will be used each year for the scholarship.

TEU Given \$30,000 Endowment In Memory Of M. J. Harvey, Sr.

Texas Eastern University was presented a \$30,000 endowment on April 18 by Tyler Corporation of Dallas and Tyler Pipe Industries, Inc. to fund a minimum of three M. J. Harvey, Sr. Memorial Scholarships.

Making the presentation to President James H. Stewart, Jr. and David K. McKie were Joseph F. McKinney, president and chief executive officer of Tyler Corporation, and John A. Warner, president and chief executive officer of Tyler Pipe.

Harvey, the founder of Tyler Pipe in 1935 and chairman of the firm's board at the time of his death in November 1977, was a strong supporter of TEU, providing scholarships, funding the Mike Harvey Lake and serving on the TEU Educational Foundation, Inc.

"This generous contribution is significant to the TEU scholarship program," President Stewart said in accepting the check. "All of us associated with the university recognize many men and women will be permitted to reach their educational objectives because of the opportunity provided by Tyler Corporation and Tyler Pipe Industries. Certainly, we are honored to have the name and memory of M. J. Harvey, Sr. associated with TEU through these permanent scholarships."

The scholarships are for business administration majors who are enrolled full-time, have 24 semester hours completed at Texas Eastern with a 3.0 grade point average on all work completed at TEU.

Foundation Re-elects Directors

Officers of the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. were re-elected at a meeting of the Foundation's directors on April 12. The officers include A. W. Riter, Jr. as president, Isadore Roosth as vice president and C. Quentin Abernathy as secretary-treasurer.

The board reviewed a financial statement for the year ending August 31, 1977 and also reviewed a cash receipts and disbursements statement for the period from August 31, 1977 through March 31, 1978.

During the year ended August 31, 1977, the Foundation received \$111,375.27 from gifts, rent income, interest income and pledges collected. Of this total, \$94,401.08 was spent leaving an excess cash receipts over disbursements of \$16,974.19.

The largest expenditure was \$65,672.20 and was listed as gifts to Texas Eastern University. Legal expenses of \$6,000 rated second in expenditures. Current assets of the Foundation which include cash in bank, savings account and certificates of deposit total \$349,321.41.

President James H. Stewart, Jr. discussed university activities which are funded by the Foundation and academic programs of the university.

A Homecoming for Former TEU Secretaries

TEU WOMEN'S FORUM

invite all women employees to their
monthly noon luncheon meeting

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Sgt. Gerald Hayden will present a program on women self protection. Sgt. Hayden is public information officer and commander of crime prevention division of the Tyler Police Department.

Use Of Space, Lease Cut At Roberts School

Utilization and leasing of space at the O. M. Robert School will be reduced this month contingent upon coordination with the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors and the State Board of Control, with Texas Eastern University planning to totally vacate the building at the earliest time between January 1979 and August 1979. Timing of the contract termination is dependant upon completion of Phase II construction.

The TEU Board of Regents authorized President James H. Stewart, Jr. to negotiate the necessary changes to the existing lease contract with the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. and the State Board of Control.

TEU's proposal is to reduce the amount of leased space from 47,400 square feet to 8,242 square feet with a corresponding reduction in the monthly rental payment from \$8,035.60 to \$1,648.40.

Utilization of the 8,242 square feet includes 585 for traffic safety, 2,574 for the library, 2,151 for the Department of Art and 2,932 for storage. All of these functions will move to the main campus upon completion of the Phase II buildings.

Second Annual Honors Day Program Scheduled Tuesday In PHE 122

The second annual Honors Day program will be held at 10:25 a.m. Tuesday in PHE 122. Second period classes will be dismissed at 10:15 a.m. and third period classes will convene at 11:30 a.m. immediately following the program.

All students and faculty are invited to attend.

Numerous honors and recognitions will be conveyed as a part of the program which is to be climaxed by presentation of the prestigious Watson W. Wise Incentive Award.

Tom G. Turns is coordinator of the program.

TEU's Concert Chorale To Present May 7 Program In University Center

The Texas Eastern University Concert Chorale will present a spring concert at 4 p.m. on May 7 in the University Center. This marks the first performance by the group on the TEU campus. Chadwick Edwards is director of the group.

Members of the choir include Norma Jean Brown and Susie Brewster of Lindale, Marsha Jones of New London, Linda Garrett of Plano, Judy Braley of Mineola, Robert Clague and Steve Patterson of Troup, Richard Jones of Gladewater, and Judy Templeton, David M. Roye, Brenda Campbell, Roberta Kae Masters, Claudia Carroll, Jo Brady, Rene Ferrell, Cathy Jones, Glenda Saunders, Sue Garrison, Danny Pendergrass and Danny Elliott of Tyler.

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