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Spring commencement set Friday, May 11

Ambassador to France Evan Galbraith will deliver the address when The University of Texas at Tyler recognizes 447 degree candidates during commencement ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 in Harvey Hall.

Galbraith has served as ambassador since 1981. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and holds a bachelor's degree from Yale. For 20 years previous to his being appointed ambassador, Galbraith pursued a career in international banking. He is co-author of "The German Stock Corporation Law" and has written numerous magazine articles. He was a director of the "National Review" from 1957 until his ambassadorial appointment.

The UT Tyler Concert Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Chadwick Edwards, will perform Gabriel Faure's "Cantique de Jean Racine" and "I Got Shoes," arranged by Shaw Parker. H. Proctor Crowe Jr. is the organist for the processional.

Jon P. Newton, chairman of the UT System Board of Regents, will confer the degrees.

Others participating in the ceremony include Dr. George F. Hamm, Dr. Gerald L. Morris, Dr. Thomas A. Keagy, Dr. Wendell C. Hewett, Dr. Robert L. Cox, Dr. F. Lannom Smith, Dr. L. Lynn Sherrod, Robert Turner, the Rev. H. Hoyt Huff Jr. and the Rev. E.W. Thomas Jr.

Candidates eligible to participate in commencement activities are those from both fall 1983 and spring 1984. The total includes 78 at the master's level and 369 at the bachelor's level.

Savings Bonds campaign begins

The annual U.S. Savings Bonds Payroll Savings Campaign is currently underway at UT Tyler and will run through Friday, May 18.

Some of the important features of U.S. Savings Bonds are:

- *Interest rates on bonds held five years or longer are set at 85 percent of the market rate on five-year Treasury securities.

- *A minimum rate of 7.5 percent compounded semiannually if held 5 years or longer is guaranteed regardless of the prevailing market conditions.

- *The market determined rate or the minimum guaranteed rate, **whichever** is higher, will be paid.

If you have any questions or would like to enroll or increase your savings if you are already buying bonds, call the Office of Personnel Services at extension 281.

FROM THE MASTER CALENDAR

- May 11 — Commencement
- May 11 — End of Semester
- May 14 — Grade sheets from faculty due to Office of the Registrar - 12 noon
- May 24 — Last day for submission of first summer term schedule changes to the Assistant to the President for Academic Affairs for addendum sheet
- May 28 — Suggested changes in Master Calendar due to the Vice President for Academic Affairs
- May 28 — Registration for first summer term

Wright discusses career

"In the early sixties there was a crying need for men teachers, and the first time I interviewed for a job, I was hired," Dr. Gary Wright, professor of education, said, as he reminisced about how and why he became a teacher.

"I wanted to go to art school when I got out of high school, but an art teacher suggested two years of college before art school," he said. "I took his advice and the two years turned into four, but at this time, I had no idea I would be a teacher. After obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, social sciences and English, with only a few art courses, I went to work in construction."

He explained that at the end of the summer when the construction job was finished, a high school coach he knew suggested that he substitute teach. "I decided to try it, and loved teaching. So I really became a teacher by accident."

While substitute teaching for a year, he went to night school to take the education courses needed for a teaching certificate. For two years he taught geography, English and reading in Galesburg, Ill.; then for the next three years, he taught reading, English and social science in Moline, Ill. At the time of the completion of his master's degree in education at Western Illinois University, he was approached by the university to stay there as an instructor of reading.

"That was the hardest decision I ever had to make in my life," Wright said. "I liked working with children and adolescents, and wasn't sure I wanted to stop. There was an adjustment to teaching adults, and though I enjoyed teaching children, adults can be just as challenging. However, one of the advantages of being a college teacher of reading, I still get a chance to work with young children when giving testing practicums."

Wright joined the UT Tyler (then Tyler State College) faculty in 1974. "One of the big highlights of my career was coming to Tyler," he said.

"My work here contrasted to my prior college teaching where I had been brought onto a faculty where they were my former teachers and the curriculum was set," he explained. "Here the university was a growing institution and teachers were brought into everything. We are still growing and it is still a highlight to be here. Making the decision to come to Tyler was probably one of the best decisions of my life."

He believes teachers are needed, and that in the near future there will be a shortage of teachers in the nation. With only about four percent of college graduates going into teaching compared with 19-20 percent a few years ago, Wright thinks the shortage will be critical.

