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## Holiday schedule given

The University of Texas at Tyler will be closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 2 in observance of holidays. Offices will close at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, and reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3.

The following notices are provided for those services which will be operational during this period:

### **PAYROLL CHECKS**

Pay checks and/or warrants will be released to employees from 10 a.m. - 12 noon on Dec. 31. Proper identification will be required to pick up a check.

If anyone except the employee is to pick up a check, a notarized letter of authorization from the employee giving approval to release the check must be presented.

Checks will be issued from the cashier's office, room 120 of the Administration Building. The cashier office will not mail or deposit any payroll checks on Dec. 31.

### **MAIL ROOM**

The mail room will be open from 10-11 a.m. Dec. 28 and 10 a.m. - 12 noon on Dec. 31.

### **ROBERT R. MUNTZ LIBRARY**

The library will be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dec. 20-23. It will be closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 2 and will return to the 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. schedule Jan. 3 through Jan. 14. Regular hours, including night operation, will resume Jan. 17.

### **SWITCHBOARD**

The university switchboard will be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dec. 27-30. Messages may be left with or received by the operator during these days.

# Lefevre, Riddle Hudnall Professors

Dr. Stephen R. Lefevre and Dr. David C. Riddle have been named J.S. Hudnall Professors for 1983 at The University of Texas at Tyler. Approval of the two awards was given by the UT System Board of Regents on Dec. 3.

Dr. Lefevre, associate professor of political science, was awarded the J.S. Hudnall Professorship for American Affairs and Dr. Riddle, associate professor of chemistry, was awarded the J.S. Hudnall Professorship in Energy and Technology.

During the next year Lefevre will concentrate on futhering energy/technology and public policy as two areas of academic emphasis. His research will involve federal energy and technology policy with particular respect to the study of cooperative government/industry demonstrations of new energy producing and conserving machineries.

Riddle will continue ongoing research on the environmental consequences of energy production and technological sophistication. His endeavors will serve as a tool for future research activities energy/technology/environment interfaces, particularly those important to the East Texas area.

UT Tyler contracts approved by the regents include one of \$1,400 with Execucom Systems Corp. of Austin granting the university a software license to use Execucom computer software on one central processing system; one with Doctors Memorial Hospital to allow students and faculty of UT Tyler to utilize the facility for educational purposes; and a third for \$75,000 with the UT Health Center at Tyler allowing the university to purchase supplies and services for classroom and support use from the health center.

In addition, the board also approved amendments to the 1981-82 and 1982-83 operating budgets and a report on small classes offered in the fall semester.

# Public education consortium formed

Leaders of three Tyler educational institutions held a press conference Dec. 8 to announce the formation of a public education consortium to improve service to the community and East Texas.

Dr. Geroge F. Hamm, president of UT Tyler, Dr. Jack L. Davidson, superintendent of Tyler Independent School District, and Dr. Raymond Hawkins, president of Tyler Junior College, announced the consortium.

Three major objectives were outlined. These include: (1) to provide educational programs which best utilize the taxpayer's dollar, since all three are public, tax-supported institutions; (2) to avoid duplication; and (3) to reach the broadest spectrum of the population but at the same time to provide comprehensive and coordinated programs of high quality.

The consortium — or partnership — will be guided by a committee made up of the chief executive officers of the three participating institutions. Their responsibility will be to determine the type of activities to be pursued and then to call on staff members from each institution to design and implement specific cooperative projects.

"The cooperation of our public education institutions offers a way to make the most of both financial and human resources," the three administrators said.

TISD, TJC and UT Tyler have "already enjoyed successes and we expect our efforts to result in even more effective methods of delivering educational programs for academic credit and non-credit and in continuing education," Hamm added.

## Early registration count up

Four days of early registration for the 1983 Spring Semester at UT Tyler resulted in a 35 increase over the number of student-who pre-registered for the same semester one year ago.

UT Tyler's enrollment in the spring of 1982 was 2,042 students with early registration accounting for 37 percent of the enrollment.

Registration for the spring term will be held from 1:30 - 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17 with classes to begin Jan. 18.



# in the spotlight...

**Miss Vicki Betts**, professional librarian, will give a program at the Jan. 5 meeting of the Smith County Historical Society on a prominent Tylerite of Civil War days.

