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Administrative Notes, March 21st, 1977

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To: Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University

From: James H. Stewart, Jr.

Subject: Administrative Notes

I. House Appropriations Committee Hearing

As communicated to each of you last Friday, our final budget hearing is scheduled for tonight at 6:30 in the State Capitol Building (old Criminal Appeals Courtroom on the third floor). Through work with Representative Bill Clark who serves as vice chairman of the Higher Education Committee and other members, we were successful in having funding for the library facility placed in the Higher Education Committee recommendation. Favorable action by the Higher Education Committee on this item was taken at the end of last week. Construction continues to be a highly sensitive matter and, of course, must be approved by the Appropriations Committee in order to be acted on by the full House. The Higher Education Committee did not give any consideration to providing the additional requested funding necessary in the operating portion of our budget. Therefore, this, along with supporting the necessity of retaining funding for our library building as recommended by the Higher Education Committee, will be the primary concerns as we appear before the House Appropriations Committee tonight.

II. Tuition Coordination Legislation

The 65th Texas Legislature has passed and the Governor has signed into law a bill regarding tuition coordination which affects all state institutions as well as public community/junior colleges. Essentially, the legislation provides that students enrolled concurrently in more than one institution will be required to pay minimum tuition only once. I have discussed legislation of this nature since becoming associated with upper level
education and was pleased to serve as chairman of the advisory committee that developed the proposed legislation which has now been finally approved. The new law should be especially helpful pursuant to the relationship between lower and upper division institutions throughout the state.

III. Patriot Avenue Paving Project

You will be interested in knowing that surfacing work (oiling) on Patriot Avenue was begun last week. Although we are aware that more time is often required than appears necessary after this stage of work is initiated, we are hopeful that the contractor handling this work for the City of Tyler will move rapidly toward completion of the Patriot Avenue project.

IV. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending March 18, 1977.

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Dictated but not read

Attachment
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT
H & P E
Project No. 6
Week Ending: March 18, 1977

GENERAL: Good progress continues to be made. Masonry work is in progress on all four sides of the building. Brick work is near complete on the south side and is approximately 30 percent complete on the east side. The plumbing contractor was involved the entire week installing duct work, domestic water lines, hot and chilled water pipes, etc. The electrical contractor was also on the job installing the primary electrical conduit and roughing-in electrical boxes and lines. It is anticipated that duct work at the second floor level will begin in approximately one week.

SITE WORK: This activity has accelerated with work on the 24 inch reinforced concrete storm drain pipe located south of the building well underway. Additional fill dirt has been placed in the tennis court area to bring the subsurface to the specified level.

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Director of Physical Plant
and Resident Engineer

cc: Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr./
Mr. John R. Sawyer