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Class Attendance Policy For Employees Changed

A new class attendance policy for employees of The University of Texas at Tyler was announced Tuesday by James H. Stewart, Jr. The new policy is effective immediately.

Under the new procedure, a full-time employee of UT Tyler will be allowed to attend one three-hour class conducted at the university during normal working hours each long semester. This time will be made up as agreed upon in advance by the employee and the supervisor.

Also, vacation leave may be utilized for class attendance in any long semester or summer session. Vacation leave requires advance approval.

Classes must be scheduled during times that do not conflict with peak work periods. Written approval of the supervisor and dean or director is required prior to registration for classes.

In announcing the new policy, Dr. Stewart said that he was pleased that "following thorough study, a new and more flexible policy can be implemented." He added that he "believes this is a positive procedure that will be meaningful, not only to employees, but to the university as well."

Development Board

Names Committees

Committee assignments were made for The University of Texas at Tyler Development Board at the board's quarterly meeting May 7. Appointments were made by Charles L. Childers, chairman of the development board.

In other action, the board discussed the goal of increasing enrollment for the university. Objectives to meet the goal include providing for student housing, a fund for recruitment scholarships for merit students at area community and junior colleges, and initiation of a continuing education program.

Vivian A. Hicks reported on the progress of the President's Associates campaign. Invitations were mailed to 430 prospects with 55 joining for a 13 percent return.

Committee appointments include:

Bylaws: Earl L. Story, Jr. as chairman, Allen M. Burt and Isadore Roosth.

Corporations: Henry M. Bell, Jr. as chairman, C. Quentin Abernathy, Robert J. Phillips, A.W. Riter, Jr. and Royce E. Wisenbaker.

Trusts and Bequests: Isadore Roosth as chairman, Charles L. Childers, A.W. Riter, Jr. and Henry M. Bell, Jr.

Annual Campaigns: Bill G. Hartley as chairman, Allen M. Burt, George W. Pirtle and Earl L. Story, Jr.

Donor Recognition: Jim M. Vaughn, M.D., as chairman, J.S. Hudnall and B.H. McVicker, M.D.

President Presented Gift From Employees

Dr. and Mrs. James H. Stewart, Jr. were presented an inscribed silver tray and a gift certificate Saturday from employees of The University of Texas at Tyler. The presentation was made prior to the commencement.

The inscription read "Dr. and Mrs. James H. Stewart, Jr. from Faculty and Staff, University of Texas - Tyler, 1971-1981."

"Throughout our lives the tray and additional gift, which will be selected on the same basis of permanency, will remind us of the wonderful and dedicated faculty and staff who have served UT Tyler during its history," Dr. Stewart wrote in his thank you letter, addressed to Thomas A. Keagy as president of the Faculty Senate, and Carol Ashcraft, president of the Eight-to-Five Forum.

"I trust that you will assist us in conveying our sincere feelings of gratitude to everyone involved in the thoughtful and courteous gesture of providing a gift to us upon our departure from The University of Texas at Tyler," he added.

The president also said, "I take this opportunity to communicate my special sentiment of gratitude to you, and through you to other faculty and staff members, for your attention to performing all duties and responsibilities in the best interest of the university. Moreover, I mention once more that I will always have distinctive interest in the university throughout my life. Upon leaving The University of Texas at Tyler, I do so with full confidence that our work together over the years has resulted in bringing the institution to an appropriate level of excellence and that the future holds great promise and potential for continued positive development.

"Again, Colleen and I thank you and everyone involved for your thoughtfulness in giving us such a beautiful gift that will be a permanent and happy reminder of our work over almost a decade with the faculty and staff of The University of Texas at Tyler."

Tommy D. Gilbreath, Joanna Martin and Marilyn Young served on the gift selection committee.

in the Spotlight . . .

JAMES F. KOUKL presented a seminar on Dysfibrinogenemias at the University of Texas Health Center on April 16.

STEPHEN R. LEFEVRE spoke on "Reagan: Priorities in Energy" at the May meeting of the North East Texas Solar Energy Association.

W. A. MAYFIELD coordinated the technical written examinations for the East Texas industrial arts student competition held April 25 on the Tyler Junior College campus.

KEITH McCOY has been elected vice president of the Smith County Heart Association.

BARBARA WAGNER presented a research paper on "The Effect of a Numeration Learning Hierarchy of Mathematics Attitudes in Kindergarten Children" at an April meeting of the American Educational Research Association. The meeting was in Los Angeles, California.

Piper Professors for 1981 Named

The board of directors of the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation has selected 10 faculty members as recipients of the Piper Professor of 1981 awards. Beginning with the 1981 awards, the board has increased the Piper Professor honoraria to \$2,500 each.

In announcing the recipients, the board said, "You will realize the tremendously difficult task facing the selection committee each year in choosing ten from the many outstanding professors nominated from across the state of Texas. We stand in humility and gratitude in viewing the dedicated teaching talent in Texas higher education."

Piper Professors of 1981 include:

Harry Matthew Brown, Ph.D., professor of English, Midwestern State University;

Ronald Darby, Ph.D., professor of chemical engineering, Texas A&M University;

Betty Jo Graber, M.Ed., instructor and coach, director of the physical education division, Weatherford College;

Joseph J. Lagowski, Ph.D., professor of chemistry, The University of Texas at Austin;

Jerry Bryan Lincecum, Ph.D., professor of English, Austin College;

Kitty Dale Mooring, Ed.D., professor - School of Business, Texas Southern University;

Mary Frances Park, Ed.D., professor of education, Sam Houston State University;

Sammy M. Ray, Ph.D., professor, department of marine biology, Texas A&M University at Galveston;

Dorothy Nell Short Rogers, M.A., assistant professor of speech communication and drama, East Texas Baptist College; and

Anne Dean Turk, M.A., instructor of piano and theory, Music Department, Kilgore College.

Registration Set Friday

Registration for the first summer session at The University of Texas at Tyler will be from 1-7 p.m. on Friday, May 29. Classes begin June 1 and continue through July 7.

The process will begin in the University Center with the Physical and Health Education Building used for all academic registration, advising and payment of fees.

Three days of late registration will also be available with offices open from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. on June 1 and from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. June 2 - 3.

TRAINING FILM SET JUNE 4

An employee training film "A Team of Two" will be shown at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 4 for employees of The University of Texas at Tyler. The film will be shown in room 158 of the Business Administration Building, a change from the original schedule.

The film illustrates how supervisors and their secretaries can double their effectiveness through good communication and establishment of mutual priorities. It is suggested that supervisors and secretaries view the film together.

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