**Dr. Frank H. Smyrl**, professor of history, has published a review of Julian Samora, Joe Bernal, and Albert Pena, *Gunpowder Justice: A Reassessment of the Texas Rangers* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1979) in *Liberal and Fine Arts Review*, II, January 1982.

**Dr. Donald W. Whisenhunt**, professor of history, has published book reviews in the *Pittsburgh Press* (*The Division of Europe After World War II*) by W.W. Rostow and in the *West Texas Historical Association Year Book* (*The History of Abilene: Facts and Sources* and *The Future Great City of West Texas: Abilene: 1881-1981*).

**Dr. W.A. Mayfield**, professor of technology, spoke at a meeting of the East Texas Industrial Education Teachers on Nov. 29 on the status of vocational and technology education in Texas. He also presented a paper at the fourth general session of the 76th Annual Vocational Education Convention in St. Louis, Mo. on Dec. 6. The paper was on "Professional Development."

**Dr. Evelyn Sowell**, professor of education, conducted a session on "Overcoming Word Problem Difficulties" at the Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching in Austin Nov. 11.

**Dr. Christina E. Mitchell**, director of counseling and assistant professor of education, served as the banquet speaker for the American Business Women's Association banquet held Nov. 11 at Willow Brook Country Club. She spoke on "Direct Communication in Conflict Situations."

## FROM THE MASTER CALENDAR

**Dec. 17** -- End of Semester

**Dec. 20** -- Fall semester grade sheets due from faculty to the Office of the Registrar - 12 noon

**Dec. 24 - Jan. 2** -- Staff and administration holidays; all offices closed

**Dec. 31** -- Report on consulting and similar fees due from President to Chancellor

**Jan. 3** -- Administration and staff return

**Jan. 5** -- Dean's report due to President on promotion and/or tenure

**Jan. 6** -- Last day to convert "I" grades for the first summer session, 1982

**Jan. 14** -- Last day for submission of spring semester schedule changes to Associate Vice President for addendum sheet

**Jan. 17** -- Faculty returns

**Jan. 17** -- Registration for spring semester

**Jan. 18** -- Classes begin

## Buckley second speaker in Distinguished Lecture Series

William F. Buckley Jr., the second guest lecturer in the Distinguished Lecture Series, will speak on the UT Tyler campus Jan. 20, 1983. The lecture is cosponsored by the university and the Smith County Medical Society Auxiliary.

A political insider and analyst, Buckley is author of 17 books and a nationally syndicated column and serves as host of "The Firing Line," a national television program.

He was appointed by President Reagan, in 1982, as a consultant to the National Security Council.

A former candidate for Mayor of New York, Buckley was born in New York, educated in England and France and graduated from the Millbrook (New York) School. He studied at the University of Mexico, earned his B.A. in political science, economics, and history from Yale and was a lecturer on Municipal Government at the New School for Social Research in New York.

Patron tickets for the last two speakers in the series are available with a contribution of \$110 which is tax deductible. Information regarding faculty, staff and student tickets will be available after January 5.

# Opera set Feb.3

Texas Opera Theater's lively production of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" will be performed in English at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 in Tyler. Co-sponsored by The University of Texas at Tyler and Tyler Junior College, the second cultural arts series event of 1982-83 will be held in Wise Auditorium.

Employees of UT Tyler may pick up complimentary tickets for immediate family in the Public Information Office beginning Jan. 3. Students of either sponsoring institution will be admitted at the door with a spring semester student ID card.

Tickets for the general public will be available in the UT Tyler Bookstore, the TJC Business Office and the Melody Shop in Tyler. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

"The Marriage of Figaro" was first presented in Vienna in 1786. Not only was this opera revolutionary in political content, musically it is the first example in operatic history of a complex plot presented with music throughout, leaving out recitatives and long arias which stall the action so characteristic of opera before this work.

The story centers around four amorous couples in dizzy pursuit, each lover pressing his affections on the other and each jealous of all rivals. Susanna and Figaro are in the middle of it all, and their plans for marriage get complicated by the Count's attentions to Susanna, Marcellina's attentions to Figaro, Cherubino's attention to all females, and the Countess' poignant love for no one but the Count.

After countless rendezvous and secret plotting, the couples are reunited with their proper mates. All tomfohlery is forgiven, and the proper balances of love are restored.

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