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\$7.2 million budget adopted by UT Regents

A \$7,230,376 budget for the 1982-83 fiscal year has been adopted for The University of Texas at Tyler. The budget, up from \$6.4 million for the current year, was approved by the UT System Board of Regents on June 11.

UT Tyler's operating budget of \$6 million shows an increase of 7.9 percent. It includes \$2,399,188 for faculty salaries (up 5.9 percent), \$513,229 for departmental operating expenses (up 2.6 percent), \$450,639 for library (down 2.6 percent), \$180,160 for staff benefits (up 16.3 percent) and \$17,391 for organized research (same as current year).

The budget also provides \$10,000 for undergraduate scholarships. The institution's expenditures for physical plant operations and utilities will exceed \$1.6 million.

Budgets consist of educational and general funds (primarily from legislative appropriations), tuition and fees which support an institution's "operating budget", auxiliary enterprise funds from revenue producing activities, private funds, and sponsored research and services.

At Friday's meeting, the board also approved a Master of Arts degree in English for UT Tyler. The degree proposal will now be submitted to the Coordinating Board for review and appropriate action.

Docket items approved include a report on small classes taught in the spring semester, the 1982 summer session budget and amendments to the 1981-82 operating budget.

applications being taken for Liberal Arts position

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Dean of the School of Liberal Arts. Candidates must hold an earned doctorate in an academic field; hold academic rank at UT Tyler in a liberal arts discipline; possess a record of scholarly/creative achievements; exhibit evidence of leadership and administrative experience in higher education; and demonstrate a commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service.

Send letter of application and resume by Wednesday, June 30, to:

Vincent J. Falzone, Chairperson,
Screening Committee for Dean of the
School of Liberal Arts.

UT Tyler is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.

Other members of the Screening Committee are: Dr. Kenneth R. Casstevens, Dr. Janice D. Glascock, Dr. R. Kenneth Muckelroy, Dr. Vernon E. Rich, Dr. L. Lynn Sherrod, Dr. Jeanie R. Stanley and Dr. William B. Stephens.

lake used in research

Mike Harvey Lake, an aesthetic focal point of the campus, serves as an educational resource for the university. While the lake serves other functions as well, the use of the facility does not preempt teaching and research purposes.

Two departments in the School of Sciences and Mathematics — biology and chemistry — have developed lab work and research projects. For example, water samples are taken periodically to monitor pH, oxygen content and aquatic life progression. There are turtle traps to study food habits and reproduction of these animals.

With the help of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Fisheries' biologists, the fish population in the upper and lower lakes are sampled.

In addition to the lake, the 10 acres below the lower dam are used for laboratory and research projects.

Aetna Life awarded insurance contract

Aetna Life and Casualty has been awarded the contract for The University of Texas System Employee group health, life and accidental death insurance for 1982-83. The award to the low bidder was made Friday at a board of regents meeting in Port Aransas.

Rates for 1982-83 with 1981-82 comparisons in parenthesis are as follows:

| Monthly Rates | PLAN | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 1UT | 2UT | 3UT | 4UT |
| Employee | \$ 77.57 (64.62) | \$ 61.69 (53.33) | \$ 44.41 (36.05) | \$ 27.27 (28.71) |
| Employee and Spouse | 186.02 (155.15) | 131.96 (128.24) | 107.37 (103.65) | 80.38 (84.61) |
| Employee and Child | 139.84 (116.63) | 100.05 (96.33) | 80.57 (76.85) | 59.59 (62.73) |
| Family | 203.01 (169.32) | 143.76 (140.04) | 116.99 (113.27) | 87.85 (92.47) |

Aetna was also awarded the contract for life and accidental death coverages. It has been the carrier for these coverages and the new contract provides for no increase in rates for 1982-83.

State contributions to an employee for health insurance coverage will increase from \$48 to \$58 per month, effective Sept. 1, 1982.

With this \$10 increase, employee out-of-pocket premium costs for health and dental will stay the same or be reduced for all employees except those enrolled in Plan 1UT. The amount of premium sharing will still purchase all coverages provided under the "Automatic Plan".

