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You are invited . . .

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Date: Wednesday, December 19, 1979

*Time. Between the hours of 11:30 a.m.
 and 1:00 p.m.*

*Where. University Center, Room 134
 The University of Texas at Tyler*

*Hosts. The Stewarts
 The Whisenhunts
 The Sawyers*

UT Tyler Receives Accreditation Reaffirmation

The University of Texas at Tyler received reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools at the annual meeting of that organization Tuesday in Atlanta, Ga. Reaffirmation is for a 10-year period.

Representing UT Tyler at the meeting were James H. Stewart, Jr., Donald W. Whisenhunt and Frank H. Smyrl.

"We are delighted with action of the College Delegate Assembly in reaffirming the accreditation of The University of Texas at Tyler. Certainly, this is another significant milestone for UT Tyler and is a tribute to the dedication of a very capable faculty and staff," the president said.

"The reaffirmation process began in December 1976 with the selection of Dr. Smyrl as chairman of the Self-Study Steering Committee. The faculty and staff were deeply involved in preparing a self-study which will be relevant to the total university program as we move into the 1980's," he added.

Department Receives \$2,520 Award

A \$2,520 award has been received by the Department of Criminal Justice of The University of Texas at Tyler for the Texas Statewide Corrections Intern Program.

Vernon Rich, department chairman, said the funding will be used to place six paid correctional internships in Tyler and Longview for the spring and summer terms. These student interns will be working in juvenile and adult programs in both Gregg and Smith counties.

The selection process for the internships is currently underway. Junior and senior students are eligible to apply.

in the Spotlight . . .

W. CLAYTON ALLEN recently gave a presentation to the fire science technology students on the Longview campus of Kilgore College. He and H. DON GARRISON attended a meeting of the Ark-La-Tex Chapter of American Society Training and Development in Jefferson. These two and W. A. MAYFIELD were invited to the Carswell Air Base on Nov. 19 to review their educational training center.

TERRY L. BUSSON is participating in a study of the federal grant-in-aid process as a member of the Policy Issues Committee of the American Society of Public Administration. The study was requested by the Office of Management and Budget as the result of a mandate by Congress and President Carter.

TOMMY GILBREATH spoke to the South Tyler Rotary Club on Nov. 19 concerning the industrial education program at The University of Texas at Tyler.

MILTON JONES participated in a panel discussion on Nov. 15 at Robert E. Lee High School on "Career Opportunities in Accounting."

DON W. KILLEBREW served on an advisory panel to assist the National Science Foundation in evaluating proposals submitted in Pre-College Teacher Development in Science Program. The panel met Oct. 24-27 in Atlanta, Ga.

W.A. MAYFIELD participated with four others in presenting a program on "Implementing Unified Arts Into the Middle School" at the TASCED Conference in Dallas on Nov. 8. He also recently chaired the annual fall meeting of the Texas Council on Industrial Education Teacher Education in Austin and chaired the program standards and TIAA Curriculum Committee Workshop in Austin.

JAMES SELLERS presented a paper entitled "Developing a Conceptual Model for the Social Audit" at the American Institute for Decision Sciences national meeting in New Orleans on Nov. 20. The research leading to this paper was funded by the Graduate School, The University of Mississippi. Also, he spoke at John Tyler High School on Nov. 14. His topic was "Career Opportunities in Accounting." Sellers also conducted a training session "Accounting Update" for the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants in Dallas on Nov. 15.

C. MURRAY WADE is the recipient of a scholarship to the Third National Forum on Jobs, Money and People. Theme of the Forum was "The New Politics of Private Enterprise." The Forum was held Dec. 6-8 in Singer Island, Fla.

DONALD W. WHISENHUNT is the author of four biographies which appear in the Encyclopedia of Southern History published by Louisiana State University Press.

ROBERT GEFFNER and FREDERICK MEARS both successfully passed National Examination for Certification by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists at the October testing.

Institute Of Texan Cultures In San Antonio

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is another in a series of articles on components of The University of Texas System.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES AT SAN ANTONIO—Since its completion in 1969, The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio has grown from a world's fair exhibit to a learning and communication center for the interpretation of Texas history and folk culture.

Displays of art and artifacts become a teaching laboratory as professionally trained staff members and volunteers use the exhibits as a setting for "living history."

Craft demonstrations such as weaving and tortilla making help illustrate the common needs of food and clothing shared by early settlers. Stories of pioneer life and performances of ethnic and folk music are presented daily for its visitors.

Multi-media presentations, self-guided tours and costumed museum interpreters make a visit to the institute a unique experience.

Because the institute serves the entire state, a staff of researchers works with outside consultants to compile information on the history and culture of the more than 30 ethnic groups that continue to settle and develop the state. The research data is used to produce books, audio visual materials and traveling exhibits for statewide distribution to schools, museums, libraries and civic organizations.

