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Administrative Notes, May 8th, 1978

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To: Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University

From: James H. Stewart, Jr.

Subject: Administrative Notes

I. State Comprehensive Postsecondary Educational Planning Commission

Last year I provided each of you a copy of the first report on postsecondary educational supply and occupational demand in Texas which the Governor of Texas charged the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System to develop under the designation as the State Comprehensive Postsecondary Educational Planning Commission--more commonly known as the 1202 Commission. The second report, which is valid until January 1980, has just been released; and I am pleased to enclose copies of this publication along with copies of the summary report in pamphlet form. As you will note, this material provides information on the relation between projected output of postsecondary education in Texas and projected career opportunities in the job market. More basically, it is the intent of this report to identify those vocational and academic programs which are overproducing, underproducing or which are in balance relative to occupational openings. This sort of information is made available to counselors, students, parents and others throughout our state in order to assist students in making better informed decisions about career choices. Since it does not take a great deal of time to examine this material, I think you likely will find it interesting to take 20 or 30 minutes at some time to review these publications.

II. Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting

Last week, Tuesday, May 2, 1978, the Executive Committee of the TEU Educational Foundation, Inc. considered and
approved the April 12, 1978 Board of Regents action relative to reducing the monthly payment from the university to the foundation for use of the O. M. Roberts school. As you will recall, this means essentially that based on Board of Regents approval the lease agreement between the university and foundation will be amended effective April 15, 1978 to reduce the amount of rented space from 47,400 square feet to 8,242 square feet with a corresponding reduction in the monthly rental payment from $8,035.60 to $1,648.40. This rate is based on the original rental rate of 20¢ per square foot.

In other action the Executive Committee approved the request of the Board of Regents to increase the Short Term Student Loan Fund by $2,500. Also approved was the board's request to fund Fine Arts Scholarships in the amount of $7,500 over the next two years. Board of Regents Chairman David K. McKie reported to the Executive Committee concerning action of the regents relative to the new members of the Board of Directors of the foundation as discussed by the Board of Regents during the April 12, 1978 meeting. Chairman McKie also reported that the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents did not approve making the request to the foundation for Graduate Assistantships acted on during the April 12, 1978 meeting. Therefore, no action was required by the foundation on this matter.

III. Campus Visit by Texas Higher Education Commissioner

While in East Texas on other business, Dr. Kenneth H. Ashworth, Commissioner of Texas Higher Education, has arranged to visit the Texas Eastern University campus on Wednesday, May 17, 1978. During his visit Dr. Ashworth will tour the campus and also meet and talk with faculty and other professional employees in an informal session. I am very pleased that Dr. Ashworth has agreed to come to our campus and especially that he will meet with our faculty and professional personnel. This will permit these individuals not only to have the opportunity of meeting the commissioner, but will permit them to have interaction with him pursuant to Texas higher education matters.

IV. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending May 5, 1978.
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT
PHASE II
Week Ending: May 5, 1978

SCIENCE/MATH: Masonry work on exterior walls is nearing completion. Brick work on the west, north, and east walls is essentially complete. Brick work is over 95 percent complete on the south wall. The second floor ceiling fire barrier is over 90 percent complete. Mechanical work continues to show good progress. Duct installation at the second floor is over 50 percent complete. Insulation of domestic water lines is in progress on both floors. Sheetrock has been stacked on the second floor and rooms have been laid out. Some metal studs have been installed around the first floor, east side mechanical room. Electrical work has been accelerated. Conduit is being installed along with some electrical panels.

BUSINESS: Mechanical and electrical work continue to be the primary activities evident at this building. Electrical conduit is being installed on both floors. Duct work is being installed and insulated on the first floor. Insulation of water lines continues. Sheetrock and metal studs have been placed on the first floor and some room lines have been laid out. Preparation is being made to begin brick work along the south wall. Several pallets of brick have been positioned near the building.

SITETWORK: Forms are being prepared and steel placed in preparation for pouring sidewalks immediately south of the Business Building. The iron ore base in Campus Drive has been processed and covered with a coating of oil. Both parking areas have been paved.

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