Through August 31, 1982, coverage and the manner in which claims are filed will remain the same through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas. Enrollment, coverage, and claims filing procedures with Aetna will be similar to those presently in effect. Employees will receive complete information concerning procedures regarding insurance coverage with Aetna for September, 1982 at a later date.

dental insurance rates increase

Aetna Life and Casualty has been awarded the dental coverage contract for The University of Texas System for a second year. The award was made by the board of regents at a June 11 meeting.

Rates are increasing an average of 26.8 percent with increases ranging from \$1.64 for an employee to \$5.52 for family coverage.

Present and new monthly rates and the amount of increase are as follows:

| | Present | 1982-83 Rates | Increase |
|------------------------|---------|------------------|----------|
| Employee | \$ 6.11 | \$ 7.75 | \$1.64 |
| Employee and Spouse | 11.46 | 14.53 | 3.07 |
| Employee and Child | 15.24 | 19.33 | 4.06 |
| Family | 20.59 | 26.11 | 5.52 |

FROM THE MASTER CALENDAR

- June 25 Last day to submit thesis to Office of Associate VPAA
- July 1 Last day for submission of State Purchasing and General Services Commission Open Market Requisitions for 1981-82 to Purchasing Department
- July 2 Academic Council to review Master Calendar
- July 5 Last day for submission of second summer term schedule changes to Academic Affairs office for addendum sheet
- Last day to drop a course
- First summer term grade sheets distributed to faculty
- July 6 Final examinations
- First Summer Term Ends
- July 7 Registration for second summer term
- July 8 Classes begin

sociology a top choice

A study of fields selected by students enrolled in the interdisciplinary studies program of The University of Texas at Tyler shows sociology to be the most popular academic field in the program. Through the spring semester, UT Tyler has had 114 graduates at the master's level select this as one of three disciplines.

Criminal justice and music are leading as the first field chosen with 30 graduates each. Sociology sets the pace as the second field chosen with 34 and as the third field chosen with 62.

The study is listed by academic discipline and fields:

| Graduates in Interdisciplinary Studies | First Field | Second Field | Third Field | Total All Fields |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Sociology | 18 | 34 | 62 | 114 |
| Political Science | 28 | 32 | 13 | 73 |
| Speech | 13 | 22 | 27 | 62 |
| Psychology | 19 | 19 | 23 | 61 |
| Criminal Justice | 30 | 17 | 12 | 59 |
| Art | 13 | 17 | 15 | 45 |
| Music | 30 | 6 | 2 | 38 |
| English | 15 | 15 | 8 | 38 |
| History | 12 | 16 | 9 | 37 |
| Drama | 3 | 13 | 15 | 31 |
| Mathematics | 9 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| Journalism | 2 | 1 | 9 | 12 |
| Allied Health | 8 | 3 | 1 | 12 |
| Chemistry | 2 | 6 | 0 | 8 |
| Biology | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Economics | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Computer Science | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| TOTALS | 207 | 206 | 205 | 618 |

food service operated by University

The UT Tyler Food Service operation is now a function of the Auxiliary Services Department and is no longer under contract to the Texas State Commission for the Blind.

The snackbar will be managed by Randy Hatch, and an expanded menu is now available. Suggestions for additions to the menu or any other suggestions related to food services should be directed to the Auxiliary Services office in UC 241.

in the spotlight....

DR. BILL FISK, assistant professor of psychology, was elected to the board of directors for the East Texas Chapter of the American Heart Association for 1982-84. He was also elected chairman of the citizens advisory committee to the Target Program (for the gifted) for the Tyler Independent School District for 1982-83.

DR. JANICE GLASCOCK, professor of Spanish, participated in the foreign language workshop on the Dartmouth Intensive Language Model conducted by John Rassias at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. May 21-23. About 40 participants from throughout the United States attended the workshop. "It was the most stimulating pedagogical experience ever," she said, "and I appreciate the faculty development fund grant which made my attendance possible."

DR. W. A. MAYFIELD, professor of industrial education, had an article on "Teacher Recruitment A Professional Commitment" published in the June issue of the American Vocational Association Journal.

MR. J. R. PARRISH, associate professor of communications, has been named chairman of the Education Committee of the Advertising and Public Relations Association of East Texas. He is also a member of the Communications Committee.

MR. JOE WALDROP and **MR. KEVIN EARLY**, university police officers, participated in the Chancellor's Trophy Pistol Match in Austin June 16-17. The competition is between police officers of the UT System components.

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