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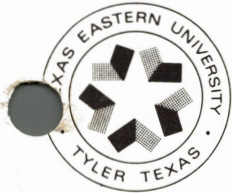
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 3, 1977

To: Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University
From: James H. Stewart, Jr.
Subject: Administrative Notes

I. Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program

Funding from the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program, the primary student financial aid program of the federal government, for the current academic year totals \$83,552 and is assisting 105 students at Texas Eastern University. This amount represents an increase of \$72,894 over our 1975-76 BEOG expenditures when 18 students were assisted through the program. Since the basic grant program insures that any student determined eligible by federal guidelines will be guaranteed funds, it is possible that it will be necessary to request additional authorization after expending the current amount of \$83,552.

II. Spring Semester 1977 Registration

The time is rapidly approaching for a new semester to begin. Registration for the Spring Semester 1977 will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday, January 17 and 18, 1977. Hours for registration on both these dates are 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Although classes begin Wednesday, January 19, 1977, registration will remain open for late registrants for one week through Wednesday, January 26, 1977. Our pre-registration program, conducted for the first time during the period of November 29, 1976 through December 3, 1976, proved to be highly satisfactory and beneficial for students with 779 students completing the pre-registration process. Included in this number were approximately 150 new students, many of whom are transferring from area community/junior colleges. Although it is difficult to predict enrollment, the staff is optimistic about the prospects for maintaining and perhaps exceeding the Fall Semester 1976 registration figure of 1506.

III. Grass Fire in Campus Area

Late Thursday afternoon, December 30, 1976, a grass fire was started (reportedly by children) on the KTBB Radio property north of the university campus. The fire was started at almost the precise time that a strong north wind occurred and the fire reached the north edge of the Texas Eastern University campus before firemen could bring it under control. It is likely that a few small trees on the KTBB/TEU property line will be lost; but because the wind moved the fire through the area so quickly, we do not think that the more mature trees were damaged. Although a large portion of the radio property acreage was burned, it is estimated that only six or eight acres of university property were touched by the fire. Grass fires plagued the city of Tyler on this date with the city fire department answering seventeen grass fire alarms.

IV. Change in January 11, 1977 Austin Trip Plans

Following receipt of information from Senator Peyton McKnight and through consultation with Chairman Robert G. Schleier and Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce officials, it has been determined that a portion of the January 11, 1977 Austin trip should be altered. Plans are now being considered by the chamber to conduct an activity later in the 65th Legislative Session (possibly in February) during which attention will be focused on the Tyler area. Perhaps we will have further information on this matter at the January board meeting. Although we will not host the East Texas legislators for lunch on the opening day of the 65th Session of the Texas Legislature as has been done in the past, plans remain intact for several members of the board to travel to Austin for the opening day of the session. Departure from Tyler's Pounds Field for this trip will be at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 1977.

V. Reports from Resident Engineer

Attached are reports from our director of physical plant and resident engineer for the weeks ending December 24 and 31, 1976.

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Attachments