The institute also houses a reference library with more than 2,000 books and 35,000 historical photographs. The library acts as a clearinghouse for scholars seeking information on Texas subjects.

The annual Texas Folklife Festival, held on the institute's grounds for four days each August, attracts more than 5,000 participants and 100,000 visitors every year.

UT Tyler Employees To Observe Holidays

All offices at The University of Texas at Tyler will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1 for the holidays. Offices will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 21 and are to reopen at 8 a.m. on Jan. 2.

The faculty will return on Jan. 16 to begin the spring semester.

THE LIBRARY

The library will observe the same holidays as other offices through Jan. 1. Beginning Jan. 2, the library will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and will be closed on weekends. Regular library hours will begin on Jan. 18.

THE MAILROOM

The mailroom will be open Dec. 26, 28 and 31 from 9 to 10 a.m. for those wishing to pick up their mail.

PERSONNEL OFFICE

Payroll checks for December will be distributed between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Monday, Dec. 31, in ADM 214 (the cashier's office). Any employee of The University of Texas at Tyler may pick up his payroll check at that time.

Persons who would like their checks mailed must provide the Personnel Office with a self-addressed envelope by Dec. 21. Checks will also be mailed to banks by providing an addressed envelope and a bank deposit slip.

All checks not picked up and not covered in the mailing provisions, will be available on Wednesday, Jan. 2, in ADM 108.



Fair Foundation Awards Grant To UT Tyler

A grant from the R.W. Fair Foundation has been awarded to The University of Texas at Tyler to support the development of an undergraduate honors program at the university. The grant for \$5,700 was approved at a meeting of the UT Board of Regents on Dec. 7.

Stephen R. Lefevre is to use the grant to develop an honors program which will be incorporated into the regular university curriculum for the 1980-81 academic year.

The grant provides funds for a three-hour course load reduction for the 1979-80 academic year for Lefevre, for travel and for printing and duplicating expenses.

The purpose of the program is to offer undergraduates of high academic ability the opportunity to pursue a broad study of liberal arts in a seminar setting.

Lefevre said the honors classes will be open to full-time undergraduate students with a 3.2 or better grade point average. He anticipates the program offering one honors course each long term.

"The curriculum process is well along with plans to present the first three-hour seminar in the fall of 1980. Each class will be attractive to students from many disciplines," Lefevre said.

Honors courses will count as an elective toward a student's degree requirements but will not count in a major or minor field.

Members Added To Housing Committee

Two students have been added to the University Housing Study Committee which was originally established on Sept. 12. They are Mrs. Joan Lane and Patrick N. Paro. Clay D. Lockett is no longer serving on the committee.

Tom G. Turns is chairman of the committee, which is charged with preparing a feasibility study relative to all aspects of university housing for UT Tyler.

Items Receive Approval

Gifts, grants and contracts were among docket items from The University of Texas at Tyler which received approval of the UT Board of Regents at their meeting Dec. 6-7 in Austin.

Grants approved include \$33,007 funding from the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Traffic Safety Section, to carry out a public education specialist training program in the Office of Traffic Safety and \$1,750 from the Small Business Administration for management counseling and technical assistance to small business concerns.

Gifts accepted by the board include \$5,700 from the R.W. Fair Foundation of Tyler to assist in the development of an honors program, and various library books and materials valued at \$102.95.

Contracts were approved with the Republic National Bank of Dallas to furnish student loan billing services and with National Revenue Corporation of Columbus, Ohio to provide collection services for past due and/or defaulted loans to the National Direct Student Loan Program.

Also approved were two budget changes from unappropriated balances to longevity pay and the small class report for the fall semester.

Governor To Select Board Members

Names of leaders in the Board of Trustee election for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas have been sent to the governor. He will name one member to the board for each of two places.

Leading vote recipients in Place 1 were Carolyn Harrell, Laura Huckabey and Sheila Jackson Payne. In Place 2, the leaders were Lee R. Williamson, Ruth Ann Stephens and Larry G. Stein.

Long Distance Calls Reported

Monthly listings of long distance telephone calls charged against The University of Texas at Tyler telephone numbers are provided to the business manager by Southwestern Bell. In the October listing a number of calls were made to cities within the State of Texas. In making long distance calls, authorized personnel should be very conscious of the following requirements.

1. For intra-state long distance calls, every possible attempt should be made to use the TEX-AN system.

2. For long distance calls placed outside the state, the Southwestern Bell operator should be advised of the appropriate credit card number for your department.

3. Long distance calls made outside normal working hours and/or to parties that do not appear to be of a business nature will be investigated and called to the attention of the initiator of such calls for explanation and possible re-payment of charges.



May it reign in
every home at
Christmastime . . .
and ever after

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