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Starbird Featured In Opera Productions

A presentation of "Starbird" will highlight four events by the Texas Opera Theater scheduled on The University of Texas at Tyler campus Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 17-18. All events are free and open to the public.

The following events are scheduled:

Monday, Nov. 17

2:00 p.m. SHAKESPEARE SINGS
See how composers interpreted the same scenes and characters when they wrote operas based on the bard's plays.

Room 134, University Center

7:00 p.m. STARBIRD
A one-act opera by Henry Mollicone, this musical fable follows three animals from Central Park to outer space and back again. Starbird is a 45-minute musical experience for the entire family.

Room 122, Health & Physical Education Building

Tuesday, Nov. 18

2:00 p.m. MAKEUP DEMONSTRATION
Participants from the audience will be transformed into lions, lasses and lecherous old men as stage make-up problems are discussed and then solved.

Room 127, Administration Building

7:00 p.m. TUESDAY EVENING DOUBLE HEADER
The evening will begin with a fast-paced informative skit entitled "Opera from Baroque to Broadway", including musical examples from more than 15 operas. Afterwards The Texas Opera Theater troupe will conduct a workshop, "Auditions and Career Awareness", which will bring

handy audition tips for the aspiring performer. Points discussed will include selection of audition materials, dress, presence and presentation. Other discussion topics include apprenticeships, agents and the unions.

Room 122, Health & Physical Education Building

Publications Seminar Set

A Publications Seminar in journalism and photography will be presented by The University of Texas at Tyler for junior college students on Monday, Nov. 24. Featured speaker will be Joe Murray, publisher of the Lufkin News and a Pulitzer Prize winner.

Visiting students will register from 9 - 10:15 a.m. in the second floor foyer of the HPR Building. Sessions in careers in journalism and careers in photography will be taught by James T. Holman and Kenneth R. Casstevens, respectively. Holman is executive editor of the Palestine Herald Press.

The two career sessions will be run concurrently from 10:20 - 11:15 a.m. Following lunch, visitors will meet at 1 p.m. to hear Murray.

Early Registration Dates Set

An advisement/early registration week is scheduled for Dec. 1-4 for new and returning students at The University of Texas at Tyler.

Students may register for the spring semester from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Dec. 1 and 2 and from 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 4.

All students participating are to meet with an academic advisor to select courses and have the registration form initialed. Students will not be considered registered unless tuition and fees are paid during the scheduled dates of early registration.

Long-Range Plan Proposed

A Dec. 4 meeting of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and Universtiy System will be held at the Houston Intercontinental Airport to discuss a draft of a proposed long-range plan for Texas higher education. A draft of the long-range plan was presented to the board at its Oct. 24 meeting in Austin.

A copy of the draft plan has been placed on reserve in the UT Tyler library.

The draft of the proposed long-range plan includes 17 recommendations to the legislature, four to all colleges and universities, seven to senior colleges and universities, four to community/junior colleges and lists 27 priorities for the Coordinating Board.

Among proposed recommendations to the legislature are: If adequate funding for higher education is not available, the legislature should avoid across-the-board dilution of quality and consider options for cutbacks in some specific areas, such as: to reduce or eliminate support for off-campus and out-of-district courses, to eliminate some or all of the seven branch campuses and centers now supported directly by the state, to combine colleges and universities in close geographic proximity, to require institutions to reduce administrative units and positions to follow the pattern set by some institutions, and to require community junior college districts to bear a larger portion of the educational and administrative costs; proposals should be rejected to increase the bonding capacity of the Permanent Universtiy Fund; include all UT and A&M System components in the Permanent University Fund; continue to deny any requests to authorize an existing upper-level institution to convert to a four-year institution and any proposals to combine a community junior college with an upper-lever institution, center or branch to establish a four-year institution.

Further consideration and possible final adoption of a long-range plan for Texas higher education is now scheduled for the January 29-30, 1981 meeting of the Coordinating Board in Austin.

PRESIDENT'S HOUR SET FOR FRIDAY

A President's Hour will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, in ADM 127. Subjects to be covered at the meeting include junion college enrollment data, promotion and tenure and, possibly, the appropriations request.

United Way Count At \$2,124.50

University of Texas at Tyler employees have pledged more than \$2,000 to the 1980 United Way campaign, going above the \$2,000 level for the third time in the eight years of participation. Employees this year have given \$2,124.50, the second best year in the history of the campaign.

