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International Summer program expands

International Summer 1996 on the UT Tyler campus will offer increased academic and cultural experiences for students from the East Texas region and abroad. UT Tyler students will have the opportunity to interact with students from Greece, Romania, France, Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland — the greatest number of countries ever represented in one semester.

Courses included in the expanded program, offered during the second summer term, will address topics in business, political science, sociology, criminal justice, literature, history, journalism, and speech communication. Registration is July 5; classes begin July 8.

"International Summer, now in its third year, reflects the university's commitment to international education," Dr. Stephen R. Lefevre, School of Liberal Arts dean, said. "The program provides a valuable exchange for American students and students from other countries, resulting in more awareness and understanding between diverse cultures."

During a trip to eastern Europe in 1993, President George F. Hamm and Lefevre met with academic representatives in Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania to discuss establishing an exchange program between UT Tyler and eastern European universities. The exchange began as the Central European Studies program in the summer of 1994, with UT Tyler hosting 12 students from Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland. In 1995 the name of the program was changed to International Summer when it expanded to include three students from Tyler's sister city of Metz, France, in addition to students from eastern European countries.

Among the 16 international students participating this summer are Vassiliki Zoukou, an English major at the American College of Greece in Athens; Maria Kirova, a journalism major at the University of Sophia, Bulgaria; Sayran Saeed, a Kurdish medical student at Mosul University in Northern Iraq; Habiba Bouzlemt, a linguistics major, and Sophie LeJosne, an English major, at the University of Metz; and Katarzyna Surowy, a business major at Wroclaw Polytechnic University in Tyler's sister city of Jelenia Gora, Poland.

Home stays with friends of the university, coordinated by program assistant Sarah Bennett, will allow the international students to see how American families live and to form friendships within the community while they are studying at UT Tyler. Participating students are chosen by their own campuses on the basis of academic excellence, mastery of the English language and relevance of the experience to their career goals.

For more information call the School of Liberal Arts, ext. 7368.



in the spotlight . . .

Dr. Joyce Ballard, professor of health and kinesiology, is coauthor of five papers presented at the national conference of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) May 31 - June 1. All data for the papers came from the UT Tyler osteoporosis research project. Abstracts were published in *Medicine and Science in Sport and Exercise*, the official journal of ACSM.

Dr. Roger Conaway, associate professor of speech communication, and **Wally Schmidt**, professor of organizational communication at Rollins College in Orlando, Fla., have finalized a contract with Allyn & Bacon Publishers to write a college level textbook called *Results Oriented Interviewing: Principles, Practices, Procedures*. The 400-page text is designed for a sophomore or junior level interviewing class similar to the one at UT Tyler and will have a unique video package supplement for each student.

Dr. Neil B. Ford, professor of biology, is coauthor of *The Garter Snakes: Evolution and Ecology*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press and listed in the Oklahoma Fall 1996 Books Catalog. The book is result of collaborative research conducted by Ford and Douglas A. Rossman and Richard A. Seigel. Ford's portion of the research was supported in part by funds from UT Tyler's Faculty Research Committee. The work is the first comprehensive review of the genus *Thamnophis* in nearly 90 years.

James Pace, associate professor of art and Department of Art chair, has had two works acquired by the Tyler Museum of Art as part of its permanent collection: "Karma View," an acrylic on canvas, and "Lasex," a three-colored blockprint.

Dr. James Schwane, professor of health and kinesiology, is coauthor of a research paper presented by Ryan Buckley, a student in the M.S. degree program in clinical exercise physiology, at the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in Cincinnati May 29. Other coauthors of the paper, "Plasma Creatine Kinase Response of 18- 30-Year-Old African American Men," were Dr. Mark Atkinson and Dr. Robert Shepherd of the UT Health Center at Tyler.

Dr. Brenda Walling, assistant professor of education, and **Dr. Mark Lewis**, associate professor of education, presented a paper, "Development of Professional Identity Among Professional Development School Preservice Teachers: Longitudinal and Comparative Analyses," at the American Educational Research Association's annual meeting in New York City April 26.

