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# President Hamm To Speak At August 24 Meeting

The 1981-82 academic year opens August 24 for The University of Texas at Tyler with a series of meetings for faculty and staff. A highlight of the opening day will be the first meeting of President George F. Hamm with all university employees.

Hamm will speak at a 9 a.m. assembly of all employees in the University Center. Others participating on the program will be John R. Sawyer and Donald W. Whisenhunt.

Prior to the opening session, coffee and donuts will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m.

A general faculty meeting is scheduled at 10:15 a.m. and in the afternoon school and departmental meetings will be held.

Registration for the fall semester will be from 1-7 p.m. on August 25 with classes to begin on August 26.

Late registration begins August 26 and continues each weekday through Sept. 8 except for Sept. 7 when offices will be closed for an official holiday.

## EARLY REGISTRATION TOTAL AT 735

Early registration Monday and Tuesday resulted in 735 students completing the enrollment process for the fall semester at The University of Texas at Tyler.

The total includes 249 new students who attended an orientation session and enrolled on Monday and 486 returning students who participated in early registration on Tuesday.

# New Dental Plan Among Insurance Proposals

Health insurance rates for employees in The University of Texas System will cost from 4.1 percent to 28.8 percent more for coverage in 1981-82 under the rate schedule to be submitted to the UT System board of regents for their consideration Friday in Austin.

The dollar increase ranges from \$1.14 for an individual employee under plan 4 UT to \$37.86 for a family under plan 1 UT.

The increase for all levels of coverage under 1 UT is 28.8 percent, for 2 UT is 22.4 percent and for 4 UT is 4.1 percent. The 3 UT plan ranges from 10.4 percent increase for employee and spouse to 14.1 for employee and child coverage.

In addition to the four plans of health insurance with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, a new dental insurance plan is being initiated with Aetna Life and Casualty. The coverage will cost \$6.11 a month for employees, \$11.46 for employee and spouse, \$15.24 for employee and children, and \$20.59 for full family coverage.

Dental coverage will be required for all employees who are covered by health insurance if the board approves the plan. Spouse, children or family plans are optional.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield submitted the low bid on the health policy and Aetna is the low bidder on the dental coverage.

The 67th Texas Legislature approved an increase from \$40 to \$48 a month for state contributions to group insurance coverage.

All insurance enrollment forms should be returned to the office of personnel services by Sept. 4.

## Two Faculty Members Promoted

Promotions for two members of The University of Texas at Tyler faculty are included in the 1981-82 budget for the university. Thomas A. Keagy and W. Allen Martin each were promoted from assistant professor to associate professor.

Keagy, who served as president of the UT Tyler Faculty Senate during the past academic year, joined the faculty in 1978 and has six years teaching experience at the university level.

Martin, who also has taught for six years, joined the UT Tyler faculty in 1977.

No additions to the tenure ranks were submitted for the 1981-82 budget.

## *Two Join Liberal Arts Faculty*

Lawton E. Bennett and Jeanie R. Stanley will be joining the faculty in the School of Liberal Arts at the beginning of the fall semester. Bennett is moving to Tyler from Texarkana where he has taught since 1976 at East Texas State University - Texarkana. Stanley is being employed as a full-time faculty member after serving the past year as a part-time instructor.

Bennett, who will be an associate professor of political science, has also taught at Ft. Brass-Pope Air Force Base Campus of Fayetteville State University and North Carolina State University. He holds the Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina and the M.A. and B.A. degrees from the University of Oregon.

Stanley has previously taught at Kilgore College. She holds the B.A. and M.A. degrees and is completing work on a Ph.D., all at The University of Texas at Austin.

# ***Zone Changes Approved***

Construction on an apartment complex, townhouses and single family residential houses could start as early as January 1982 on the 65-acre tract located next to The University of Texas at Tyler campus.

The property, owned by Smith County Broadcasting and Blackstone Broadcasting, received zone-change approval by the Tyler City Council on August 7. The 65 acres are bordered by the Old Omen Road, McDonald Road and Patriot Drive.

Approximately 14.8 acres next to the UT Tyler campus were zoned for apartments with 223 units to be built. Thirty acres (220 lots) received townhouse zoning approval with the remaining 47 lots—all fronting three streets—for one family residential use.

The property owners will now proceed with locating a developer for the total project. The towers of KTBB radio will also be relocated during the next few months to clear the property for development.

While the Council voted to rezone tracts for townhouses and apartments, it rejected an application for six acres of the property to be used for commercial development.

Student housing for UT Tyler was cited as a major objective of the apartment complex. The apartments and commercial changes were strongly opposed by residents in the neighborhood.

## **Budget Due Board Consideration Friday**

The 1981-82 budget for The University of Texas at Tyler will be among items considered by the board of regents of The University of Texas System when it meets Thursday and Friday in Austin.

In agenda items relating to all system components, the board will consider a request to approve transfer of funds between legislative appropriations items during the 1982-83 biennium, and a health and dental insurance program.

Docket items submitted for board consideration include contracts and amendments to the 1980-81 operating budget.

# **BUSINESS FACULTY ADDS TWO**

The School of Business Administration will have two new faculty members for the 1981-82 academic year. They are Patricia Watson Coplan and Tim DeShong Kane.

Coplan will be an assistant professor in the department of accounting. She holds the B.S.B.A. degree from Henderson State University and is to receive the juris doctorate degree in law from the University of Arkansas this month. She is a certified public accountant.

Kane attended Kilgore College and holds the B.S. degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics from The University of Texas at Austin.

Kane joins the faculty as an associate professor of business administration. He has taught at Midwestern State University since 1972. He has also taught at Fort Hays Kansas State College and Southwest Texas State University.

## **Summer Enrollment Shows Increase**

Combined enrollment for the two summer sessions at The University of Texas at Tyler totals 1,301. This is an increase of 37 students over the 1,264 who enrolled in 1980.

Semester credit hour production for the 1981 summer terms was 8,645, off from the 8,730 generated in 1980.

By school, the 1980 SCH production shows Education and Psychology with 3,712, Liberal Arts with 2,456, Business Administration with 1,560 and Sciences and Mathematics with 917.

All schools except Education and Psychology had a higher total in undergraduate classes than graduate. Education and Psychology had 3,159 hours at the graduate level and 1,553 at the undergraduate level.

# Summer Graduates Recognized

The University of Texas at Tyler recognized its summer degree candidates at a commencement on August 7. Ernest T. Smerdon, vice chancellor for academic affairs of The University of Texas System was the commencement speaker.

Smerdon spoke on knowledge and challenged the graduates to continue to learn, to live up to responsibilities and to use their knowledge.

"You graduates must assume a new responsibility. You become an additional resource for this young university. You now have the opportunity, indeed the responsibility, to help your university and those students who follow you. I am sure that president-elect Hamm will welcome your support and help as he assumes his responsibilities," he said.

The commencement, held in the University Center, was attended by approximately 750.

## *Reception Set For New President*

A reception for Dr. and Mrs. George F. Hamm will be held from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, August 23, at Willow Brook Country Club with all faculty and professional staff and their spouses invited to attend.

This social event is replacing the traditional back-to-school dinner held each year for faculty and professional staff.

The reception is a come-and-go affair.

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