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Palestine Nursing Program Awarded Grant

UT Tyler has been awarded a grant of \$20,000 from the Union Pacific Foundation for the growth and development of the university's extension program for nursing in Palestine, President George F. Hamm announced.

"This generous gift from the Union Pacific Foundation will assist UT Tyler in facilitating the delivery of quality health care to the East Texas region. The university's nursing program prepares nurses with the knowledge and skills to help meet the critical need for health care professionals in the community," Hamm said.

The grant was awarded to UT Tyler by Union Pacific Foundation and its operating companies, the Union Pacific Railroad Company and Union Pacific Resources, Inc., to expand the facilities and services for medical education through the university's satellite campus at Trinity Valley Medical Center in Palestine.

The nursing program utilizes Interactive Video technology between classrooms at UT Tyler and Palestine, on-site instruction by UT Tyler Division of Nursing faculty, and clinical experiences in the Palestine area.

UT Tyler offered its baccalaureate nursing program in Palestine for the first time in the 1995 fall semester.

Forty-five students are enrolled in the first two semesters of the nursing program this spring.



GRANT AWARDED TO UT TYLER — President George F. Hamm accepts a \$20,000 grant on behalf of the university's nursing program extension in Palestine from Steve Carmichael (right), manager of train operations, the Union Pacific Corp. Also participating in the award ceremony April 15 at Trinity Valley Medical Center was State Rep. Todd Staples of Palestine.



Spring Band Concert presented April 29

A Spring Band Concert by music groups of UT Tyler and Tyler Junior College will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 29 at Caldwell Auditorium.

Directed by Ronald Todd, the free concert features the UT Tyler/TJC Wind Ensemble, the UT Tyler/TJC Community Wind Ensemble and the TJC Apache Band. Selections from King, Tschesnokoff, Wagner, Ito, Prokofiev, Briccialdi, Turina, Jewell, Grafulla, Cabazon, Grainger and Gregson will be performed.

in the spotlight . . .

Gary C. Hatcher, lecturer in art, was included in "Texas Clay Today" at the Austin Museum of Art. The presentation of his work was in conjunction with the showing of Revolution in Clay: The Marer Collection of Contemporary Ceramics 1940-1990.

Dr. James W. Joseph, assistant professor of political science, presented "Stasis and Change in International Organizations: the Cases of the IMF and World Bank" at the Southwestern Political Science Association meeting March 23 in Houston.

Dr. Gertrud L. Kraut, assistant professor of mathematics, has had a paper published in *Computers and Mathematics Application*. The article, "Convergence and Instability in PCG Methods for Bordered Systems," is the result of joint research with Dr. Ian Gladwell, professor of mathematics at Southern Methodist University.

Dr. Jack E. Rogers, assistant professor of communication, presented a paper, "A Community of Unequals: An Analysis of Subdominant Cultural Perspectives of Forensics Participation," at the 66th annual convention of the Southern States Communication Association March 27 - 31 in Memphis, Tenn. He also had an article, "Interrogating the Myth of Multiculturalism: Toward Significant Membership and Participation of African Americans in Forensics," in *The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta* 80(4).

Dr. Victor I. Scherb, assistant professor of English, has had an article, "Liturgy and Community in N-Town Passion Play I," published in *Comparative Drama* 29 (1995-96).

Dr. Marcus Stadelmann, assistant professor of political science, presented "Beginning of the End: The Collapse of the Extreme Right in the 1994 German Parliamentary Elections," at the Southwestern Political Science Association meeting March 22 in Houston.

Dr. Lisa Starnes and **Dr. Brenda Walling**, assistant professors of education, presented a paper at the Southwest Educational Research Association's annual meeting in New Orleans. The paper, "Facilitating the Transition to Middle School by Meeting the Needs of Students, Teachers, and Parents: Survey Results of Perceived Needs, and Satisfaction of 5th and 6th Grade Students, their Teachers, and their Parents," was the product of a cooperative research effort between Andy Woods Elementary School, Hubbard Middle School, and UT Tyler.

Dr. Olga Supek, senior lecturer in anthropology and coordinator of international programs, presented a paper, "Lost on the Way to Higher Education," at the eighth annual Texas-Mexico Higher Education Conference of the Rio Bravo Association at UT San Antonio March 28 - 30. The paper is being published in the conference proceedings.

Nursing students recognized

Mark Anderson, a nursing major at UT Tyler, has been elected president of the Texas Student Nurses Association (TSNA) for 1996 - 97, Dr. Marian Rowe, associate professor of nursing and UT Tyler Student Nurses Association advisor, has announced.

Anderson, a Tyler resident, was elected at the 4,000-member association's state meeting held recently in Dallas.

In addition, the UT Tyler Student Nurses Association has been awarded a certificate by the Texas League for Nursing in recognition of its initiative in developing a community-based influenza immunization program for senior citizens.

The program, funded by a National League for Nursing grant awarded to Dr. Carolyn Harvey, assistant professor of nursing, was administered by community nursing students under the direction of UT Tyler Division of Nursing faculty. More than 1200 persons in the East Texas region were immunized through the program last year.



TEXAS STUDENT NURSES PRESIDENT — Mark Anderson, president of the Texas Student Nurses Association (TSNA) for 1996 - 97, is shown with a display of his campaign materials in the Division of Nursing.

UT Tyler students selected for inclusion in "Who's Who"

Fifty-four UT Tyler students have been selected for inclusion in the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries. Students are chosen based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

NEW EMPLOYEE

Marie Crowe

Professional Librarian

LIB 221, Ext. 7165

Effective March 21

SERVICE RECOGNITION

Peggy Emery, coordinator of personnel services, celebrates 10 years of service at the university on April 22.

Savings bonds campaign underway

"Today's Decision, Tomorrow's Security" is the theme for this year's U.S. Savings Bonds Campaign. President George F. Hamm has designated April 15 - 29 for the 1996 U.S. Savings Bonds Campaign at UT Tyler.

The semi-annual market-based rate for Series EE Bonds issued between Nov. 1, 1995 and April 30 is 4.75 percent. That rate is 85 percent of the average of six-month Treasury security yields. Competitive interest rates that follow the economy are only one reason to buy bonds. Other reasons include:

- **U.S. Savings Bonds offer tax advantages in that accumulated interest is deferred until the bond is redeemed or until it reaches final maturity.**
- **U.S. Savings Bonds provide tax-free interest when used to finance higher education.**
- **Savings Bonds are safe and secure. They are backed by the United States of America, and are replaced free if lost or stolen.**
- **U. S. Savings Bonds can be purchased in various denominations monthly or bi-monthly through the Payroll Savings Plan at no additional cost to you.**

Peggy Emery, coordinator of personnel services, is UT Tyler's campaign chair. To purchase savings bonds automatically, please complete a payroll authorization card and return it to the Personnel Office.

TRS update: beneficiary designation

It is important to keep your Teacher Retirement System beneficiary designation up-to-date. Members of the Teacher Retirement system are automatically covered by valuable financial protections that will be paid to the primary beneficiary upon the member's death.

Two examples of death benefits are: 1. An active member's beneficiary receives a lump sum payment of two times the annual salary up to a maximum of \$80,000. 2. A retired employee's beneficiary would receive a lump sum payment of \$10,000. With such significant benefits, a member should keep the primary beneficiary properly identified at TRS. Upon a member's or retiree's death, TRS will pay benefits to the beneficiary most recently designated, even if, for example, the beneficiary is a former spouse.

To submit a new Designation of Beneficiary Form, please come by the Personnel Office or call the TRS Information Center, 1-800-223-8778.