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Administrative Notes, March 22nd, 1976

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To: Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University
From: James H. Stewart, Jr.
Subject: Administrative Notes

I. Health and Physical Education Funds

A meeting with A. W. Riter, Jr. was conducted Thursday, March 18, 1976, to implement action of the board relative to the bond money which is to be used for health and physical education facilities. By the end of the day Thursday, Mr. Riter had discussed the matter with all members of the clearing house and completed all arrangements for the bond money. As a result, the university will begin drawing interest on our bond money tomorrow (Tuesday, March 23, 1976) which is the day on which the funds are to be available to the institution.

II. Communication with Caudill Rowlett Scott, Inc.

Contact was made with CRS Thursday pursuant to the settlement offer approved by the Board of Regents. Although Robert Walters, the CRS officer with whom we discussed the matter by telephone, could not make a commitment immediately, he appeared positive about the situation and I expect to receive a favorable response from CRS very soon.

Upon receiving information from CRS accepting payment from the university we can look forward to developing bid documents in order to proceed immediately with our health and physical education construction program.

III. Renaming of Streets Around University Campus

On various occasions I have discussed the matter of requesting the Tyler City Council to rename the traffic arteries around the university campus. Since it was our desire to utilize the mascot for one of the street names, I have withheld a request to the city until this selection was made.
After action of the board last week pertaining to the mascot, I discussed the street renaming situation with the Tyler City Manager who was very receptive to recommending action relative to appropriate names for these traffic arteries at an early date. This matter has also been discussed with Tyler Mayor Robert E. Layton, Jr., who feels that the city should provide appropriate street names around the university campus.

After discussion of this matter, it was decided that Spur 248 should carry the name University Boulevard; Old Omen Road should carry the name Eastern Avenue; and Calloway Road should carry the name Patriot Avenue. It is my feeling that these names will serve Texas Eastern much better than the present names of the traffic arteries adjacent to the campus.

Since Spur 248 is a state traffic artery, as well as a city street, the Texas Highway Department has been involved in planning pursuant to giving Spur 248 a street name. Of course, this traffic artery will retain the state highway designation along with the new city street name.

Although no action is required by the board pursuant to this matter, I wanted to share this with you for information. It is likely that the Tyler City Council will act on renaming the traffic arteries around the campus in the near future.

IV. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from our director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending March 19, 1976.
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT

Week Ending: March 19, 1976

General: The several work activities are progressing well and, in general, on schedule. Most of the work is on the interiors of the buildings at this time.

Student Center: During the past week, a finish was applied to the central wood floor and to the wood floor and bench in front of the fire place. Ceiling tile work and carpet work is near complete. Snack bar kitchen equipment is in place and installation near complete. Ceiling hung partitions have been placed in restrooms. Work continues on installation of the fire alarm.

Administration: Ceiling tile work is nearing completion throughout. Carpet work has begun on the second floor and is near complete on the third floor. Installation of tackboards and chalkboard continues. Electrical trimming out work shows good progress and painting of interior drywalls is nearing completion.

Science/Math: Significant progress has been made on this building during the past week. All interior drywall partitions are now in place and painting is in progress. Installation of casework and laboratory equipment is progressing well. Vinyl asbestos tile is being laid in laboratory areas. Ceiling tile installation is near complete. Electrical and mechanical work is proceeding on schedule.

Power Plant: Exterior and interior painting of walls and piping continues. Balancing of water systems connected with the chillers is underway. After the water system is balanced, work on starting the chillers will resume.

Site Work: Notable progress is evident. Sidewalks in front of the Administration and Science/Math buildings have been poured. Top soil has been placed and spread at the rear of the Administration Building. More progress is expected in this area if weather permits.

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