The campaign record of \$2,167.70 was established in 1979.

Of the 241 cards distributed to employees, 193 were returned with 118 of the employees supporting the campaign through gifts or pledges.

Any individual still holding a card may return it through Friday to the Public Information Office. A final report will be given to the Tyler United Way office and to the UT System.

Social Security Changes Due

The Department of Health and Human Services has announced that the maximum amount of annual earnings subject to Social Security contributions will be automatically increased from \$25,900 to \$29,700 effective January 1, 1981. The present tax rate of 6.13 percent will increase to 6.65 percent for the employee, and 6.65 percent for the employer.

Of the 6.65 employee share, the state is paying 5.85 percent on the first \$16,500 annually.

Also, in addition to the Social Security increase, the payroll deduction on term life insurance will increase effective January 1, based on current salary and age of the employee.

Thanksgiving Holiday Set

Classes at The University of Texas at Tyler will be dismissed at 10 p.m. on Nov. 25 for the Thanksgiving holidays. All offices will be closed Nov. 26-28 and classes will resume at 8 a.m. on Dec. 1.

The library will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 26-27, but will be open for regular hours on Friday and during the weekend.

in the Spotlight....

W. CLAYTON ALLEN gave a presentation on Oct. 22 to the Industrial Arts Club at Chapel Hill High School. Also, he was elected president of the Architects chapter of the Ark-La-Tex of the American Society of Training and Development for 1980-81. He was vice president of the club last year.

ROBERT H. CRANFORD served on the Visiting Committee for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for the Tyler Independent School District. He participated in the evaluation of the mathematics programs at John Tyler and Robert E. Lee high schools.

ROBERT GEFNER made a presentation on "Role Conflicts Today Among Women and Men" at a meeting on Oct. 30 for the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center in Tyler.

JANICE GLASCOCK served as a member of the Visiting Committee for Foreign Languages of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools during the accreditation review held at John Tyler and Robert E. Lee high schools on Oct. 27-28.

DON W. KILLEBREW presented a seminar entitled "What Makes Biology a Science" for approximately 300 students at Kilgore College on Oct. 28. He also discussed the features of evolution with students at Grace Community Fellowship in Tyler on Oct. 24.

MELANIE KLEIN appeared as a guest on Joan Hallmark's 5 p.m. program on KLTV on Oct. 30.

W. A. MAYFIELD conducted a curriculum workshop in Austin Oct. 31 for the 18 regional representatives who will lead workshops in their respective regions of the state on new industrial arts curriculum. He also presented a paper at the annual Texas Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development meeting in Houston Nov. 5 on "The Industrial Arts Curriculum for the 80s."

WILLIAM STEPHENS was one of four researchers quoted in "Gifts Differing" published by Consulting Psychologists Press of Palo Alto, Calif., 1980.

DONALD W. WHISENHUNT wrote two book reviews which appeared in the Oct. 20 issue of the Pittsburgh Press. He reviewed "The Worldly Economists" and "The Challenge of Peace".

Checks Available On Nov. 25

November pay warrants for employees of The University of Texas at Tyler will be distributed to the departments after 2 p.m. on Nov. 25. As required by statute, the state warrants will be dated Nov. 30.

The UT Tyler comptroller's office has been assured by the State Treasurer that warrants will be honored when properly presented for payment on or after Nov. 26. If anyone experiences difficulty getting a bank to accept the warrant on the 26th, they should have the bank contact the state treasury.

Employees may possibly have difficulty prior to Nov. 30 if they try to cash their state warrant at a place other than a bank.

November payroll checks written from the university's local depository bank will be dated Nov. 26.

Students Named To Committees

Seven students have been appointed to serve on university committees for the 1980-81 academic year at The University of Texas at Tyler. Appointments were made by President James H. Stewart, Jr.

Students serving on the Special Events Committee include James Walter Brewster, Jr. and Joy Kindred of Tyler, and Darlene Johnson and Kathleen Murphy of Bullard.

Mark Tyler of Tyler is representing the student body on the Registration Committee, Rickey Joe Roberts of Gilmer is serving as a member of the Scholarship Committee and Sheila Root of Houston is serving on the Convocations and Commencement Committee.

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