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Regents Approve Admissions Policy

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System approved the undergraduate admission requirements for freshman students at UT Tyler, President George F. Hamm announced. As a result of a bill approved by the 75th Texas Legislature, UT Tyler will begin admitting freshmen students in the fall of 1998.

Hamm said eligibility for admission as a freshman will be determined on the basis of various predictors of academic success including: high school preparation, rank in high school class, and SAT (ACT) score.

Additional consideration for admission may be based on an evaluation of the applicant's involvement in extracurricular activities and in responsible, non-academic affairs while attending high school, including employment and family responsibilities.

Among other factors which may be considered are an applicant's status as a first generation college student and socioeconomic background.

The priority deadline to submit applications is April 1, 1998. For more information about the new freshman program, call the Office of Admissions and Student Records.

Lefevre Appointed to California Campus

Dr. Stephen R. Lefevre, dean of the School of Liberal Arts at UT Tyler, has been selected as director of the Ventura campus of California State University-Northridge.

Lefevre, who has been a member of UT Tyler's faculty since 1975, will assume his new position in Ventura on Jan. 5.



Dr. Stephen R. Lefevre

"Dr. Lefevre has served the university faithfully and loyally, with dedication and unusual commitment, for 22 years," said UT Tyler President George F. Hamm. "I am grateful for his service to the university, to the region and to the international community. I know his contributions to the Ventura campus will be well received."

Lefevre said, "I have always believed that higher education transforms lives. So, it has been especially fulfilling to me to teach students and to focus on developing academic programs to expand educational opportunity in East Texas. Over 22 years I have watched UT Tyler emerge as a first-rate university. I could not have asked for greater opportunities for personal and professional growth."

Commencement to Recognize 391

A total of 391 degree candidates — 349 at the bachelor's level and 42 at the master's level — will be recognized in two fall commencement ceremonies Saturday, Dec. 20 in the Vaughn Auditorium of the Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

President George F. Hamm will give the commencement address and confer degrees.

Candidates for graduate and undergraduate degrees from the School of Business Administration and the School of Education and Psychology will participate in a program beginning at 10 a.m.

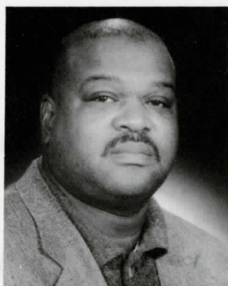
Graduate and undergraduate degree candidates from the School of Liberal Arts, School of Nursing and School of Sciences and Mathematics will participate in a program beginning at 2 p.m.

Presentation of degree candidates will be by Dr. W. A. Baker, vice president for academic affairs and by representatives of each of the university's six schools. Dr. Joanna Martin and Dr. Robert H. Cranford, senior faculty members, will be macebearers. The UT Tyler Concert Choir, conducted by Dr. Thomas Allen, will perform "Alleluia."

Dr. Michael M. Massar, pastor of First Baptist Church, will give the invocation and benediction. LaTonya McCoy, Alumni Association member, will give the alumni presentation.

Student Activities Director Appointed

Ernest McAllister has been appointed Student Activities Director effective Dec. 1. He will supervise intramural activities and social activities geared toward students.



Ernest McAllister

McAllister holds a B.A. in speech communication with a double minor in history and physical education from Bishop College and is nearing completion of an M.S. in physical education.

Previous positions include assistant activities director and intramural coordinator at Jarvis Christian College and student activities assistant at Tyler Junior College.

Young to Participate in Consortium

Dr. Marilyn Young, professor of business administration, will represent UT Tyler in a consortium of Texas universities studying small business development assistance, according to Dr. Jim Tarter, dean of the School of Business.

The consortium will be led by The University of Texas at Arlington School of Urban and Public Affairs and will include UT San Antonio, UT Permian Basin, UT El Paso and UT Pan American. The consortium's objective is to increase the links between academics and the working world in the context of small business development assistance.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requested proposals for the study in response to state Senate Bill 1040 which mandates designation of an institution to conduct the study and make action recommendations to the Coordinating Board.

The study will identify small-business needs that can be addressed appropriately by institutions of higher education, higher education resources available to assist in small-business development, and higher education capabilities and efforts in prototyping for small businesses. It will include activities that should facilitate the transfer of technical research and information to the marketplace for small business applications.

in the spotlight . . .

Dr. Arun Kulkarni, professor of computer science, presented a paper, "Adaptive Image Coding Using Fuzzy Sub-Image Classification," at the 7th International Conference on Intelligent Engineering Systems through Artificial Neural Networks in St. Louis Nov. 10 - 13. The paper was co-authored by UT Tyler graduate student Nageshwar Reo. The paper has been published in the conference proceedings.

Dr. Ronald Livingston, assistant professor of psychology, had a research article published in the *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*. The title of the article is "Modal Profiles for the Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery for Children."

Catherine Rosser, senior lecturer in nursing, presented the history and development of the Texas Nursing Articulation Model at the Texas Nurses' Association District 19 Fall Forum. Rosser, who serves as chair of the Texas Nurses' Association council on education, identified future trends for nursing education.

Robin Flood Fincher, associate professor of music, will be the soprano soloist for the Shreveport Symphony's presentation of Handel's *Messiah* Dec. 18 and 19. Soloists were chosen through the Collins and Associates Agency of Dallas. Fincher will also appear in a Christmas Eve performance at the First Congregational Church of Scarsdale, New York.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

NEW EMPLOYEES

Kay Caufield

Nurse Recruiter
School of Nursing
UC 219B, ext. 5534
Effective 11/3/97

Kent Facklam

Guard, Campus Safety
PHY 121, ext. 7386
Effective 11/4/97

Randy Ward

Human Resources
Representative
Human Resources
ADM 111, ext. 7234
Effective 11/24/97

Pam Turner

Secretary
School of Liberal Arts
BUS 215A, ext. 7391
Effective 11/3/97

Tammy Noecker

Secretary
Office of Student Affairs
UC 282, ext. 7079
Effective 11/4/97

SERVICE RECOGNITION

Congratulations to **Dr. Robert Marsh**, Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, who celebrated 25 years of continuous service at the university on December 1

Joel Harris, Senior Maintenance Worker, celebrated 5 years of continuous service at the university November 2; and **Suzanne Pundt**, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Biology, celebrated 15 years of continuous service November 15.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Offices will close at 5 p.m. Friday, December 19 and will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, January 5, 1998. (Skeleton work staff may be on duty in some departments.)