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Engineering program consultant, funds for building plans designated

Plans for an engineering program at UT Tyler have taken major steps forward with the selection of a consultant and designation of funds for building design, President George F. Hamm has announced.

Dr. Parker Lamb, professor of mechanical engineering and former associate dean of UT Austin's College of Engineering, has been retained as a consultant to develop the new engineering program at UT Tyler in concert with area junior colleges.

"This allows us to move the partnerships with area junior colleges up one more level. Dr. Lamb's responsibilities will be to provide recommendations regarding specific degree proposals to submit to the Board of Regents and the Coordinating Board," Hamm stated.

The UT System Board of Regents has approved a new Capital Improvement Program which includes designation of \$750,000 for preliminary design plans for a proposed engineering building on the UT Tyler campus. The board's action follows an appropriation by the Texas Legislature to provide other start-up funds for creation of a school of engineering at UT Tyler and passage of legislation which provides a blueprint for establishment of the engineering program.

Regents approve degree programs

UT Tyler received approval for two new degree programs — a bachelor of science degree in computer information systems and a master of arts degree in political science — at the UT System Board of Regents meeting Aug. 10.

Both degree programs require approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board prior to implementation.

The B.S. in computer information systems combines core curriculum for the bachelor of business administration degree with courses in computer science which emphasize database design, computer programming, and computer applications to business problems. Curriculum is designed to meet objectives established by the Data Processing Management Association and the Institute for Certification of Computing Professionals, and to prepare students for careers in the growing number of companies with departments of information systems.

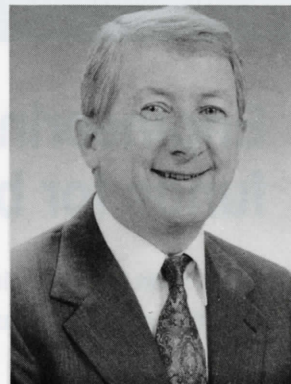
The M.A. in political science is a 36-hour graduate program with an option for a 30-hour program with thesis. Administered by the Department of Social Sciences in the School of Liberal Arts, the program builds on political science courses offered as a primary field in the M.A. in interdisciplinary studies program. The program will prepare students to teach in high schools and community/junior colleges in the region. Currently no M.A. degree in political science is available within a 100-mile radius of Tyler, including adjacent states.



New faculty members introduced

Eighteen new full-time faculty members, including the dean of the School of Education and Psychology, have been introduced at UT Tyler. Faculty members teaching full-time at the university this fall include:

Dr. J. Milford Clark, dean of the School of Education and Psychology and professor of educational administration. Clark holds an Ed.D. in educational administration and supervision from the University of North Carolina. He previously served as dean of the School of Education and Behavioral Science at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo. Clark assumes the dean's position previously held by Dr. Mac R. Moseley, professor of special education, who is leaving on an interim basis to move to Oregon, where he will pursue his work in autism research.



Dr. J. Milford Clark

Dr. Leonard G. Weld, chair of the Department of Accounting and Finance and associate professor of accounting. Weld comes from Auburn University in Auburn, Ala. He received a Ph.D. in accounting from Texas A&M University.

Dr. Carol A. Grothues, assistant professor of psychology. She was a senior research associate and post-doctoral fellow at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Jack E. Rogers, assistant professor of speech communication. He was an assistant professor at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., and received a Ph.D. in speech communication from Louisiana State University.

Dr. Art Kazmierczak, assistant professor of computer science. He was an assistant professor at Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky., and holds a Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Sue Ellen Thompson, assistant professor of nursing. She has taught at Stephen F. Austin State University and holds a Ph.D. in nursing from Texas Woman's University.

Dr. Gayle P. Varnell, assistant professor of nursing. She was a member of the El Centro College faculty and received a Ph.D. in nursing from Texas Woman's University.

Dr. Gloria J. Weber, assistant professor of nursing. She most recently has served as director of the Department of Education at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, Miss. She holds a Ph.D. in nursing and previously taught at UT Tyler.

Kimberly Childs, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction. Formerly acting dean of academic affairs and director of institutional research at Lon Morris College, she holds an M.S. in mathematics from S.F.A. and is working toward a doctorate in mathematics education from Texas A&M University.

J. Scott Whisenant, lecturer in accounting and finance. He was a research assistant at the University of Oklahoma where he is completing a Ph.D. in accounting. He holds an M.B.A. from UT Tyler.

Katherine La Pietra, lecturer in theatre. She comes to UT Tyler from the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and holds an M.F.A. from Mankato State University in Minnesota.

Lisa Davis-Allen, lecturer in art. Previously an adjunct instructor at UT Tyler, she received an M.A. degree from UT Arlington and holds master certification in archive and museum administration.

Cathy Rosser, lecturer in nursing. She taught at Tarrant County Junior College and holds an M.S. in nursing administration from Texas Woman's University.

Susan Snell, lecturer in nursing. She previously taught at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Mississippi and received an M.S.N. from Northwestern State University.

Helene Hakim, lecturer in nursing. She taught at Kilgore College and received a B.S.N. from UT Tyler.

