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## **Fernandez appointed Pirtle professor; Morris serves as interim vice president**

Dr. Thomas L. Fernandez has been appointed to the George W. and Robert S. Pirtle Distinguished Professorship at UT Tyler. The appointment, effective June 1, follows Fernandez' request to return to the faculty as a fulltime professor. He has served as vice president for academic affairs since 1984 and also has served as professor of communication.

Dr. Gerald Morris, professor of mathematics, has been named interim vice president for academic affairs. Morris, who joined the university in 1973 as a charter faculty member and professor of mathematics, served as interim vice president for academic affairs in 1975.

"The true measure of the success of a vice president for academic affairs is reflected by the quality of faculty recruited during his or her tenure. UT Tyler has advanced notably in that respect. This is a great tribute to Dr. Fernandez," President George F. Hamm stated.

The endowed Pirtle Professorship was established in 1984 with a gift of \$110,000 from George W. Pirtle and his grandson, Robert. The late George Pirtle was a petroleum geologist, international oil producer, philanthropist and community leader.

## **Gifted education consultant to discuss creativity**

Dr. Tamara Safter, noted consultant in the field of gifted education, will give a series of presentations on creativity June 20 - 21. All sessions will be held in UC 134, and are open to the public at no charge.

On June 20, Safter will give presentations on "Identifying Creativity" 9:10 - 10:40 a.m., "The Teacher's Role in Creativity" 10:50 a.m. - 12:20 p.m., and "Developing Children's Creativity" 2 - 4 p.m. A keynote address, "Creativity: Developing Thinking and Decision Making Skills," is scheduled 7 - 8:30 p.m. On June 21 Safter will present "Assessment of Creativity" 9:10 - 10:40 a.m., and "Encouraging Creativity" 10:50 a.m.- 12:20 p.m.

Safter is an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Georgia, where she teaches classes in gifted education and creativity, and is participating in a federal grant with the National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented.

The author of 13 publications, Safter has served as a consultant in creativity and gifted education for educational institutions and businesses, and has been a presenter at conferences throughout the United States as well as in Germany and Bulgaria. She served as research assistant to E. Paul Torrance at the University of Georgia and assisted in the development of the Torrance Center for Creative Studies.

Safter holds a Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Georgia, a M.Ed. in counseling and guidance from Clemson University and a B.A. in journalism from the University of Miami.

Professional development or A.A.T. credit will be available. For more information call the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, ext. 7133.

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Dr. Paula Lundberg-Love**, associate professor of psychology, presented "Not Always a Stranger: Date Rape" at the Tyler Store Front Community Meeting April 18. She also presented "Societal Cost of Child Maltreatment" at a recent luncheon meeting of the Tyler Kiwanis Club.

**Dr. Christina Mitchell**, associate professor of psychology, is the author of "Recognition and Remediation of Asynchronous Love Stages and Expression in Troubled Marriages" published in *Family Therapy*, Vol. XVII.

**Harlee Wright**, lecturer in education, was a candidate for an Ed.D. degree at East Texas State University spring commencement May 10. His dissertation was "Competencies of Chief Instructional Officers in Two-Year Public Colleges in Texas."

## Day Camp to present guest speakers

Representatives from the community and campus will speak to children in UT Tyler's Summer Day Camp. Day Camp leaders Eugene Lemler and Laura Russell invite faculty and staff to hear the featured presentations which begin with Suzanne Brians, senior lecturer in reading, at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 18 in UC 101.

Other speakers scheduled this summer include Mayor R. Smith Reynolds; Tom Giorgio, Tyler Police Department; Max Nash, Tyler Fire Department; Ben Gillis, Broadway Square Mall; and representatives from TU Electric, Confederate Air Force, U.S. Army, and the UT Health Center at Tyler. UT Tyler faculty and staff include Dr. Robert L. Jones, Mondy Raibon, Joanne Buendtner, Dr. Janet Lakomey, Dr. Sheldon Dunham, Dr. Andrew Szarka, and Dr. Larry Kraus. For dates and times call the Office of Student Services, ext. 7079.

## PERSONNEL UPDATE

### NEW EMPLOYEES

**Brenda Bowie**  
Cashier I  
ADM 120, ext. 7227  
Effective 5-22-91

**Anthony Hearn**  
University Police Guard  
PHY 121, ext. 7300  
Effective 6-2-91

### RETIREMENT

Mary Ann Cranfill, secretary in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, will be retiring after 13 years at the university on July 31. Mary Ann plans to travel, visit her children and do things she hasn't had time to do while working. Best wishes to you, Mary Ann, for a happy retirement.

## **On-campus student housing plans initiated**

Authority to initiate development of on-campus student housing designed to serve 400 students was granted UT Tyler by the UT System board of regents at its June meeting.

The proposal is designed to develop 100 two-room suites with a commons building housing a food service component in phase one of the project. Phase one will accommodate 200 students and phase two of the project will have similar capacity.

The regents authorized UT Tyler to solicit proposals from developers to construct and manage the phase one complex pursuant to a long-term ground lease, President George F. Hamm said. Tentative estimates place the cost of phase one at approximately \$3.5 million.

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## **Faculty participate in business ethics conference**

Four faculty members from the School of Business Administration were invited participants in the Arthur Anderson Conference on Teaching Business Ethics June 12 - 14 in Chicago. The conference was designed to assist and encourage the teaching of business ethics in the classroom.

Faculty and the business areas they represented at the conference are: Dr. Marilyn Young, professor of business administration, management; Karen Lee, senior lecturer in accounting, accounting; Dr. George Joyce, professor of business administration, marketing; and Oris "Buddy" Odom, professor of finance, finance.

## **Summer II on-campus registration scheduled**

On-campus registration for the second summer term is scheduled 1 - 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 3. Late Registration will be held 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, July 5 and Monday, July 8. Classes begin Monday, July 8.

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