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UT Tyler Piper Nominees Announced

W. Clayton Allen and C. Ray Gullett are the nominees from The University of Texas at Tyler for the Piper Professors Award presented annually by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation. The two were selected through a process which permitted input from the university community.

The Piper Foundation will honor 10 professors on a state-wide basis for outstanding academic, scientific and scholarly achievement, and for their dedication to the teaching profession.

Allen, associate professor of industrial education, joined the faculty in 1975 from Mississippi State University. The Longview native is a graduate of Pine Tree High School, Kilgore College and holds the B.S., M.S. and Ed.D. degrees from East Texas State University.

Gullett, a professor of business administration, is a native of Wills Point and is a graduate of Bryan Adams High School in Dallas. He holds the B.B.A. and M.B.A. degrees from North Texas State University and the Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. He has taught at East Texas State University, The University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock prior to accepting a position with this university in 1976.

Plaques will be presented to the two Piper Nominees. Previous nominees include Frank H. Smyrl in 1974 and 1975, Patricia A. Gajda in 1976, Vincent J. Falzone in 1977, James R. Stewart and Joanna Martin in 1978 and Marilyn Young and Joyce Ballard in 1979.

Who's Who Committee Appointed

Three graduate students and four members of the faculty have been appointed to the 1979-80 Who's Who Selection Committee for The University of Texas at Tyler. Tom G. Turns is to serve as chairman.

Faculty members include H. Donald Garrison, David C. Riddle and C. Murray Wade. The students, all who have earned undergraduate degrees at UT Tyler, include Gloria King Davis of Tyler, Janice Rene Ferrell of Tyler and Deborah Lynn Hogg of Overton.

The committee is to select nominees from a list of qualified UT Tyler students for membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

New Class Ring Designed

A new class ring has been designed for The University of Texas at Tyler. The design, which has received administrative approval, was submitted by a committee composed of Peyton Jones, Tom G. Turns and students Pat Paro and Dena Freeman.

A full color drawing by Star Engraving Co. is on display in the university bookstore.

Also, the official nursing pin will be the standard design used throughout the UT System. A sample pin may be seen in the bookstore.

Dates Set For Early Registration

Early registration for the spring semester at The University of Texas at Tyler will be held Dec. 4-6. Students may register between 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Early registration is open for new, current or former students of the university.

New students will begin the registration process in the office of admissions and records. All others will begin in their academic area.

in the Spotlight . . .

TERRY L. BUSSON participated in a workshop on teaching political science and public administration at the Southern Political Science meetings in Gatlinburg, Tenn. on Nov. 1-3. He has been appointed to serve as chairman of a sub-committee on films and audio-visual aids for the Task Force on Secondary Teaching Materials. This is a two-year project that will result in the development of materials, including course syllabi and workbooks for use by members of the Southern Political Science Association for their classes.

WILLIAM R. FISK attended the annual conference on the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in Dallas Nov. 8-10.

DON GARRISON gave presentations at a seminar for officers and advisors of the Vocational Opportunities Club of Texas at Crowley. Theme of the meeting was interfacing academic, vocational and professional training.

TOMMY GILBREATH gave a presentation in October to the Drafting Club at Chapel Hill High School. He talked on careers in industrial technology and industrial teaching.

WAYNE GOFF was selected as a reviewer of papers and abstracts within the Production/Operations Management track for the 1979 American Institute of Decision Sciences National meeting held on Nov. 18-21 in New Orleans.

VIVIAN A. HICKS presented a program entitled "Pre-school Settings in Scandanavia" at the annual meeting of the Texas Elementary Kindergarten Nursery Educators in San Antonio on Oct. 5 and spoke to the East Texas Council for Exceptional Children on "What About the Borderline Children?" in Henderson on Oct. 15.

JULIANNE HUBBLE attended the Texas Conference on Teacher Education in Austin Oct. 28-31 and attended the annual meeting of the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in Dallas Nov. 8-10.

STEPHEN W. MCDANIEL recently presented a paper entitled "The Effects of Anonymity on Mailed Questionnaire Response Quality" at the Southern Marketing Association meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

CHRISTINA MITCHELL gave a presentation on "Listening Skills and the Cosmetologist" on Nov. 19 at Richard and Joseph's Artistic School of Hair Design. This was a part of a six-week series of lectures sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Tyler.

