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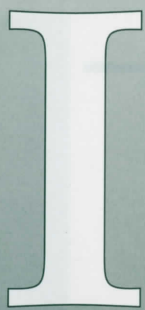
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UT Tyler, U.S.-Ukraine Foundation to Begin Program

The University of Texas at Tyler and the U.S.-Ukraine have been selected to establish a long-term educational program in public administration for Ukrainian local governments, announced President George F. Hamm.

"It is an honor to be associated with the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation in such an exciting and meaningful program. Ukraine, because of its location and vast natural and human resources, will have a pivotal influence throughout Eastern Europe and beyond far into the future. Increasing the pace of democratization in this vital part of the world is a meaningful challenge," said Hamm.

President Hamm and Dr. Stephen Lefevre, dean of the School of Liberal Arts at UT Tyler, spearheaded the university's involvement in this project administered by the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation. The \$6.9 million U.S.-Ukraine Community Partnerships for Training and Education Project is being funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. Eighteen U.S. cities will be matched with 18 Ukrainian cities to enable them to become more constructive in a democratic society. The cities will collaborate to resolve problems in local budgeting, housing and communal services, transportation, local economic development, and citizen participation.

American participants will visit their Ukrainian partner cities to help develop a work plan and assist in implementation. Ukrainian participants will travel to their partner cities in the U.S. to participate in a short-term internship in public administration. UT Tyler is being allocated \$630,000 over a three-year period to create training materials for the Ukrainian participants, develop a curriculum for the training center, and develop the evaluation strategy for the entire program.

UT Tyler was involved in a similar project in 1994 -1995 in Jelenia Gora, Poland and adjacent cities in Western Poland as part of a program to encourage the growth of democratic institutions and political and economic pluralism in Central and Eastern Europe. The U.S.-Ukraine Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental organization established in 1991 to facilitate democratic development, encourage free market reform and enhance human rights in Ukraine.



Tickets Available for *West Side Story*

Tickets are available for the 1997 - 98 Performing Arts Series presentation of "West Side Story." The musical will be 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 in the Vaughn Auditorium of the Cowan Center for Fine and Performing Arts at UT Tyler.

Faculty, staff, and currently registered students may purchase tickets at 50 percent off the regular ticket prices of \$40, \$35, and \$30. The Cowan Center Box Office hours are 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Nearly 40 years since it first electrified Broadway, the musical theatre classic is more exciting than ever in a new national touring production. The memorable score features some of the most extraordinary songs ever heard from the Broadway stage, including "Somewhere," "Maria," and "Tonight."

Jerome Robbins' original direction and Tony Award-winning choreography will be reproduced for this production which boasts a cast of the most energetic young performers ever assembled. For more information contact the Cowan Center Box Office, 566-7424.



"West Side Story" National Touring Production

New Fitness Pact Announced

A new agreement between UT Tyler and Woodcreek Athletic Club in Tyler and Parke Way Fitness Center in Longview allows UT Tyler faculty, staff and currently enrolled students access to both facilities, according to Dr. Sandra Sayles, special assistant to the president.

By presenting their university I.D., UT Tyler employees and students will be given the use of all regular club facilities and programming. A special \$20 monthly membership fee is available to spouses or dependent children of UT Tyler faculty, staff, and currently enrolled students. Woodcreek Athletic Club and Parke Way Fitness Center offer a variety of equipment for exercise and recreation including weight room, aerobics dance studio, cardiovascular workout room, racquetball courts, and swimming pool.

Operating hours are Woodcreek Athletic Club, 6110 South Broadway, 5:30 a.m. -10:00 p.m. Monday -Friday and 5:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Parke Way Fitness Center, 2628 Bill Owens Parkway, 5:30 a.m. -10:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, and noon - 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Activities at (903) 566-7081.

Fall Season of Plays Scheduled

The Theatre Repertory Ensemble Company continues its fall season of Shakespeare's classic "Midsummer Night's Dream" and Lee Blessing's contemporary "Eleemosynary."

Lee Blessing's "Eleemosynary" will continue Nov. 23 and Dec. 7 at 2:30 p.m. and Dec. 5 - 6 at 7:30 p.m. "Midsummer Night's Dream" will run Nov. 21 -22 and Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 13 - 14 at 2:30 p.m.

Each production will be held in The Theatre, PHE 112. Complimentary tickets for faculty and staff may be reserved by calling the Department of Theatre and Communications, ext. 7253.

in the spotlight . . .

Dr. **Andrew Szarka**, associate professor of history, delivered a paper titled "An Outsider's View of Louis XIV's Court: The Portuguese Ambassador's *Discurso Politico*" to the Western Society for French History in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. He also had an article published in the WSFH annual journal *Proceedings*, volume 24. He spoke at Van Intermediate School Sept. 26. The topic was "A True Story About the Past: How Historians Research and Write History."

PERSONNEL UPDATE

NEW EMPLOYEES

Gerri Hill

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Student Financial Aid
ADM 215, ext. 7195
Effective 9-22-97

Jennifer Williams

Student Financial Aid
Officer
Student Financial Aid
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Effective 9-22-97

Christianna Burrowbridge

Special Academic
Curriculum Developer
School of Liberal Arts/
Social Sciences
BUS 263, ext. 7391
Effective 10-1-97

Terri Mathis

Support Services
Analyst
Information Services
ADM 230B, ext. 7156
Effective 10-1-97

Jan Van Pelt

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LIB 128, ext. 7347
Effective 10-1-97

Karen Phillips

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Specialist
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Project Evaluator
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Student Financial Aid
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