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# Rackley Assumes Duties As VPBA

James W. Rackley assumed the duties of vice president for business affairs at The University of Texas at Tyler on Tuesday. His selection was announced Nov. 21 by President George F. Hamm. Rackley succeeds John R. Sawyer and is the second VPBA in the history of the university.

Rackley comes to UT Tyler from the University of Houston System where he served as controller. The new VPBA rose rapidly in the UH System. He joned the system in 1979 after serving for nine years in the state auditor's office in Austin. He went to the system as director of financial reporting, later served as acting director of auditing and was promoted to university controller in January 1981.

"Mr. Rackley is eminently qualified for this position," Hamm said. "He has strong academic qualifications, extensive technical skills and experience with the University of Houston System which includes the supervision of a staff of 74 and a \$150 million budget."

A certified public accountant, Rackley received his bachelor's degree in accounting from UT Austin and his master's degree in accounting from the University of Illinois.

Rackley and his wife are the parents of three children. They reside in Spring. The family will be moving to Tyler in the near future.

The selection concluded a state-wide search. Sixteen applications and nominations were received by the university Screening Committee. From these, three candidates were referred to the president for further consideration. These three visited the UT Tyler campus for interviews.

Members of the Screening Committee include John R. Sawyer as chairman, C. Ray Gullett, Keith W. McCoy, Thomas A. Keagy, Olene Harned, Steve A. Wilson, Allen Warren and Laura Welch.

# UT Tyler Employees Set United Way Mark

Over the top is an appropriate description for the United Way drive with employees of The University of Texas at Tyler and with the United Way campaign in Tyler. Both efforts for 1981 have been described as the best ever.

UT Tyler employees responded by giving \$2,584.10 this year, an increase of \$416.40 over the previous record gift of \$2,167.70 in 1979.

At the same time, the city-wide United Way campaign has gone over the top with total pledges and cash amounting to \$782,477.

"The campus-wide involvement in this important united effort testifies significantly to U.T. Tyler's support of the community in which we live and work," President George F. Hamm said. "The fact that your contributions exceeded those given in any previous year is an accomplishment of which you should be most proud. I appreciate your generous support of United Way."

Serving on the United Way Campaign Committee this year were Barbara Wagner and Linda Reeves. They said "We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at UT Tyler for making this the best year ever for the United Way campaign on campus. By setting a new record with \$2,584.10 in pledges and gifts we are not only expressing our concern for those less fortunate than ourselves, but we are doing something positive about it.

"The credit for this does not go to the members of the committee. It goes to every employee of the university who has helped with this effort in any way. Our special thanks goes to the coordinators who worked so hard to make the campaign a success."

#### **Amoco Nominations Due**

Nominations are now being accepted for the Amoco Foundation Teaching Award for 1981-82 at The University of Texas at Tyler. Nomination forms are available throughout the campus and may be used by both students and employees.

Deadline for nominations to be submitted is Friday, Dec. 17. All information necessary for the nomination procedure will be located at the various boxes on campus with the nomination forms. Completed forms may be placed in the boxes and will be picked up by the Faculty Awards Committee.

The Amoco Foundation presents The University of Texas System funds each year to recognize an outstanding teacher on each of the seven academic campuses. A cash award is presented to each of the seven. The 1982 recipient at UT Tyler will be announced at the Honors Day program.

Previous recipients include W. Clayton Allen and C. Ray Gullett in 1980 and Tommy D. Gilbreath in 1981.

Members of the Faculty Awards Committee are Gilbreath as chairman, Tim D. Kane, Thomas A. Keagy and Frank H. Smyrl.

#### **Employee Training Film Set Friday**

The final employee training film scheduled for the fall semester at UT Tyler will be shown Friday. "Preventing Sexual Harassment" will be shown at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in UC 134.

This 30-minute film points out management's responsibilities and employee rights and presents guidelines for dealing with incidents involving sexual harassment. It uses a deft combination of commentary and dramatization to explore sexual harassment from innuendo to blatant attack. Each vignette is based on an actual case.

# in the Spotlight....

W. CLAYTON ALLEN reports the Department of Industrial Education hosted the monthly meeting of the East Texas Industrial Education Association Nov. 2. After a meal and business meeting on campus, the association visited McEvoy Oil Field Equipment Company in Tyler.