PAULA SLAUGHTER presented a paper on "Giftedness . . . All in the Family" at the Texas Association for Gifted meeting in Corpus Christi on Nov. 3.

EVELYN SOWELL attended the National Symposium for Professionals in Evaluation and Research at Albuquerque, N.M. Oct. 29-31.

JOHN SPURGIN was a guest on KTBB's Perspective 6 program on Nov. 18 and on the Joan Hallmark's 5 o'clock show on Nov. 23 to discuss the Iranian crisis.

JAMES H. STEWART, JR. has been selected to receive the masonic honorary rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. The announcement was made at the conclusion of the Oct. 15, 1979 biennial meeting of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masonry in Washington, D.C.

ANDREW S. SZARKA appeared as a guest on the Joan Hallmark Show on KLTV on Oct. 31 to discuss witches and witchcraft.

W. CLAYTON ALLEN and W. A. MAYFIELD attended the fall meeting of the Texas Council of Industrial Arts Teacher Educators in Austin on Oct. 22. Allen was elected to represent the group on the Board of the Texas Industrial Arts Association. He also represented UT Tyler at a meeting in Longview of the East Texas Vocational Directors and Supervisors on Nov. 5 and participated in an Area IX Ninth Annual Leadership Conference at Corsicana High School.

JAMES SELLERS and MILTON JONES attended the fifth annual Accounting Educator's Conference on Nov. 2 in Dallas. The conference is sponsored by the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants in conjunction with the various universities in Texas.

DEFINITION: *A STUDENT*

- is the most important person in our business.
- is not dependent on us--we are dependent on him.
- is not an interruption of our work--he is our work.
- does us a favor with his request--we must not show patronage in our response.
- is our business--not an interloper.
- is a flesh and blood human with feelings and emotions like our own--not just a number or a name.
- is a person who brings to us his needs and his future--and the task of our successfully serving both.
- is not in attendance to be impressed with our genius--of which he gets none.
- is deserving of our best--our attention, our knowledge, our abilities, our gentleness and our firmness.
- is the lifeblood of this and of every other educational institution.
- is my responsibility--and I accept same.

—from ACTIVE News

McDonald Observatory Major Research Center In Astronomy

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

UT AUSTIN MCDONALD OBSERVATORY—The University of Texas at Austin's McDonald Observatory is one of the world's major centers for research in astronomy. It is situated high in the Davis Mountains of West Texas on Mt. Locke, in an isolated semi-desert area where the night skies are clear. A companion facility, the Radio Astronomy Observatory, is located about 40 miles south of McDonald near Marfa.

In 1926, Texas banker W. J. McDonald left his fortune to The University of Texas to aid in establishing an astronomical observatory. The observatory was built by and initially operated jointly with the University of Chicago. Its first large telescope, the 82-inch reflector, was dedicated in 1939.

Today, The University of Texas at Austin has sole responsibility for McDonald Observatory, which has grown to include a 36-inch reflector (1956), a 16-foot millimeter-wave reflector (1969), a 30-inch reflector (1970), and a 107-inch reflector (1969). The 107-inch and 82-inch instruments are among the world's larger telescopes.

Astronomers at McDonald conduct studies in dozens of research areas. Major solar system projects, with important practical applications to earthquake prediction and space development, include lunar laser ranging and analysis of atmospheres of other planets. Stellar research at McDonald continues to unravel the chemical and isotopic compositions of stars, their processes of birth, patterns of evolution and manner of dying. Remote galaxies of stars beyond our own also are being classified, measured and interpreted. In addition, astronomers at McDonald have discovered and analyzed a number of quasars, the most powerful energy sources in the universe.

Group Health Insurance Up For Bids

The University of Texas System will be extending an invitation to all authorized carriers to bid on the UT group health insurance to be effective Sept. 1, 1980. The coverage with Aetna (term life, cash value life, long term disability and accidental death and dismemberment) will not be rebid at this time.

Various items under consideration include adding a dental care program, which would include preventative care, dental surgery and root canal coverage, including a plan with \$500 deductible to provide a low cost option; and increasing the lifetime maximum benefit (currently \$250,000).

