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

I. Fall Semester 1977 Report of Student Enrollment

A report relative to twelfth class day student enrollment for the Fall Semester 1977 is attached for your information. This report is made in conformity with House Bill 1012 enacted by the 65th Texas Legislature which provides that governing boards of state institutions shall be furnished with the information included in this report for each fall and spring semester. As you will note, the report indicates the identity and academic rank of instructors, the number of students enrolled in each class, the number of semester credit hours accrued to each course, the course number and title and the department in which courses are offered.

In reviewing this report it should be kept in mind that small classes are defined as all organized undergraduate courses with enrollments of less than ten students and all organized graduate courses with less than five students. Also, it is noted for your information that Independent Study and Internship Programs listed on the report are, of course, supervised by faculty members but not included as a part of the faculty member's regular workload. In other words, teaching responsibilities in these areas are performed on the basis of "extra" duties.

House Bill 1012 also provides that board members are to be provided with a report for each fall and spring semester comparing enrollments in each class on the last class day with twelfth class day enrollments. This information will be provided to you following the last class day of the current semester through completing the blank column on the attached report which is headed "Last Day Enrollment."
II. James B. Becknell Trial

The trial of James B. Becknell, who was arrested on May 13, 1977 and later charged with the murder of Texas Eastern University faculty member W. Carl Roddy, was conducted last week in the 7th District Court of Judge Donald Carroll. The jury was selected on Monday, November 28, 1977, and evidence in the case was presented beginning on Tuesday, November 29, 1977. The case was given to the jury Thursday afternoon, December 1, 1977 at approximately 2:15 p.m. The jury required 1 hour and 10 minutes to find the defendant guilty of the Roddy murder. The jury returned at 9:00 a.m. Friday morning, December 2, 1977 for the punishment phase of the trial. After hearing testimony in this portion of the trial and receiving the charge of the court, the jury deliberated 45 minutes before returning a "life sentence" decision for Becknell. The choice of the jury in punishment for Becknell was five to 99 years or life imprisonment. On December 13, 1977 at 9:45 a.m. Becknell will be formally sentenced before Judge Carroll and then transferred to the Texas Department of Corrections by local law enforcement authorities. It has been indicated that under Texas law, Becknell can be considered for parole after serving 12 years of his life imprisonment sentence.

III. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending December 2, 1977.

IV. Expenditures for Period Beginning November 1, 1977

Attached is a copy of the expenditures for Texas Eastern University for the period beginning November 1, 1977 for your information and files.

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Attachments