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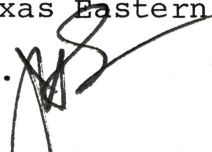


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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 8, 1977

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

I. Arrest of Edwards Murderer

Articles from the August 6 and 7, 1977 (Saturday and Sunday) morning editions of the Tyler newspaper are enclosed for your information. These articles deal with the matter of the arrest of an individual in the June 9, 1977 murder of Linda Jo Edwards, a former Texas Eastern University employee. Although the newspaper articles outline the circumstances existent at this time, I might add that the Tyler Police Department informed me of the situation leading up to the arrest of Kerry Max Cook of Jacksonville as it was developing last week. Actually, their information to me came simultaneously with police efforts to obtain a murder warrant and locate the accused for arrest. From my information, it appears that the murder victim was not acquainted with Cook but was the victim of circumstances totally unrelated to her prior life in any direct manner. I am unaware of whether Cook had observed her for a period of time during which he planned the murder or whether the murder was the result of spontaneous action on his part. This sort of information, if presently known, I am sure will be reserved by the police and district attorney for Cook's trial. Needless to state, the entire university community is relieved to have the Edwards' murder solved. I might add that, in my opinion, the Tyler Police Department performed their work in this case in an outstanding manner. It was solved through the tenacious investigative efforts of Police Chief Ronnie Malloch and his detective staff. As a matter of interest, Captain Bob Bond who is pictured on the August 6, 1977 article of the Tyler Morning Telegraph holds a bachelors degree in criminal justice from Texas Eastern University.

II. Apartment Developments in University Area and Annexation of Property East of the Campus

Two apartment developments were given final approval by the City of Tyler Plan Commission at a meeting last Thursday,

August 4, 1977. These developments are very close to the campus and will provide housing accommodations from which Texas Eastern will benefit considerably. One development, University Terrace, is located directly across University Boulevard (Spur 248) from our athletic and recreation fields. This is a prime location from the standpoint of proximity to the campus. The other development, University Park, is located a short distance east of the intersection at McDonald Road and Old Omen Road (the intersection located at the northeast corner of the radio property). Both of these developments should be underway very soon and, therefore, help in alleviating university housing problems later during the 1977-78 academic year.

In action the following day, Friday, August 5, 1977, the City Council annexed 291 acres of land in an area east of the campus. A newspaper story from the Friday afternoon edition of the Tyler Courier Times pursuant to this action by the council is enclosed for your information.

III. University Boulevard (Spur 248) Construction Work

Texas Department of Highways and Transportation and City of Tyler work on University Boulevard is rapidly being completed. Final surfacing work was completed today, and it appears that within a matter of a very few days all work connected with the project will be finalized.

IV. Reports from Resident Engineer

Attached are reports from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending August 5, 1977.

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Enclosures and Attachment