Tuition Waived for Senior Citizens

To increase the opportunities for individuals 65 and older, UT Tyler offers a waiver of tuition for senior citizens desiring to take up to six credit hours of junior, senior and graduate courses per semester.

Regularly, tuition at UT Tyler is \$32 per semester credit hour. UT Tyler has chosen to waive tuition for senior citizens following action of the Texas Legislature in 1995 which gave that option to institutions of higher education.

While the waiver will not exempt seniors from paying university fees or textbook costs, this program provides an avenue by which they may complete a bachelor's degree or pursue a master's degree at a lower cost. To receive the waiver, seniors must complete the admissions process, register for courses, and present a driver's license as proof of senior citizen status.

Auditions scheduled for "Phaedra"

Auditions are scheduled June 28 - 29 for "Phaedra," the French tragedy to be produced by the Theatre Repertory Ensemble Company, Dr. James A. Hatfield, associate professor and director of theatre, has announced.

Audition time is 6 - 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre, ADM 127. Scripts are available in the Department of Theatre and Communication, HPR 272. Auditions consist of a group reading of the play and are open to persons in the community as well as UT Tyler students. No prior theatre experience is necessary.

Cited by many critics as the greatest French neo-classical tragedy ever performed, Jean Racine's "Phaedra" will be presented at UT Tyler July 24 - 28.

Now in its fifth season of producing plays in repertory with a central theme, UT Tyler's theatre program has earned a regional reputation for productions of the finest artistic quality. The repertory company's production of "Oleanna" was selected as regional finalist in the Kennedy Center's American College Theatre Festival, and the fall 1995 production of "Lettice and Lovage" received 13 Kennedy Center awards.

For more information call the Department of Theatre and Communication, ext. 7253.

Snapshot



DECISIONS — James Pace, associate professor of art and Department of Art chair, and senior art major Kathy Eastman, discuss "Decisions" which was one of the pieces displayed in the Senior Art Exhibition in June. The exhibit featured the works of Eastman and senior art major Anna Artmire. Eastman's "Decisions" displays a bone inside a cage which represents the human spirit and its entrapment by the world. (Photo by Michael Murray)

SBI sponsors free seminars

Customer inventory and information sharing will be topics included in the series of free Small Business Seminars sponsored by the UT Tyler Small Business Institute in conjunction with Microsoft Corporation. Designed for owners of small businesses and persons interested in starting a business, the seminars are held 6 - 8 p.m. in BUS 110.

Topics and dates are: "Customer Inventory and Employee Tracking", July 22, and Information "Sharing Made Easy," Aug. 27.

Each session will include a video tape followed by a discussion and information session. For reservations call ext. 7363.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

NEW EMPLOYEES

Dr. Leonard Hale

Assistant Vice President
for Engineering Programs

ADM 221, ext. 7002

Effective 6/1/96

Saundra Cheryl McQuigg

Administrative Clerk
News and Information Office

ADM 221, ext. 7170

Effective 6/12/96

SERVICE RECOGNITION

Sue Hall, Admissions Assistant, celebrated 15 years of service at the university June 8.

UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY JULY 4

Offices will close July 3 at 5 p.m. and reopen July 5 at 8 a.m. to observe Independence Day.

UTJOBNET AVAILABLE ON WORLD WIDE WEB

UTJOBNET can now be viewed on the World Wide Web (<http://www.utsystem.edu/ohr/jobnet/>). If you do not have access to the Web, you can still view UTJOBNET in its paper format in the Personnel Office.

UTJOBNET was established in 1990 to provide information to employees regarding senior-level administrative position vacancies at System Administration and the 15 component institutions of the UT System. This new Web site provides a list of job vacancies by job title and corresponding component institution. You will be able to select a specific job title from this list to bring up a detailed description of the position's job duties and qualifications. The description also includes instructions on how and where to apply. If you have questions, please call the Personnel Office, ext. 7234.