Written comments or suggestions may be submitted to the Office of Personnel Services regarding the proposed items above. Comments should be in no later than Dec. 7.

Agenda Items Prepared For Board

Several items relating to The University of Texas at Tyler have been sent to Chancellor E. D. Walker for consideration on the docket for the Dec. 6-7 meeting of the UT Board of Regents. The meeting is scheduled to be held in Austin.

Docket items include gifts to UT Tyler, a small class report, business contract items, contracts and grants for research, development and educational services, and recommended amendments to the 1979-80 operating budget.

Insurance Payments Delayed

There have been considerable delays in payment of claims filed by employees of The University of Texas at Tyler against Blue Cross due to Blue Cross data processing changeovers and errors made in setting up coverage as of Sept. 1.

Any employee who receives a claim rejected by Blue Cross in error should contact the office of personnel services for assistance. Employees should not call Blue Cross in Dallas or the Tyler office.

Sellers Elected UT Tyler Representative

James Sellers has been elected to be the representative of The University of Texas at Tyler to the Advisory Committee for the Coordinating Board for the higher education insurance program. Election results were sent to President James H. Stewart, Jr. by the Nominating and Election Committee. The president is to certify the results with executive secretary of the Administrative Council to the Coordinating Board.

Others receiving votes include Sally Romano, Donald Blevins, John R. Sawyer and Robert McClure. Members of the Nominating and Election Committee were Robert McClure, W. Peyton Jones and Ann Pinkley.

Department Sponsors Meeting On Campus

The Industrial Education Department of The University of Texas at Tyler sponsored the East Texas Industrial Association meeting on the UT Tyler campus on Nov. 12.

Donald W. Whisenhunt welcomed the group and Stewart H. McLaurin, president of Kilgore College, gave the presentation entitled "The Role of Community and Junior Colleges in the Preparation of Industrial Education Teachers."

Employees, Program Recognized

To All Personnel,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your support of the 1979 United Way Campaign through The University of Texas at Tyler. It is most encouraging to note that a majority of you participated in the campaign and that you set a new gift record of \$2,167.70 for our organization.

I am also appreciative for the institution-wide leadership provided by campaign chairpersons, Mrs. Ann Pinkley, Dr. Michael I. Victor and Mr. J. Archie Whitfield, as well as the excellent leadership provided by the several campaign coordinators from various departments throughout the campus.

Most of you likely have noticed from media coverage that the 1979 United Way of Greater Tyler campaign exceeded its \$640,000 goal recently with pledges and gifts reaching \$655,000. You can take pride in this accomplishment because, through your support, you have had a significant role in this successful effort.

Cordially yours,

James H. Stewart, Jr.

The following letter relative to our Nov. 11, 1979 Recognition Program and Open House was received from Mrs. Jane L. Roddy.

Dear Dr. Stewart,

I know that lots of people and lots of work were involved in making last Sunday afternoon's program possible. Please convey my appreciation to everyone for a perfect product. What a terrific group of people!

Sincerely,

Jane

Hundreds Attend Open House

Several hundred visitors were on The University of Texas at Tyler campus on Nov. 11 to attend an open house and a recognition program for two science laboratories.

The special recognition program was held for the Dr. William Zuckerman Laboratory and the Dr. Walter Carl Roddy Laboratory. Presiding during the ceremony was James H. Stewart, Jr. Other program participants include Donald W. Whisenhunt and L. Lynn Sherrod.

Members of the Zuckerman and Roddy families present were recognized.

Following the formal program, the campus was open for two hours for an open house. Featured during this time were the Phase II facilities—the Business Administration Building, the Sciences and Mathematics Building and the greenhouse.

UT Tyler Receives Beautification Award

The University of Texas at Tyler has been selected to receive an Award of Recognition by the Tyler Men's Garden Club. To encourage the beautification by landscaping, the club each year selects two businesses or institutions that have been beautified by the planting of flowers and shrubs to receive an award.

Presentation of the award will be at a Dec. 11 dinner at Marvin United Methodist Church. Representing UT Tyler at the event will be John R. Sawyer, L. J. Grubbs and Roy Moore.

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