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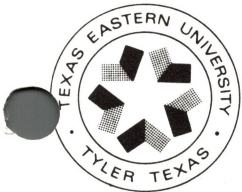
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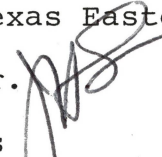


## TEXAS EASTERN UNIVERSITY

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 14, 1977

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

I. Hearing Before Higher Education Appropriative Subcommittee\*

There were no surprises in our appropriations hearing last Wednesday, February 9, 1977 before the Higher Education Appropriative Subcommittee. Although the committee received our testimony attentively and indicated that our case was well prepared and presented, the committee definitely conveyed the attitude of need for fiscal restraint, a matter about which, of course, we have all been conscious for several months. This same attitude was also revealed during four other university hearings which I heard immediately prior to ours. There is an especially negative view regarding construction of new facilities. During the hearing Representative Don Rains of San Marcos was especially emphatic in expressing dismay about Texas Eastern's need for facilities in a period when enrollments are declining or stabilizing in some cases. Since the thinking of legislators is adjusted to this phenomenon, it is somewhat difficult for them to readily adjust their thinking to the fact that there are some areas where growth and development is taking place and, of course, will continue. The legislature is working with the impression that overall there is an indication more space exists on Texas college and university campuses than is asked to meet our higher education needs. A basic problem relative to this fact, however, is that much of the space is found on campuses to which students are not being attracted. Therefore, the legislative decision-making dilemma centers around the prospect of being required to provide more facilities on campuses where growth is taking place (such as ours) and as a result, being perhaps faced with empty buildings on other campuses.

\*Material enclosed relating to appropriations hearings

Again, this was no surprise but a signal that we must all redouble our efforts in working with our East Texas legislative delegation and other legislative leaders pursuant to Texas Eastern's needs for the next biennium. Moreover, it seems to me, in addition to personal efforts by the Board of Regents and the administration in working with state officials, encouragement from us in seeking to enlist the support of the East Texas business and professional community to assist in our appropriations goals is very important. We have been reasonably successful in the past in achieving desired goals and I am confident that our labors together will once again bring success for our organization. The trip planned to Austin on February 23, 1977 will afford an excellent opportunity for us, along with business and professional leaders who plan to make this trip, to communicate with state officials about TEU needs.

Members of the Higher Education Appropriative Subcommittee include:

Representative Don Rains of San Marcos, Vice Chairman  
Representative Dave Allred of Wichita Falls  
Representative W. N. "Billy" Hall, Jr. of Laredo  
Representative John Hoestenbach of Odessa  
Representative Lyndon Olson, Jr. of Waco

## II. Austin Reception for State Officials

The Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce has provided additional information about next week's travel plans to Austin for the purpose of hosting a reception honoring members of the Texas legislature. Those making the trip should be at Tyler's Pounds Field at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 23, 1977. This departure time will permit the group to arrive in Austin in order to have several hours prior to the reception during which visits can be conducted with legislators and other officials. As I mentioned last week, the reception will be conducted between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Driskill Hotel. For the return trip the plane will leave Austin at 9:30 p.m. with an estimated time for arriving back at Pounds Field by 10:15 p.m. I wish to remind you that the chamber has requested responses as early as possible from those planning to make the Austin trip. Therefore, I will appreciate your returning the card which was sent with last week's Administrative Notes in order for me to insure space for our group.

## III. State Auditors on Campus

Two staff members from the State Auditor's Office arrived on campus last Tuesday, February 8, 1977 to begin Texas Eastern University's annual audit. As is normal, the

auditors expect to be working on our audit for approximately a two-month period.

IV Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from our director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending February 11, 1977.

V. Expenditures for Period Ending January 31, 1977

Attached is a copy of the expenditures for Texas Eastern University for the period ending January 31, 1977 for your information and files.

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Enclosure and Attachments