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Coordinating Board approves Liberal Arts Complex

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved plans for construction of a new \$19.95 million Liberal Arts Complex on The University of Texas at Tyler campus, President George F. Hamm announced.

"We are extremely grateful for the Coordinating Board's endorsement of this project, which is so important for UT Tyler and the entire East Texas region. The University of Texas System board of regents at its December meeting will address pre-construction procedures, including authorization to seek bids, leading up to anticipated groundbreaking in April," Hamm stated.

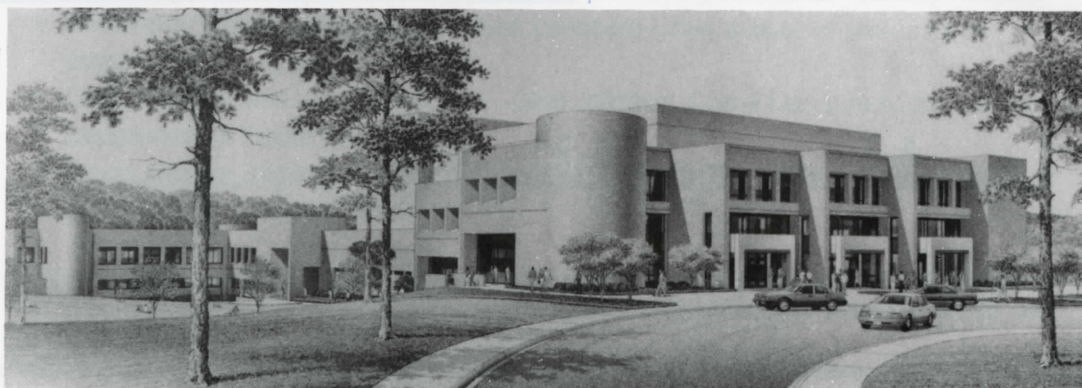
The Liberal Arts Complex is designed to meet critical academic needs for multipurpose institutional use; specialized academic programs in theatre, music, and art; university convocations, lecture series, and student events. The facility will accommodate growing demands brought about in part by flourishing programs in art, music, and theatre at area junior colleges.

Plans include a large auditorium/performance center, a recital hall, drama theatre/laboratory, band/choral rehearsal space, art history/opera appreciation lecture hall, and supporting service area.

In other action during its meeting Oct. 28 in Austin, the Coordinating Board approved a partnership agreement between UT Tyler and Tyler Junior College.

The agreement will coordinate certain administrative and academic functions of the two institutions — including admissions, financial aid, and registration functions — in order to provide a seamless four-year undergraduate experience for qualified students seeking a bachelor's degree.

"This partnership will reduce costs to students, their families and taxpayers, and will maximize the utilization of existing facilities and programs. The entire region will benefit," Hamm said.



Artist concept of new UT Tyler Liberal Arts Complex

Two plays to open in November

UT Tyler's Theatre Repertory Ensemble Company, featuring the theme "From Fields of Green: Irish Influences," will present two new plays in November. "Oleanna," by Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Mamet, opens Nov. 3; "You Never Can Tell," a George Bernard Shaw comedy, opens Nov. 11.

Set on a college campus, "Oleanna" was first performed on Broadway in New York City in 1993. The play presents a male professor facing tenure and a female student facing failure and unable to communicate.

"You Never Can Tell" contains characters so well cast from life that members of the audience will have no difficulty recognizing comic traits present among their friends and acquaintances today.

Both plays are directed by Dr. James A. Hatfield, associate professor and director of theatre, and will be performed in repertory during November and December.

Complimentary tickets are available to faculty and staff. For performance dates and times call the Department of Theatre and Communication, ext. 7253.

Snapshot

BONE MEASUREMENTS — Dr. Joyce Ballard, professor of health and kinesiology, confers with Ann Stroud during an osteoporosis research session. Ballard uses a single photon absorptiometry to measure bone density in two different bone sites of radius. She has conducted extensive research in the area of osteoporosis and began this program in 1984 with women 50 and older. The same women were examined again in 1989 and are a part of this research program 10 years later. For the past nine years, Stroud has been active in Ballard's exercise program which meets three times week. (Photo by David White)



in the spotlight . . .

Dr. James W. Joseph, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed on KTBB Radio Oct. 10. He discussed U.S. policy and the Iraqi military buildup.

Peggy M. Wolfe, assistant professor of education, presented "Linking Storytelling to Mathematics" at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference Oct. 15 in Tulsa, Okla.

Fischer to conduct accounting seminar



Dr. Mary L. Fischer

Dr. Mary L. Fischer, associate professor of accounting and coordinator of institutional research, will conduct a non-credit accounting course sponsored by the Office of Continuing Education.

"Current and Proposed Not-for-Profit Financial Reporting" is a practical seminar for accountants, accounting supervisors, and managers who want to understand and maintain the funds accounting process.

The seminar, which offers 4.0 CPE or .4 CEU credits, will meet 8 a.m. - noon Friday, Nov. 11; fee is \$49. A 20 percent discount is available to faculty and staff.

Stanley to speak Nov. 3

Dr. Jeanie Stanley will discuss "Gender Politics in the 1990 and 1994 Texas Gubernatorial Elections" at 2 p.m. Nov. 3 in UC 118. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Stanley is co-author, with Sue Tolletson-Rinehart, of the book *Claytie and the Lady: Ann Richards, Gender and Politics in Texas* published recently by The University of Texas Press. Copies of the book will be available for purchase before and after the lecture.

Stanley was associate professor of political science at UT Tyler until 1992. She recently left a position as director of research and legal support for the state attorney general's office, and is currently a writer and consultant.

Symposium to address drug issues

A Drug Workshop and Symposium will be sponsored by the Criminal Justice Students Association on Thursday, Nov. 3. Open to the public at no charge, the program is scheduled 10 a.m.- noon in BUS 158.

Topics and guest speakers include:

- Drug Effects and Withdraws - Joe Sartor, pharmacologist, Mother Frances Hospital
- Behavioral Effects of Drugs - Dr. Paula Lundberg-Love, associate professor of psychology, UT Tyler
- Drug Statistics and the Local Scene - Glen Johnson, Crime Lab supervisor, Texas Department of Public Safety
- Drugs and the Criminal Justice Response - Wade French, chief U.S. probation officer, Texas Eastern District

Sports medicine lecture scheduled

The Department of Health and Kinesiology will sponsor a Texas Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine lecture at 7 p.m. Nov. 7 in PHE 216.

Dr. Anne Loucks of Ohio University will present "Effect of Dietary Restriction and Aerobic Exercise on Metabolic Hormones and LH Pulsatility." The lecture is free.

Charitable campaign pledge forms due

Pledge forms for the State Employee Charitable Campaign on the UT Tyler campus are due Nov. 1. University employees who are serving as campaign volunteers in their respective areas should collect pledge forms and return them to the News and Information Office.