Administrative Notes, April 18th, 1977

University of Texas at Tyler

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

I. Texas Eastern University Editorial

It is with pleasure that I share with you an editorial recently published in the Tyler Morning Telegraph relative to efforts which we are making to assist in educational opportunities pursuant to the private enterprise system. Since I have mentioned this program previously, you are aware that it has been in the planning stages for several months. The program relates very closely to concerns that have been with education and society for a long time, and I feel that it has considerable potential for providing better understanding about the economic system of our country. One of our Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. Directors, Keating V. Zeppa, is a director of the Texas Bureau for Economic Understanding and it was through him that Dr. Donald M. Anthony and I initiated our efforts which finally resulted in the "American Economy Institute" being approved by the bureau for TEU. In addition to Mr. Zeppa's involvement with TBEU, I am aware that several members of the Board of Regents are also interested in this excellent organization which has private enterprise education as its basic goal. I am confident that the institute, which fits the curriculum of our economics and finance department very well, will serve to enhance the educational objectives of Texas Eastern University.

II. Professional Consultation by University Personnel

A copy of the form utilized in connection with administrative approval of consultation for Texas Eastern University personnel is attached. As I have mentioned to the board, our philosophy regarding consultation is conservative and consciously recognizes that the fundamental commitment of
each organizational employee is to Texas Eastern University through whatever contractual obligations the individual agrees to for a given period. Nevertheless, it is also recognized that consultation is sometimes beneficial, not only to the employee and those for whom he consults, but also for Texas Eastern University. In fact, it is my opinion that this is true in one hundred percent of the cases. You will note that the consultation request form provides basic information helpful in the decision-making process. Particularly, it should be noted that the questions of avoiding neglect of university duties and use of university (state) materials is emphasized.

III. University Honors Day

As I announced at last week's board meeting, a university Honors Day program is being planned for Tuesday, May 3, 1977 from 10:25 to 11:20 a.m. Certainly, it would be a privilege to have members of the board attend this activity and I trust that you will mark your calendars as a reminder. The meeting will be conducted in the first floor area of the University Center and will serve to recognize students who have achieved distinction in various university programs. It is my hope that the Honors Day program will become an annual event on the university calendar.

IV. Philosophy from Regent H. J. McKenzie

During dinner following the April 13, 1977 Board of Regents meeting, Regent H. J. McKenzie shared the following with those present and suggested that I might pass it on to others:

"Life is like a great grindstone. Whether it grinds down or polishes up depends what or who it is working on. Your failure will not be from pressures without, but weakness from within."

V. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending April 15, 1977.

VI. Expenditures for Period Ending March 31, 1977

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

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Attachments