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Major gift boosts Liberal Arts Complex

A gift of \$250,000 has been donated by Houston Endowment Inc. to UT Tyler for its new Liberal Arts Complex and Center for the Arts, giving the \$18.2 million project a major boost toward completion of funding, President George F. Hamm has announced.

Earlier this year, Mrs. Jacqueline Braithwaite of Tyler made a \$500,000 donation to the project. Other recent donations include a pledge of \$50,000 from NationsBank.

The Liberal Arts Complex and Center for the Arts is to be funded by a \$12 million allocation from the proceeds of the Permanent University Fund (PUF), while \$6 million is to be raised through private gifts. The facility will accommodate growing demands for enhanced academic offerings in arts, music, drama, and speech, and will include a general-use auditorium, theatre, recital hall and an art gallery. C/A Architects of Houston and Longview has designed the complex.

Additionally, a private developer is scheduled to begin construction in August of a \$5.2 million student apartment complex that will house 340 students on the UT Tyler campus. Century Development of Houston will construct and manage the complex pursuant to a long-term ground lease with the university.

British comedy to be performed

"Habeas Corpus," Alan Bennett's witty British comedy, will be presented by UT Tyler's summer theatre program June 24 - 28. Complimentary tickets for faculty and staff are available by calling ext. 7253.

A preview performance, to be presented under rehearsal conditions, is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. Regular performances will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, June 25 - 26; 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27; and at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28. All performances will be held in ADM 127.

Dr. Andrew Szarka, associate professor of history, will play the leading role of Arthur Wicksteed, M.D. — the role played by Alec Guinness in the original British production. Wicksteed, at age 53, feels that life is passing him by, and his attitudes fire the madcap events in the play.

The ensemble cast also includes James Johnson, Mary Lewis, Debbie Hoover, Michael Gorham, Kara Rainer, Kevin McDonald, Linda Sanders, Gaynor Edwards, Michael Prewitt, Micah Strickland, Julie Marsh and Jere Hunter.

The production is directed and designed by Dr. James A. Hatfield, assistant professor and director of theatre. Mary Ellen Wright, a recent graduate, is the play's assistant director and Linda Stanford is stage manager.

WordPerfect course begins July 6

A non-credit course in WordPerfect software will be presented by the Office of Continuing Education beginning July 6. "WordPerfect Fundamentals" covers production and formatting of letters, reports and other documents, editing, printing, and an introduction to graphics.

Computer expert Don Young will teach the course 6 - 9 p.m. Mondays, July 6 - Aug. 3. Cost is \$99; a 20 percent discount is available to faculty and staff. To register or for more information call ext. 7147.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Donald E. Fischer, professor of finance, participated in recent seminars in Zurich and Bangkok. Fischer discussed innovations in financial instruments developed in the United States. The presentation was designed to assist investment managers and security analysts in enhancing investment returns and controlling risk exposure.

Deborah Hatton, lecturer in nursing, and **Dr. Judith Sutherland**, assistant professor of nursing, presented "Care of the Mentally Ill Patient in the Acute Care Setting" May 28 at Nan Travis Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville.

Dr. Helen Prather, lecturer in the School of Business Administration, spoke about "Nonverbal Communication" at the American Business Club monthly luncheon meeting in May.

Mondy Raibon, coordinator of student services, and **Veronica Torrez**, assistant director of financial aid, have been elected officers of the Tyler Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. Raibon will serve as president and Torrez will serve as treasurer for the 1992 fiscal year; both were elected to three-year terms on the chamber's board.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

SERVICE RECOGNITION

Lynne Roberts, personnel benefits specialist, will celebrate 15 years of continuous service at the university June 27.

Celebrating 10 years of service are Geraldine Fielding, library assistant I, June 1; Van Howard, maintenance worker III, June 7; and Donna Roberson, computer operator I, June 21.

Recognized for five years of continuous service are Dr. Mark Kroll, associate professor and Department of Management and Marketing chairman, June 1; and David Shick, groundskeeper III, also June 1.

Environmental education seminar set Wednesday

An Environmental Education Update Seminar, featuring officials from federal and state agencies, will be presented by UT Tyler 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 in LIB 401.

Speakers include officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Texas Education Agency (TEA), Texas Water Commission and the Texas Air Control Board.

Robert E. "Bob" Layton Jr. will open the seminar with an overview of the National Education Act and its relation to environmental education.

Additional speakers include: Dr. Barbara ten Brink, TEA; Susan Bumpous, Texas Water Commission; Harless Benthel and Ed Curran, EPA; Sally Hoelke and Dr. Gerald Nehman, UT Arlington and EPA; Richard Leard, Texas Air Control Board; and Dr. Larry Kraus, UT Tyler.

Registration is \$10. To register call the Office of Continuing Education, ext. 7147.

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Diversity to be education program topic

"Meeting the Challenges of Diversity in the Classroom" will be the theme of the 1992 Early Childhood Summer Program at UT Tyler Thursday and Friday, June 25 - 26 in UC 134. Featured speaker will be Dr. Mary A. Johnson, assistant professor of education at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Okla.

A reception will be held beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, followed by the keynote address, "Understanding, Appreciating and Nurturing Classroom Diversity," at 7 p.m. Sessions scheduled for Friday include "What is an Anti-Bias Curriculum?," "Learning Styles in a Multicultural Classroom," and "Classroom Environment: How it Affects Children's Self-Esteem and Acceptance of Self and Others." Admission is free and AAT credit is available.

Johnson, a former member of the UT Tyler faculty, served as chairperson of the reading program at the University of Virginia's Clinch Valley College prior to joining the Northeastern State University faculty in 1989. She is editor of the book *Educational Leaders: Their Views on Controversial Issues*, and author of numerous articles published in professional journals.

For more information call Colleen Randel, senior lecturer in education, ext. 7133.

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