**BETTY ANDERSON** attended the International Conference on Career Development of Handicapped Individuals on Nov. 19-21 in Dallas. She also participated in the work conference, "Pathways to Employment," sponsored by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. The conferences were planned to coincide.

**RITA BRYANT** served as a table-discussion leader at the 34th annual Texas Conference on Teacher Education held in Dallas Oct. 30-31.

**ROBERT GEFFNER** presented a talk to the Bell Elementary School PTA Nov. 3 on "Resolving Family Conflicts."

GEORGE JOYCE attended the annual meeting of the Allied Southern Business Association held in Atlanta on Nov. 11-14. He served as discussant for three papers which comprised the session of Marketing Education: Simulation and Experientials. The titles of the papers are: "An Experientially Oriented Seminar in International Marketing", "The Impact of Sales Management Simulation Upon Perception of Decision Variable Importance" and "Investing the Selling Position: The Day in the Life Module."

**STEPHEN LEFEVRE** spoke at the Nov. 19 meeting of the Tyler League of Women Voters. He discussed the Reagan administration, federal energy priorities in the late 1970's and 1980's and programs in conservation, solar, nuclear and petroleum energy.

**GARY MEARS** is one of five licensed and board certified psychologists elected by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to be on a committee that will develop contributing examination questions to be used on "The Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology", a test administered nation-wide to all applicants of State Boards granting certification and licensure.

**KENNETH MUCKELROY** spoke on "The Trauma of Transfer" at a Nov. 20 chapel meeting of all Jacksonville College students.

**DONALD W. WHISENHUNT'S** most recent book review appearing in the Pittsburgh Press was on "America's Competitive Edge," appearing Oct. 28.

## **Development Board Meets Here**

The University of Texas at Tyler Development Board met Nov. 19 on the UT Tyler campus with Chancellor E. D. Walker and President George F. Hamm speaking to the group.

Board Chairman Charles Childers announced the appointment of a Nominating Committee to consist of Bill Hartley as chairman, Isadore Roosth and Dr. Jim M. Vaughn.

Hamm told the group of UT Tyler needs in the areas of development support. Walker discussed strategy of the UT System relating to the Permanent University Fund for the 1983 legislative session.

In concluding his challenge to the development board the chancellor said, "I think we have a great opportunity in this institution to develop. Whatever we put into this is going to pay off handsomely for UT Tyler in the future."

Development board members present include Hartley, Roosth, A. W. Riter Jr., Vaughn, J. S. Hudnall, Henry M. Bell Jr. and Childers.

## **Aetna Needs Forms Completed**

Aetna Life Insurance Company has made a planned adjustment in paying dental claims for employees and families covered in The University of Texas System plan.

During the first 60 days of the effective coverage, Aetna made telephone calls to obtain missing information on claims.

Enrollment information is now on file at the Aetna office and the insurance company has started returning incomplete claim forms to the employee if they do not fill in their social security number, dependent date of birth or other necessary information.

"With the implementation of these changes, our customer service representative will be more readily available to your employees and can answer their claim questions or help resolve problems that arise," a company official said.

#### **Bockmon Featured In Faculty Lecture**

Deborah Sue Bockmon will speak on "Stress Management" at an Alpha Chi Faculty Lecture scheduled for 12 noon Wednesday, Dec. 9. The lecture will be held in ADM 127. The lecture is open to employees and students of UT Tyler and to the public.

Bockmon, an assistant professor of nursing, joined the UT Tyler faculty this fall, coming from the School of Nursing at Kilgore College.

#### Board of Regents Meet Dec. 10-11

The University of Texas System Board of Regents will meet Dec. 10-11 in Odessa.

Items submitted for docket consideration include a report on small classes taught in the fall semester, contracts, amendments to the 1980-81 operating budget, amendments to the summer 1981 operating budget and amendments to the 1981-82 operating budget.

#### Forum Party Set Friday, Dec. 4

The 8-to-5 Forum Christmas luncheon will be held Friday, Dec. 4, in UC 134. Everyone is invited to bring a Christmas dish and a small gift for exchanging and join the fun.

Dr. Marilyn Young will also be on hand to distribute information and survey forms about the child care center study.

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