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Baker appointed VP for academic affairs

Dr. W.A. "Bill" Baker Jr. has been appointed vice president for academic affairs, President George F. Hamm has announced.

Baker, a professor of chemistry at UT Arlington, served as vice president for academic affairs from 1973 to 1993 and as dean of the graduate school from 1971 to 1973. During his service as vice president, UT Arlington added 49 new degree programs at the baccalaureate, masters and doctoral levels and grew from 14,000 to 25,000 students. Also the university added a School of Architecture and Environmental Design, the Automation and Robotics Research Institute in the College of Engineering, a School of Nursing, and the Center for Professional Teacher Education.

"Dr. Baker's background as vice president of a university experiencing enormous growth in enrollment and academic degree programs, and his service with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board assessing the role and scope of junior colleges and senior colleges, will be invaluable for UT Tyler in addressing the higher educational needs of the entire East Texas region," Hamm stated.

Baker's appointment is effective June 1. He will fill the position held by Dr. Vincent Falzone, who has served as interim vice president for academic affairs since last May. Falzone will resume his responsibilities as professor of history.

Baker began his academic career at Syracuse University as an assistant professor of chemistry in 1959. He later attained the rank of professor and served as department chairman from 1965 to 1971. He earned a B.S. degree in chemistry, summa cum laude, from Texas A&I-Kingsville and a Ph.D. in chemistry from UT Austin. Baker has conducted sponsored research for the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Health, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Petroleum Research Fund, Research Corporation, and Welch Foundation.

He has authored articles in numerous academic journals, including the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, *Inorganic Chemistry*, *Inorganica Chimica Acta*, *Journal of Inorganic and Nuclear Chemistry* and *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry*.

He is a member of several academic honor societies and professional organizations, including Alpha Chi Sigma, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Sigma Xi, American Chemical Society and Phi Delta Kappa.

His community service includes extensive involvement with the American Heart Association, serving on the State Board of Directors from 1978-1988 and as board chairman in 1983-1984. Baker received the Eisenhower Award as Lay Volunteer of the Year in 1986.



National art competition works on exhibit

National Works on Paper, an exhibition of more than 30 works of art, is on view through the month of March in UC 101. In its 10th year, the competition was juried by Jeffrey Sippel of the Tamarind Institute in Albuquerque and features prints, drawings, paintings, and photographs.

UTSA to conduct teaching survey

A survey of 24,000 students, faculty and administrators at UT System components will be conducted in March as part of a project to review issues related to the evaluation of teaching. The project is directed by Arthur Hernandez, an assistant professor of educational psychology at UT San Antonio, and graduate student Shirley Jean Schmidt.

The survey, which is part of a project of the UT System Faculty Advisory Council, has the support of Chancellor William H. Cunningham. The survey questionnaires will collect information about how each campus evaluates and rewards teaching, and will solicit on key evaluation issues. The study also seeks to determine if students, instructors and administrators believe university teaching is appropriately valued.

Surveys will be distributed to all tenured and tenure-track teaching faculty, all academic administrators, and approximately 10 percent of students on each UT System campus. Distribution is expected to begin in mid-March. All completed surveys will be routed to Hernandez at UTSA for processing and analysis. Hernandez says he expects the final report, which will include survey findings, will be completed by fall. For more information contact Hernandez at (210) 691-4350.

New assignments announced

Don Blevins has been appointed plant projects coordinator and Loyd Ellis will serve as interim director of the physical plant. Both positions report directly to Ron Wall, chief fiscal officer, who announced the new assignments.

In the new position of plant projects coordinator, Blevins will advise the chief fiscal officer regarding repair and rehabilitation projects as well as other construction. Duties will include development and/or review of contract specifications, coordination with the purchasing department, and responding to information requests regarding campus facilities.

Ellis, who has served as supervisor of physical plant services, will assume the duties of interim director which include responsibilities for building, custodial and grounds maintenance services.

in the spotlight . . .

Dr. Sheldon Dunham, associate professor of technology, has been elected chairman of the board of directors of East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind for 1995. He has served in other key positions, including vice-chairman and chairman of the manufacturing committee, since being elected to the board in 1987.

Dr. Herb Epstein, adjunct associate professor of management and technology, presented "Global Trade: A World in Flux" in the 1995 Great Decisions Lecture Series Feb. 15 at the Tyler Public Library.

