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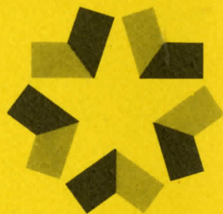
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1979 Commencement Biggest For TEU

A crowd of more than 2,000 attended the sixth annual commencement of Texas Eastern University, held Saturday at Harvey Hall in Tyler. Robert H. Cranford, a charter member of the TEU faculty, delivered the commencement address and degrees were awarded to 501 candidates.

The 501 students who have completed degree requirements since the 1978 commencement included 142 at the graduate level. During the summer terms of 1978, 131 students graduated. Degree work was completed by 144 in the fall semester and 226 in the spring semester. The largest previous graduating class was 408 set in 1978.

A highlight of the commencement program was an announcement by Dean W. Turner, chairman of the board of regents, that the House of Representatives had passed the legislation which, when signed by Gov. William P. Clements Jr., will place TEU in The University of Texas System.

Chairman Turner, in announcing results of the House, said, "I have the high privilege of making what I consider to be one of the most important announcements in the entire history of Texas Eastern University."

TEU/UT Bill Goes To Governor

A signature by Gov. William P. Clements Jr. on Senate Bill 906 is the final step remaining for Texas Eastern University to become the University of Texas at Tyler. The bill passed the final legislative hurdle Tuesday and was sent to the governor.

The bill made a second trip to the Senate Tuesday following solid endorsement on Saturday by the House of Representatives. Only two representatives recorded a vote against the bill. The House added amendments, including placing The University of Texas at Tyler in the Texas Education Code. The amendments made it necessary to return the bill back to the Senate for ratification of the amendments.

The Senate voted 29-0 to concur with the house amendments.

No date for Gov. Clements to sign the bill has been announced. The bill will become effective Sept 1, 1979. Sen. Peyton McKnight is working with the governor regarding a public bill signing ceremony.

T.A.C.T. Officers Elected For 1979-80

The Texas Eastern University Chapter of T.A.C.T. has elected officers for the 1979-80 academic year. Judy Freeman will serve as president of the organization for the coming year. Other officers include Lannom Smith as vice president, Vickie Betts as secretary and Murray Wade as treasurer.

Officers who served during the 1978-79 academic year include John H. Spurgin as president, Robert W. Jones as vice president, William B. Stephens as secretary and H. Milton Jones as treasurer.

Vietnam Veterans Week Set

The week of May 28 through June 3 has been set aside as Vietnam Veterans Week through a Presidential Proclamation by the President of the United States.

In the proclamation, President Carter said, "let us as a Nation express our sincere thanks for the service of all Vietnam era veterans...."

Research Projects Approved

Three new faculty research projects at Texas Eastern University have received approval following the recommendation of the Faculty Research Committee and the vice president for academic affairs. Total funding for these projects is \$977.70.

Thomas Keagy is to receive \$58 for his study of "Applications of Summability Theory to Infinite Series." James R. Stewart's research of "Some Nutritional and Biochemical Studies of a Green Alga, *Characiosiphon rivularis*" has \$119.70 funding and \$800 is to go to Janice Glascock for her study of "Mudejarismo in Mexico."

Referendum Absentee Voting Underway

Absentee voting for the Social Security Referendum Election is currently under way and will continue until May 31 in the Office of Personnel Services. The office is open from 8 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The election is scheduled for June 1 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Lecture Hall, ADM 127. All eligible employees (members of either the Teacher Retirement System or the Optional Retirement System) are encouraged to vote in this election.

Budget Conferences Scheduled

Budget conferences with the President's Cabinet have been scheduled for May 23 and 24 for each member of the Administrative Cabinet and others responsible for certain budget accounts at Texas Eastern University. These individual conferences are a continuation of the institutional budget planning for fiscal year 1980.

After an appropriation bill has been signed, an additional conference will be set to finalize requests for incorporation in the 1980 TEU budget document.

Piper Professors Named

Ten educators have been selected as recipients of the Piper Professor of 1979 awards by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation. Each recipient of the award will receive \$1,500.

In announcing the recipients, the board of directors of the foundation wrote: "You will realize the tremendously difficult task facing the selection committee each year in choosing 10 from the many outstanding professors nominated from across the state of Texas. We stand in humility and gratitude in viewing the dedicated teaching talent in Texas higher education.

Piper Professors of 1979 include:

Henrietta H. Avent, professor, Department of Health and Physical Education, Southwest Texas State University.

Sister Alice Ann Coles, associate professor of English, Our Lady of the Lake University.

Brother Charles J. Cummiskey, professor and chairman, Department of Chemistry, St. Mary's University.

Duane Orrin Eberhardt, associate professor of economics, Department of Business Administration, Angelo State University.

Russell John Long, regents' professor and head, Department of Business Administration, Angelo State University.

Russell John Long, regents' professor of biology, Lamar University at Beaumont.

Edward Williford Martin, professor and head, Department of Biology and chairman, Division of Natural Sciences, Prairie View A&M University.

Sister M. Geralda Schaefer, associate professor, Mathematics Department, Pan American University at Edinburg.

A. Elizabeth Taylor, professor of history, Texas Woman's University.

Delores C. Villarreal, associate professor/chairman, Medical Clerical Programs, St. Philips College.

Mary Cecilia Wyllie, Instructor of English, Alvin Community College.

Scholarship Recipient Named

Willie R. Climer Jr. of Gilmer is the recipient of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Graduate Scholarship. Climer is seeking a Master of Science degree at Texas Eastern University. His major is psychology.

The recipient is a graduate of Kimball High School in Dallas and earned the B.A. degree at the University of Texas at Arlington.

The \$250 scholarship is made available through the proceeds of a permanent fund established by the Tyler Branch of AAUW in 1978. The organization recently increased the permanent fund by \$850 for a total of \$4,350.

Faculty Senate Officers Selected

Terry Busson will serve as president of the Texas Eastern University Faculty Senate for 1979-80. New officers were elected at the April 25 meeting of the Faculty Senate. Don McClagherty will serve as vice president and Steve McDaniel is the new secretary of the group.

in the Spotlight...

TERRY L. BUSSON has been appointed to the National Policy Issues Committee for the American Society for Public Administration. This committee initiates and decides policy matters for the Society and also provides advice to the federal government on personnel and management concerns.

GEORGE JOYCE attended the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business Conference held in New Orleans on May 1-4. The theme of the conference was "Modern Values in Business and Management."

CHRISTINA MITCHELL authored an article, "Things Carl Rogers Never Told Me," which was published in the May 1979 issue of The Personnel Administrator.

DONALD W. WHISENHUNT gave a paper at the annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association in San Angelo on March 17. Also, he has an article on "Pledge to the State Flag" published in the April issue of the Texas Outlook.

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