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Summer Commencement Scheduled August 3

The final graduates of Texas Eastern University will be recognized at a special summer commencement scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 3, in the University Center. Chancellor E. D. Walker of The University of Texas System will be the commencement speaker.

All students completing degree requirements during the first and second summer sessions are eligible to participate in the commencement. They will not be eligible to participate in the annual program in May.

The second honorary degree in the history of TEU will be presented at the commencement. Senator Peyton McKnight of Tyler is to receive the honorary Doctor of Laws degree. His escorts will be B. H. McVicker, M.D. of Lufkin and Dean W. Turner of Henderson.

Others participating on the program will be Regent Jeff Austin, Jr. of Jacksonville, President James H. Stewart, Jr. and Vice President Donald W. Whisenhunt.

The invocation will be by the Rev. Dr. Wayne H. McCleskey, minister of Marvin United Methodist Church, and the benediction will be by the Rev. Dr. Larry Eugene Whitley, senior minister, First Christian Church.

F. Lannom Smith will serve as macebearer and music will be by Rene Ferrell.

Three New Degree Programs Receive Board Approval

Three new degree programs have received approval of the Texas Eastern University Board of Regents and are to be submitted to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System for consideration.

Proposed new degrees include the Master of Arts degree in English, the Master of Education degree in educational administration and the Master of Science degree in industrial education.

Each of these proposals were developed by the faculty and staff in response to specific academic needs and were recommended for board approval by the University Curriculum Committee, the vice president for academic affairs and the university president.

In other action at the July 11 board meeting, the regents approved having a summer commencement on August 3 to recognize all summer graduates.

The regents voted to reverse their decision to provide lighting along campus roads because of a ruling from the state comptroller's office that appropriated funds could not be spent on the project. They had previously voted to spend \$132,300 on the project from Phase II construction funds.

Several members of the faculty and students appeared before the board requesting a reversal of the decision to clear shrubs, undesirable trees, etc. from approximately 80 acres of the campus. After the discussion, the board moved to other items on the agenda without any action.

Employees To Receive Certificate

A certificate is being developed for presentation to employees of Texas Eastern University at the time of the transfer into The University of Texas System. All employees on record as of August 1, 1979 will receive a certificate.

Two members of the board of regents of Texas Eastern will sign the certificates. These include the chairman of the board and the chairman of the Academic and Personnel Committee.

Orientation Scheduled For New Students

An orientation for new students enrolling at Texas Eastern University/The University of Texas at Tyler for the fall semester will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 7. The students will assemble in the University Center at 9:30 a.m.

All new students will attend an orientation session, be given a complimentary lunch and then be given an opportunity to register for the fall semester. Registration will be in PHE 122. Early registration includes advisement, selection of fall courses and the payment of fees. New students who participate will not have to return in the fall until classes begin.

Regents Award 14 Honorary Degrees

Fourteen honorary Doctor of Laws degrees were awarded by the Texas Eastern University Board of Regents at their quarterly meeting on July 11.

Recipients of the honorary degrees include Senator Peyton McKnight, President James H. Stewart, Jr., the three former members of the TEU board and the nine presently serving on the governing board.

The recommendation to present the degrees was made by the Academic and Personnel Committee of the board.

A. M. Aikin, Jr. of Paris is the only other individual to receive an honorary degree from TEU. He was presented the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Administration in May 1974 at the first commencement.

UT Austin Ranked First In UT System

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a series of articles on components of The University of Texas System.

The University of Texas at Austin—Founded in 1883, UT Austin now has an average enrollment of 41,500 students. UT Austin offers approximately 4,000 courses per year. Four of its 80 graduate programs, in a recent assessment of doctoral education, were ranked among the top five in the U.S. Four other doctoral programs were among the top 10. It leads all institutions in the South in the number of doctoral degrees awarded, and in the quality of its graduate programs.