Dr. Olga Howard Fischer and **Dr. Chester A. Fischer**, professors of education, have been selected as special session presenters for the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development 1995 annual conference in San Francisco. They will present a paper, "School-Based Teacher Education through Collaboration: Professional Development Schools at UT Tyler," March 28.

Dr. Ronald Livingston, assistant professor of psychology, is coauthor (with Ruth A. Haak) of a chapter, "Treating Traumatic Brain Injury in the Schools: Mandates and Methods," to be published in the second edition of *The Handbook of Clinical Child Neuropsychology*. The book, edited by Cecil R. Reynolds and Elaine Fletcher-Janzen, will be published by Plenum Press in the fall.

Dr. Joy E. McLemore, senior lecturer in English, presented a lecture concerning literature and

essay writing to honor students at Bishop T.K. Gorman High School.

Dr. Gregory P. Orvis, assistant professor of criminal justice, is author of an article, "Drug Testing in the Criminal Justice Workplace," published in the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, the official publication of the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

Dr. Paul Roberts, assistant professor of technology, has recently published two articles: "Integrating Technology Education and Tech Prep" in *The Technology Teacher*, journal of the International Technology Education Association; and "The Status of Technology Education in Texas," in the *Association of Texas Technology Education Journal*.

Dr. Miguel Ruiz-Aviles, assistant professor of Spanish, was interviewed by Betty Waters of the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* about the travel study course he led recently in Costa Rica. He and several students discussed their Spanish language and culture experiences in the article which was published Feb. 19.

Dr. Victor I. Scherb, assistant professor of humanities, presented a paper, "Jestbook Skelton and Renaissance Culture," at the Re-Inventing the Middle Ages and the Renaissance conference sponsored by the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. The conference was held Feb. 16 - 18 in Tempe, Ariz.

"LATER LIFE" — The Department of Theatre continues its spring repertory season with performances of A.R. Gurney's "Later Life," the playwright's chronicles of the WASP way of life in America and the passing of the culture it once symbolized. Set on a terrace overlooking Boston harbor, this classic comedy features a lively discussion of life between a man and the woman who wished to love him. Starring are Dr. Victor Scherb (seated left), assistant professor of English; Katherine Arnold (seated right), undergraduate theatre major; Aletha Nelligan (standing left), wife of Dr. Peter Nelligan, associate professor of criminal justice and chair of the Department of Social Sciences; and Dr. Andrew Szarka (standing right), associate professor of history. The play runs Thursday through Sunday, March 9 - 12. Call ext. 7253, for times and ticket information. (Photo by Michael Murray)



Lindbergh grants applications available

The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation has announced the availability of grants for projects in various fields for 1996. Each year the Lindbergh Foundation awards 9 - 10 grants in amounts up to \$10,580 (the cost of the "Spirit of St. Louis" in 1927); the grants recognize the Lindbergh's enterprising and adventurous spirits, creativity, and their interests in both science and nature.

Categories include agriculture; aviation/aerospace; animal resources; plant resources; water resources; education; humanities, the arts; intercultural communication; exploration; biomedical research; health and population sciences; adaptive technology; and waste minimization and management. Applications must be postmarked by June 13 and are available from Dr. Sandra Sayles-Cross, ADM 312.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Sexual harassment seminar planned

John Dorman from the Texas Employment Commission will be on campus Friday, March 10 to present a seminar on "Sexual Harassment in the Workplace." He will provide information on EEOC guidelines and policy, court cases and sexual harassment prevention strategies. A film will be shown describing how to identify and prevent sexual harassment, and handle complaints should they occur.

The one-hour program has been developed to inform all employees about sexual harassment and will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, March 10 in UC 118. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

NEW EMPLOYEE

Nancy Moore

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ANNIVERSARIES

Marsha Whitty, administrative secretary, Office of Business Affairs, will celebrate 10 years of university service March 25. **Sherry Rhodes**, secretary I, Department of Psychology, will celebrate 15 years of service March 25. **Lloyd Ellis**, interim director of the Physical Plant, will celebrate 20 years of university service March 17. **Gaylon Cooks**, accounting clerk III, Office of Financial Services, celebrated five years of continuous service at the university Feb. 15.