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To: Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University

From: James H. Stewart, Jr.

Subject: Administrative Notes

I. Additional Information on Ad Valorem Tax

During the past week Representative Wayne Peveto of Orange filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the ad valorem tax which, as you know, is used to fund construction for 17 Texas institutions of higher learning. This funding was adopted as Article 7, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution in 1947, and I refer you to Administrative Notes of March 20, 1978 for my latest comments to you about the higher education ad valorem tax. Representative Peveto's recent action thus far has elicited the response from State Comptroller Bob Bullock, who is constitutionally responsible for allocating ad valorem tax funds to institutions, that he agreed with the position the tax is unconstitutional and called on Attorney General John Hill to join him in this position in his responsibility of defending the state pursuant to this lawsuit. Although a great deal of speculation could be generated at this time concerning this matter, I simply bring the subject to your attention as information and indicate that I will keep you informed relative to future developments.

II. Desegregation of Higher Education

On July 18, 1977 and March 13, 1978 I provided information to you about the issue of desegregation of higher education in several southern states which has been brought about by what is now commonly referred to as the Adams case. During the past week I received from the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System--the state agency handling this matter--additional information which I share with you through attachments. Included in the Coordinating Board memorandum of April 6, 1978 you will note information that is being requested from all public institutions of higher learning in the state of Texas. Also you will note that 18 public colleges and universities within the state will be contacted and visited by staff members of the Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare. (I learned last Thursday that Texas Eastern University is not one of the institutions to be visited.) In addition to the April 6, 1978 memorandum received last week, I attach a copy of other Coordinating Board material dated April 11, 1978 concerning the collection of data from each public higher education institution in Texas. This information is provided to you in order that you may follow the development of the investigation resulting from the Adams case insofar as Texas is concerned. This is a highly significant educational issue for our state, and I will continue to provide periodic information as the investigation continues.

III. University Honors Day

As I announced at last week's board meeting, the second annual Honors Day program is being planned for Tuesday, May 2, 1978 at 10:25 a.m. in the Physical and Health Education Building. Certainly, it would be a privilege to have members of the board attend this activity which serves to recognize students who have achieved distinction in various university programs. I trust that you will mark your calendars as a reminder of this event.

IV. University Information

The following selected dates and events relative to the university are provided for your information:

April 19, 1978
Annual Meeting of Community/Junior College Counselors at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Regents Room

May 2, 1978
Honors Day Program at 10:25 a.m. in the Physical and Health Education Building

May 7, 1978
TEU Concert Chorale's Spring Concert at 4:00 p.m. in the University Center

May 15-18, 1978
Final Examinations

May 20, 1978
Annual Commencement at 2:00 p.m. in Harvey Hall
Lunch at 11:45 a.m. at Willow Brook Country Club
Assembly for Robing and Processional at 1:25 p.m. in the Garden Center Building

June 1, 1978
Registration for First Summer Term
June 2, 1978 Classes Begin
July 4, 1978 All Offices Will Be Closed
July 7, 1978 Final Examinations
July 10, 1978 Registration for Second Summer Term
July 11, 1978 Classes Begin
July 12, 1978 Regular Quarterly Board of Regents Meeting
August 11, 1978 Summer Convocation
August 15, 1978 Final Examinations

V. Schedule of Classes for Summer Sessions 1978

Enclosed for your information is the Schedule for Classes for 1978 Summer Sessions. If you have need for additional schedules, of course, I'll be pleased to furnish them.

VI. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending April 14, 1978.

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Attachments and Enclosure