UT Austin is also considered strong in professional education, with one of the leading public law schools in the United States. The Latin American Studies program is one of the best in the nation.

An assemblage of approximately 1,700 full-time faculty members includes the 1977 recipient of the Nobel Prize in chemistry, a Pulitzer Prize winner in history and several members of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering. In addition, about 60 endowed chairs and professorships are on the Austin campus.

Among many distinctions, UT Austin is recognized as a center for research in 20th Century studies. In that regard, the Lyndon B. Johnson Library, the first Presidential library in the U.S. on a university campus, gives scholars access to a broad sweep of documents that bear on the nation's life from the early 1930s until the late 1960s.

UT Austin's Library is internationally known for its archive of 20th Century British and American literature. British authority Anthony Hobson cited the UT Austin Library as one of 32 great libraries of Western Europe and North America. Only five American libraries were named in the Hobson study. UT Austin also owns the Pforzheimer Gutenberg Bible, one of the few complete original bibles of its kind in the world.

With almost 5 million volumes, the UT Austin Library is the ninth largest academic library in the U.S. The University's Tarlton Law Library, with almost 400,000 law and related volumes, is the second largest among law libraries of public universities in the U.S. and sixth largest among all academic law libraries, public and private.

Research at UT Austin spans every academic discipline, from art to zoology. The Center for Energy Studies was established in 1974 to "serve as the focus for all energy-related activities of the Univer-

sity." A geothermal energy research program is one of the nation's largest, while other studies involve technology needed to develop lignite and solar power as energy alternatives. A nuclear fusion device will be attempting to provide an unlimited source of electric power by using sea water for power plant fuel.

UT Austin's Computation Center is one of the largest educational computer systems in the nation.

The university operates the Balcones Research Center in northwest Austin, a complex of more than 30 science and engineering laboratories. Other off-campus areas are used for astronomy teaching, research and field laboratories for zoology, botany and biology.

UT Austin's Marine Science Institute has facilities at Port Aransas and Galveston. McDonald Observatory is on Mt. Locke in West Texas.

Two other off-campus facilities are concerned primarily with cultural activities: Winedale Historical Center in Fayette County near Round Top provides facilities for studies ranging from Shakespeare to ethnic cultures of the area; Paisano, the late J. Frank Dobie's ranch home 14 miles west of Austin on Barton Creek, is a retreat for writers and artists.

UT Tyler Items On Board's Agenda

Four items concerning The University of Texas at Tyler are on the agenda for consideration of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System at their July 25-26 meeting in San Antonio. Administrative officers James H. Stewart, Jr. and John R. Sawyer are representing Texas Eastern University at the board meeting.

Items for UT Tyler on the agenda include consideration of the 1979-80 budget, a proposed resolution acknowledging transfer of Texas Eastern University into The University of Texas System, request for approval of an official seal and proposed designation of special depository banks for receiving and keeping funds arising from local income required by law to be deposited in the state treasury.

JC Representatives Visit With UT Officials

Presidents and administrators of seven junior colleges in the East Texas area participated in a conference with officials of The University of Texas System and Texas Eastern University on July 5 on the TEU campus.

Representing The UT System at the session were E. D. Walker, chancellor; Ernest T. Smerdon, vice chancellor for academic affairs; Joe E. Boyd, Jr., vice chancellor for business affairs; Edward A. Brandt, Jr., vice chancellor for health affairs; and Patricia Witherspoon, assistant to the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Junior college officials attending the meeting included presidents William Campion of Henderson County, Arthur M. Johnson of Panola; Curtis M. Carroll of Jacksonville; Harry E. Jenkins of Tyler and Louis B. Williams of Paris. Others attending included Dean Virgil Matthews of Lon Morris, R. Wade Kirk of Kilgore and Edwin E. Fowler of Tyler.

TEU officials participating in the session were President James H. Stewart, Jr., Patricia A. Gajda, Donald W. Whisenhunt, John R. Sawyer and Gerald L. Morris.

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