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TEXAS EASTERN UNIVERSITY

TYLER, TEXAS 75701

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 7, 1976

To:

Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University

From:

James H. Stewart, Jr.

Subject:

Administrative Notes

I. 1976-77 Academic Year Opening

From the moment the 1976-77 academic year was opened with a general meeting of all university personnel at 9:00 a.m., August 30, 1976 in the beautiful new University Center until the dinner and social period for personnel in the same location ended at about 9:30 p.m., there was happiness throughout the institution. Everyone on the faculty and staff is very enthusiastic about being in our new quarters situated in such a beautiful campus setting. Morale is very high! We were pleased that Regent B. H. McVicker, M.D. and Mrs. McVicker and Regent Dean W. Turner and Mrs. Turner were here for the evening activities representing the Board of Regents. They added to the occasion in a significant manner and also were caught up in the great positive sentiment that prevailed. Since my words cannot adequately communicate to you the superlative "Patriot Spirit" that existed, I trust that our special guests will assist me in sharing their thoughts about the occasion as we have personal interaction with other members of the board.

Surely, I would not want to make the above observations without emphasizing how grateful the faculty and staff are to the Board of Regents for the vision, dedication and long hours of hard work expended by every member in making the August 30, 1976 landmark day in the history of Texas Eastern University possible. Likewise, we all continue to be appreciative of the fact that these qualities continue as we persist in our efforts to make Texas Eastern bigger and better. You should be very, very proud of your accomplishments!

II. Progress Report on Fall Semester 1976 Enrollment

Enrollment for the Fall Semester 1976 was 1417 at 12:00 noon today. This is an increase of 16.8 percent over the official enrollment for the Fall Semester 1975. Classes began on

Thursday, September 2, 1976 with late registration continuing through September 9, 1976. An official enrollment report will be made following the twelfth class day, September 16, 1976.

III. 1976-77 Student Handbook

Our 1976-77 Student Handbook was completed and printed just prior to fall registration and, of course, was distributed to all students as they registered last week. We are very pleased with this publication which was developed through the student affairs area under Dr. Tom G. Turns' direct leadership. An information copy is enclosed.

IV. Staff Appropriations Hearing

The Governor's Budget Office and Legislative Budget Office staffs conducted the biennial hearing for Texas Eastern University in Austin last Tuesday, August 31, 1976. Vice President John R. Sawyer and I attended this meeting to discuss questions that these two office staffs had pursuant to our request for appropriations for fiscal years 1978 and 1979 as the staffs of these two offices begin the process of preparing reports to present to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board. Because we were well prepared, there were very few questions about our request and we were not asked to provide a single item of additional information. To emphasize the significance of this, I am aware that several institutions were asked to provide additional information at the time they appeared for this meeting.

V. Mike Harvey Lake

City water was turned into Mike Harvey Lake Saturday, August 28, 1976 with the estimate that some forty days and nights would be required to fill it in this manner. That's right; the estimate given by engineers was forty days. However, the rain came on Tuesday, August 31, 1976 and for a few days thereafter; and the amount of city water required to fill the lake will now be considerably less. The upper lake is almost full and the lower lake will not require a great deal more water in order for its capacity to be reached.

VI. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from our director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending September 3, 1976.

VII. Expenditures for Period Ending August 31, 1976

Attached is a copy of the expenditures for Texas Eastern University for the period ending August 31, 1976 for your information and files.

JHS:rc Attachments and enclosure