J. Carolyn Schroeder, lecturer in reading. She has taught in the Pine Tree I.S.D. and received an M.Ed. in reading from UT Tyler.

Also recognized were **Herma Esparza-Dawson** and **Linda Southerland**, senior lecturers in nursing, who joined the faculty in the spring semester. Esparza-Dawson holds an M.S.N. from UT Austin and previously taught at S.F.A. Southerland received an M.S.N. from Texas Woman's University and recently was a staff nurse at the Antepartum Care Center at Mother Frances Hospital.

in the spotlight . . .

Dr. Neil Ford, professor of biology, and researcher **Bill Lamar** hosted two curators, Sergei Koudrjantsen and Sergei Mamet, from the Moscow Zoo this summer. Ford showed the visitors the university's Ophidian Research Colony and Lamar led a tour of local areas to study reptiles in the field.

Ula Davis, coordinator of student placement and career services, completed the Leadership Foundation of East Texas Leadership Class III. The program provided training in leadership skills with sessions led by nationally recognized trainers who have particular expertise in organizational management.

Dr. James Harbaugh, associate professor of technology, attended the 22nd Annual American Society of Safety Engineers Region III Professional Development Conference Aug. 7-9 in Houston.

Dr. James A. Hatfield, associate professor of theatre and director of theatre, has been re-elected theatre management forum representative to the Association for Theatre in Higher Education board of directors, a national organization of approximately 3,000 members.

Gary Hatcher, lecturer in art, had an exhibition of his work, "New Traditions," on display at the Longview Museum of Art July 15 - Aug. 26.

Snapshot



Karin Gilliam coordinates an exhibition of the recent works by noted artist Karl Umlauf on view through Sept. 22 in the University Gallery, UC 101. The exhibition includes large, colored drawings and mixed media paintings which are described by the artist as a "construct" of the once recognizable salvage parts he uses in many of his drawings. (Photo by Michael Murray)

Spotlight, continued

Dr. Gertrud L. Kraut, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a paper, "Preconditioned Conjugate Gradients for Two-Point Boundary Value Problems with Non-Separated Boundary Conditions," at a mini-symposium of the Third International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics in Hamburg, Germany in July. She also attended a conference on Linear Algebra and its Applications in Manchester, England.

Dr. Ronald Livingston, assistant professor of psychology, has had an article accepted for publication in *Psychology in the Schools*. The article, "K-ABC Content Bias: Mexican American and White Children Comparisons," was co-written with Richard R. Valencia of UT Austin and Richard J. Rankin of the University of Oregon.

Dr. Joy-Ellis McLemore, senior lecturer in English, has had her work included in *Texas Short Fiction: A World in Itself II* published in August (A.L.E. Publishing Company, Redmond,

Wash.). The book features short stories from some of Texas' most notable writers.

Dr. Gregory P. Orvis, assistant professor of criminal justice, recently published a chapter, "The Current Legal Status of Drug Testing and its Implications," in the *Handbook of Workplace Drug Testing* (AACC Press, Washington, D.C.).

Dr. Paul Roberts, assistant professor of technology, presented "Grant Writing" at the 1995 Summer Professional Inservice Conference in Houston. The conference was designed for secondary industrial technology teachers in Texas.

Dr. Marian Rowe, assistant professor of nursing, has been selected by the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders to serve on the Special Care Unit Disclosure Task Force. The task force will be responsible for preparing a report to the Texas Department of Human Services on provision of services to Alzheimer's patients and their families.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

SERVICE RECOGNITION

Celebrating 20 years of continuous service at the university are: **Martha Wheat**, director of admissions and student records, and **Julianne Hubble**, senior lecturer in education, Aug. 26; and **Barbara McClellan**, Administrative Assistant II, Office of the President, Sept. 1.

Geri Wink, lecturer in accounting, celebrated 15 years of service on Sept. 1.

Recognized for 10 years of service Sept. 1 are **Dr. Brenda Gilliam**, associate professor of special education; **Dr. Shirley Jones**, associate professor of counselor education; **Dr. Sheryl Penn**, assistant professor of education; and **Dr. Mark Lewis**, associate professor of education. **Rosalie Cogglin**, lecturer in art, celebrated 10 years of service Sept. 2. **Patty Garrett**, administrative assistant, Office of Admissions and Student Records, celebrates 10 years of service Sept. 13.

Congratulations to the following employees for five years of continuous employment Sept. 1: **Dr. Mary Fischer**, associate professor of accounting and coordinator of institutional research; **Dr. Donald Fischer**, professor of finance; **Dr. Anna Beth Fouse**, assistant professor of special education; **Dr. Debra Mahoney**, assistant professor of nursing; **Dr. James Hatfield**, associate professor of theatre; **Dr. Joseph Loftin, Jr.** associate professor of journalism; **Dr. Marcus Stadelmann**, assistant professor of political science; **Dr. Donald Oglesby**, associate professor of educational administration; and **Dr. Charles Harrell**, director of the library. Also celebrating five years of service in September are: **Mary Loden**, director of student services, Sept. 4; **Serena Chatman**, accounting clerk II, Sept. 20; and **Jose Lucio**, building attendant I, Sept. 24.