"I recommend teaching to my students. Of course, basically my students are planning to be teachers anyway," he said. "To motivate student teachers, I stress that they be well prepared, be specialists in their subject areas, be highly enthusiastic and energetic, and most of all, must like children."

Wright is serving as Faculty Senate president for 1983-84. He has previously served as vice president of the senate and has been active on numerous university committees.

"I am impressed with the quality of the faculty in each of the schools," he said. "One of the things I want to do as president of the senate is to get to know the new faculty members. From the beginning, the faculty here has held in common a sense of challenge wanting to build the university. I think we have been rather successful, and are still building. When I came in 1974, 874 students were enrolled, and now enrollment stands at 3,100 plus."

Honors program slated

Dr. Lewis A. Tambs, United States Ambassador to Colombia, will be the speaker at an Honors Program at 11 a.m. Friday at The University of Texas at Tyler. The event is held to recognize 45 students who are graduating with honors.

Presiding at the program in the University Center will be Dr. George F. Hamm, UT Tyler president. Dr. Gary Wright, president of the Faculty Senate, will also participate.

Dr. Tambs will also speak at a pre-commencement dinner scheduled Thursday evening at Hollytree Country Club.

Dr. Tambs was a consultant to the National Security Council at the White House prior to his appointment as ambassador to Colombia. A native of California, he received his B.S.I.E. degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

He joined the academic community in 1961 and has held teaching positions at the University of California at Berkely, Creighton University and Arizona State University.

in the spotlight....

Dr. Robert A. Geffner, assistant professor of psychology, presented two papers at the National Association of School Psychologists annual meeting in Philadelphia in April. The first paper was titled "Using Neuropsychological Assessment in the Schools" and was a part of a national symposium on neuropsychological issues. The second paper was titled "Emotional Assessment of Children and Adolescence in the Schools." This was also published in the *Proceedings of the National Association of School Psychologists*, Volume 84.

Dr. C. Ray Gullett, professor of business administration, is co-author of an article titled "CEO's Spot Areas of Growing Importance for Management of Next Decade." The article appears in the April issue of *Texas Banker's Record*.

Dr. Davor Jedlicka, associate professor of sociology, has been cited in a feature story on cross-cultural marriage which was published in the May 1984 issue of *Glamour*.

Dr. George Joyce, professor of business administration, attended a Marketing Information Systems seminar sponsored by the American Marketing Association and the Hankamer School of Business Administration at Baylor University. The participants were personnel from the business and academic communities.

Dr. Frank H. Smyrl, professor of history, addressed the East Texas Council of Teachers of English at their spring meeting, held at UT Tyler April 19. He spoke on "The Writing of *Poley Morgan: Son of a Texas Scalawag*," showing artifacts and slides of items that served as the basis for much of the novel. Also on display were the original drawings by UT Tyler artist Donald Van Horn which were used to illustrate the book.

Dr. Jeanie R. Stanley, assistant professor of political science, made a presentation on "Peace, Human Rights, and World Order" to the International Relations Study Group at the Tyler Public Library April 10. Stanley explained the National Convention delegation selection process to the Morris County Democratic Club in Daingerfield on April 19 and to the Gregg County Young Democrats on April 21. Also on April 21, she discussed the political process in Texas on the Dan Gresham Show on KTBB.

Faculty books due at library

As the Spring semester draws to a close, faculty members are reminded that circulating books may be borrowed by faculty for a period not to exceed the semester during which they are borrowed. Most books are due back in the library by May 11. Books may be renewed in the customary manner providing a "hold" has not been placed on the book by a faculty member or by a student. For our purpose, two summer sessions are equivalent to one semester. The summer due date will be August 10.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

New Employee

Ronald Feaker
Groundskeeper I
Ext. 286, PHY 105
Effective 5-1-84

An employee movie titled "The Time of Your Life" will be shown in ADM 127 on Friday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The film explores the time conflicts everyone faces daily, and examines the ways to resolve the conflicts. It is designed to give the audience a clear understanding of the basic principles and practices of good time management. Also presented are ideas on how to become a better decision maker about the use of time, how to be more analytical about time, and how to develop intuitive skills about time use.

The film will last approximately 30 minutes and all employees are encouraged to attend.

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