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## Tickets now available for Houston Symphony concert

Tickets are now available for a special concert of the Houston Symphony Orchestra, to be performed at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 in Caldwell Auditorium under the direction of conductor Yoel Levi.

Reserved tickets for faculty and staff are available for \$3 each from the Office of Development, ADM 313. General admission and student tickets may be purchased in the University Bookstore.

The orchestra's performance, sponsored by UT Tyler Friends of the Arts, is made possible by a public-private partnership between the Southwestern Bell Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Houston Symphony, celebrating its 75th anniversary season in 1988, is one of the nation's oldest performing arts organizations and has been led by some of the greatest conductors in the world, including Leopold Stokowski, Sir John Barbirolli, Sir Thomas Beecham, Andre Previn, Lawrence Foster and Sergiu Comissiona.

## **Federal procurement seminar planned Feb. 19**

An East Texas Federal Procurement Conference, designed to inform business people of the many products and services that the Federal Government purchases from the private sector, is scheduled 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 in the University Center.

Sponsored by Congressman Ralph Hall in cooperation with East Texas Council of Governments and the UT Tyler School of Business Administration, the conference provides 0.6 continuing education units.

Registration is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. with the welcome by President George F. Hamm and Tyler Mayor Bob Montgomery at 9 a.m. Rear admiral Robert B. Abele, vice commander of the Naval Supply Systems Command Supply Corps, U.S. Navy, will give a presentation on federal procurement at 9:30 a.m. and Hall will be the luncheon speaker. Presentations on local procurement centers will be given by Sandra Stenzel and Muriel LeBlanc from the Bid Resource Center, Beaumont.

Program topics include how to contract with the federal government, what product and services are needed by the federal government, and what services are provided to the contractor. Registration, which includes lunch, is \$20. For more information call John Childs, ext. 7363.

## in the spotlight . . .

**Dr. Robert Geffner**, associate professor of psychology, has been appointed to the State of Texas Advisory Board for the National Association of School Psychologists for 1987-88.

**Dr. James Harbaugh**, assistant professor of technology, is the author of an article, "Technology Education Safety Status: 1987," in the fall 1987 issue of the Association of Texas Technology Education Journal.

**Dr. Barbara Hart**, assistant professor of criminal justice, is co-author of the Multi-Agency Investigative Team Manual on serial murders. Research for the manual was funded by the National Institute of Justice.

**Dr. Wendell C. Hewett**, professor of business administration, recently had a paper, "A Discussion of the Bogosian Settlement and its Effect on the Marketing of Gasoline," accepted for presentation at the International meeting of the Academy of Marketing Science. The paper will be published in the meeting proceedings.

**Dr. George Joyce**, professor of marketing, had his paper, "A Managerial Approach to Industrial Market Segmentation and Marketing Professional Services," accepted for presentation at the Southwestern Marketing Association meeting to be held in March in San Antonio.

**Dr. Paula Lundberg-Love**, assistant professor of psychology, is serving as president of the East Texas Psychological Association. She served as president-elect during 1987.

**Jim Pace**, assistant professor of art, has been selected to exhibit works in the Florida National 1988 exhibition at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla.

**Dr. Wallace V. Schmidt**, associate professor of drama and communication, will be included in the 1988 thirteenth edition of *Men of Achievement* published by the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England.

**Dr. Lynn Sherrod**, School of Sciences and Mathematics dean, presented "Natural History of Costa Rica to the Tyler Audubon Society Jan. 15. He also presented "Trees of Tyler" to the Tyler Garden Club Jan. 15.



**Dr. George Whitson**, associate of computer science, has received approval of a grant to produce training materials -- including video tape lectures and accompanying manuals -- to be used as an introduction to the Cray Supercomputer.

**Dr. Marilyn Young**, professor of business administration, conducted a seminar, "Team Building," on the East Texas State University at Texarkana campus Jan. 19.

## **Non-credit computer courses to be offered**

Two non-credit courses in computer fundamentals will be offered by the UT Tyler Office of Continuing Education beginning in February.

"Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3" focuses on one of the most popular micro-computer spreadsheet programs on the market. Participants will learn the basic commands to start using spreadsheets as well as learn about database management. The course is designed to enable participants to go back to their home or office computer and immediately apply Lotus 1-2-3 to their needs. Class times are 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 11, 18, 25 and March 3, 10, 17 in SCI 248.

"Introduction to Micro-Computers" covers the common terminology and features of micro-computer systems. The basics of hardware and software as well as the commonly used features of a disk operating system will be discussed. A look at some of the powerful application programs available for micro-computers will be a part of the hands-on sessions. The course will meet 6 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 9, 16, 23 and March 1, 8, 15 in SCI 248.

Each course provides 1.8 continuing education units (CEUs) and will be taught by computer expert Allan Warren. Registration is \$100 and is limited to 15 participants. For more information call John Childs, ext. 7363.

## **Epsilon Delta Pi membership drive underway**

The spring membership drive for Epsilon Delta Pi (EDP) honor society in computer science is now underway. Contact Diana Mohsene, ext. 7367, by Feb. 16 for details and application forms.

# Calendar year changes announced

First of the year changes affecting the amount shown on employee paychecks issued Feb. 1 are listed below:

## Social Security increases:

The maximum amount of annual earnings subject to Social Security contributions has automatically increased from \$43,800 to \$45,000. The Social Security tax rate for both employer and employee increased from 7.15% to 7.51%.

## Term Life Annual Update:

Employees with Term Life Insurance had their coverage updated this month to reflect salary and age changes that occurred over the last year. Premium changes are reflected on the February earnings statement.

## Teacher Retirement System Changes:

The contribution rate for the state has been reduced to 7.2% for 1987-88 and 1988-89 academic years. As of Jan. 1, 1988, member contributions to TRS are tax sheltered through an employer pickup which reduces the member's salary for tax purposes only. Taxes will be due on the member contribution amount paid by the employer when the TRS account is withdrawn or the member retires.

## Aetna Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance:

The annual enrollment period for Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance will be conducted through Feb. 8, 1988. The maximum amount is \$1,000,000. Please review your coverage and that of your spouse and children carefully. You may need to increase your family protection. The basic rate is 27 cents per \$10,000.

## 1988 Form W-4:

There is no requirement for an employee to refile a 1988 Form W-4. However, employees should review their withholding situation to be sure enough tax is being withheld. If the number of your withholding allowances has changed, please come by the Personnel Office and complete a new 1988 Form W-4.

## PERSONEL UPDATE

### NEW EMPLOYEES

Bobby Crone  
Instructor  
BUS 115, ext. 7363  
Effective 1/16/88

Susan Dildy  
Instructor  
SCI 235, ext. 7320  
Effective 1/16/88

Perry Lovett  
Assistant professor  
BUS 221, ext. 7371  
Effective 1/16/88

Linda Rima  
Professional librarian  
LIB 209, ext. 7344  
Effective 1/18/88

David Staples  
Maintenance worker III  
PHY 104, ext. 7291  
Effective 1/25/88

Rose Wise  
Cashier I  
ADM 120, ext. 7227  
Effective 1/21/88

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