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## Regents approve center funding

Initial funding for an \$18 million performance and activity center to be constructed at UT Tyler has been authorized by the UT System Board of Regents.



The project is to be funded by a \$12 million allocation from the UT System and \$6 million to be raised through private gift monies and student activity fees, said President George F. Hamm. The regents authorized initial funding of \$200,000, allocated from monies reserved for construction of the facility, to allow UT Tyler to retain an architect to develop preliminary design plans. It is anticipated that an architect will be appointed at the December board meeting.

Plans will address needs for specialized academic space for the arts, theatre, and music, including practice rooms, an art teaching gallery, and a recital hall/theatre, as well as a multiple purpose auditorium and student activity space.

The consulting architect will be retained to produce drawings, models and budgets for the project. This work will be used by the university to complete its drive for private matching funds. The purpose of the new center is to provide for critical needs of faculty and students for academic space and facilities for special events.



## **Daniels heads faculty senate**

Dr. Stephen Daniels, associate professor of education, will serve as president of the Faculty Senate for the 1989-90 academic year. Other officers are Dr. Joyce Ballard, associate professor of health and physical education, president-elect; and Dr. Mark Lewis, assistant professor of education, secretary. Senators from each school and their standing are:

**School of Business Administration** — Dr. Wendell Hewett, professor of business administration, senior senator; Dr. Karen Lee, assistant professor of business administration, junior senator; and Geri Wink, instructor of business administration, alternate.

**School of Education and Psychology** — Lewis, senior senator; Dr. Brenda Gilliam, assistant professor of special education, junior senator; and Dr. Ross Sherman, assistant professor of educational administration, alternate.

**School of Liberal Arts** — Dr. Peter Nelligan, assistant professor of criminal justice, senior senator; Dr. Barbara Hart, associate professor of criminal justice, junior senator; and Ben Ferrell, instructor of criminal justice, alternate.

**School of Sciences and Mathematics** — Dr. Linda Campbell, assistant professor of nursing, senior senator; Dr. Steve Rainwater, assistant professor of computer science, junior senator; and Sue Thompson, alternate.

**Library** representatives are Linda Rima, professional librarian, senior senator; and Annie Bearry, junior senator.

**At-large members** are Dr. Tommy Gilbreath, associate professor of technology; Ballard and Daniels.



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Dr. John Fabac**, associate professor of technology and Technology Partnership (TPO) director, is author of a \$75,000 grant awarded to UT Tyler by the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Department of Commerce and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**Dr. Neil Ford**, associate professor of biology, and **Dr. Richard Seigel**, assistant professor of biology at Southeastern Louisiana University, have had their paper, "Phenotypic Plasticity in Reproductive Traits: Evidence from a Viviparous Snake," published in the journal *Ecology*. This research was supported by a UT Tyler faculty research grant.

**Dr. Paxton Hart** serves as consulting editor for *East Texas Medicine* and for *Seminars in Respiratory Medicine*. The latter is published by Thieme Inc., New York.

### PERSONNEL UPDATE

#### New Employees

**Connie Cooksy**  
Secretary II  
Public Information  
ADM 221, Ext. 7170

**Dale Feuquay**  
Guard  
University Police  
PHY 121, Ext. 7300

**Loyalann Hidalgo**  
Secretary I  
Division of Nursing  
SCI 236, Ext. 7320

**Jeffrey Jones**  
Laboratory Technician II  
Sciences and Mathematics  
HPR 126, Ext. 7400

**Wendy McKensie**  
Clerk Typist I  
Financial Services  
ADM 110, Ext. 7221

**Chet Thomas**  
Guard  
University Police  
PHY 121, Ext. 7300

**Stan Tyiska**  
Guard  
University Police  
PHY 121, Ext. 7300

**Kathy Westerfield**  
Buyer I  
Financial Services  
ADM 117, Ext. 7231

### Service Recognition

The following are recognized for 15 years of continuous service at the university Aug. 27:

**Dr. Patricia Gajda**, professor, Department of Humanities

**Dr. Vivian Hicks**, professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

**Dr. James Stewart**, professor, Department of Biology

**Dr. Gary Wright**, professor, Department of Special Services

**Dr. Marilyn Young**, professor, Department of Management and Marketing



Congratulations to the following for five years of continuous employment at the university:

July 30 — **Darlene Morris**, building attendant I; Aug. 1 — **Mary Murphy**, building attendant I; Aug. 6 — **Bobbie Byrd**, accounting clerk II, and **Rogers Carr**, building attendant I; Aug. 28 — **Jean DeSoto**, building attendant I.



## Distinguished Lecture Series announced

General Alexander Haig, statesman Abba Eban and author Tom Wolfe are scheduled in the Distinguished Lecture Series.

The prestigious series opens Oct. 3 with Eban, followed by Haig Nov. 9 and Wolfe April 16, 1990.

Eban simultaneously served as Israel's Ambassador to the U.N. and the United States. In Israel, he served for eight years as minister of foreign affairs. He is now chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of the Knesset, Israel's legislature.

Haig's career includes service as U.S. Secretary of State, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe in command of NATO forces, and White House Chief of Staff.

Wolfe's most recent book *Bonfire of the Vanities* is his first novel and a runaway national best-seller. He also is author of *The Right Stuff*, which won the American Book Award for general non-fiction.

# INTERCOM

## Health Fair introduces Wellness Center Sept. 8

A Health Fair is scheduled 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 to introduce the new Wellness Center in the Division of Nursing. Employees and their dependents can receive free screenings for cholesterol, high blood pressure, hearing and vision, as well as obtain information on medical services available at UT Health Center under the health insurance preferred provider organization (PPO). UT Tyler employees may pre-enroll in the PPO and receive a pre-registration priority card which will admit them to one of the UTHC clinics.

Services offered by the Wellness Center, to be staffed by advanced practitioners in the UT Tyler Division of Nursing, include routine vital sign assessments, health-risk appraisals, and health education information. Dr. Jeffrey Levin, medical director of UTHC's Occupational Medicine Clinic and a board certified internist, will be available each Friday morning to examine and counsel employees.

Goals of the program include higher employee morale, better employee relations, less absenteeism, better productivity and lower health costs. For more information contact Dr. Linda Campbell or Dr. Paul Brown, associate professors of nursing, ext. 7320.

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