

University of Texas at Tyler

Scholar Works at UT Tyler

Intercom

Marketing & Communications Records

5-28-1999

Intercom 1999 May 28

University of Texas at Tyler

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.uttyler.edu/intercom>

Recommended Citation

University of Texas at Tyler, "Intercom 1999 May 28" (1999). *Intercom*. Paper 7.
<http://hdl.handle.net/10950/3623>

This PDF is brought to you for free and open access by the Marketing & Communications Records at Scholar Works at UT Tyler. It has been accepted for inclusion in Intercom by an authorized administrator of Scholar Works at UT Tyler. For more information, please contact tgullings@uttyler.edu.

Development Officers to End Service

Joy Turns Duncan and Evelyn Muntz, leaders of UT Tyler's Development Office for more than 15 years, have announced plans to complete their service at the university, President Rodney H. Mabry said.

Mrs. Duncan has served as UT Tyler's director of development since 1983 and Mrs. Muntz has served as associate director since 1982.

"Joy and Evelyn are a remarkable team, winning friends and supporters for UT Tyler wherever they have gone during their years in the development office. They deserve tremendous appreciation from the university

community and from the students of UT Tyler and citizens of East Texas for what they have done to enhance this campus and higher education," said A.W. "Dub" Riter, member of the UT System Board of Regents and chairman of the UT Tyler Development Board.

"They will be missed here, but the friendships they have created for UT Tyler will benefit the university for years to come. They are beloved and respected throughout this region and their record of achievement is indeed outstanding," he stated.

President Mabry echoed Regent Riter's comments. "Joy and Evelyn have been effective, hard workers for UT Tyler for many years and I am fortunate to count them as friends. Merle and I will miss them."

Mrs. Muntz set June 1 as the effective date of her departure, Mabry said, and Mrs. Duncan will be officially completing her service on Aug. 31.

A major achievement at the university during their leadership of the development office came with completion of a successful capital campaign to raise funds to construct the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center at UT Tyler. This drive, which generated more than \$5 million in private gifts, was the largest capital campaign in the

(continued, page 2)



Joy Turns Duncan and Evelyn Muntz

Development Officers, (continued from page 1)

history of the university. The Cowan Center has been described by UT System Chancellor William H. Cunningham "as a cultural asset of incalculable value for UT Tyler and the surrounding region."

Enhancement of the fine arts has been a major focus of UT Tyler's Development Office during their tenure. Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Muntz helped plan the university's first Performing Arts Series, now an annual feature of the Cowan Center, and organized the President's Circle to support programming in the facility. Also, they have worked with the university's Friends of the Arts organization and coordinated the Distinguished Lecture Series.

Gains in funding for academic enrichment during their service in the development office included gifts for an endowed chair and for endowed professorships, fellowships and presidential scholarships. UT Tyler now has more than 90 permanent university endowments with a market value exceeding \$33.3 million. Also, they organized the President's Associates, the university's annual fund drive.

They worked with university administrators, UT System leaders and members of the Texas Legislature during the process of expanding UT Tyler to a four-year university and gaining authorization for a university center in Longview. In addition, they guided the successful campaign to obtain funds for scholarships in UT Tyler's School of Engineering created in 1997 and for support of UT Tyler's Palestine campus.

The pair played a significant part in generating community support for the UT Tyler Eisenhower International Golf Classic and directed the tournament's key voluntary organizations, including the Eisenhower Classic Society, Eisenhower Ambassadors, UT Tyler Alumni Association, and the UT Tyler Patriots, organizers of the Million Dollar Hole-in-One Contest.

UT Tyler Sponsors Summer Music Camp

UT Tyler is presenting a summer music camp for children June 14 through June 25, Dr. Donna Dickerson, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, has announced.

The choir camp is open to any child who will enter grades three through six in fall 1999.

The cost of the camp is \$25. Registration is required.

Participants will meet 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. each weekday during the two-week period.

There will be a public performance in the UT Tyler Braithwaite Recital Hall at 7 p.m. on June 25, the final day of the camp.

The music camp will be directed by Martha Hagan, a music education graduate of UT Tyler. Ms. Hagan is the youngest person in the state to earn the level-three certification in the Orff Schulwerk methodology of music instruction from Southern Methodist University. This methodology involves teaching music fundamentals to children through movement, speech, instruments, singing, and art.

For additional information, contact Robin Flood Fincher, associate professor of voice and music, at (903) 566-7088.

in the spotlight . . .

Dr. **Olga Supek**, senior lecturer in anthropology and coordinator of the Liberal Arts Advising Center, presented a paper titled "Where Does Europe End - Where Do the Balkans Begin?" at the Fourth Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities at Columbia University April 15-17. Dr. Supek also was invited to give a lecture on the war in Kosovo for the Leadership Texas meeting in Tyler on April 26.

Dr. **Peter Nelligan**, associate professor of criminal justice and Brooks Professor of Ethics and Leadership, presented a paper titled "Preliminary Analysis of Impact Statements of Family Members in Capital Cases" at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Orlando in March. Dr. Nelligan also spoke on "Critical Issues in Victims' Rights" to the Northeast Texas Crime Victims Rights Conference in Tyler in April.

Dr. **George M. Whitson, III**, presented a tutorial titled "A Tutorial to Clarify the Acronym Soup of Visual Basic and the Web" at the South Central Conference of the Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges in Austin April 15. The tutorial illustrated how Visual Basic can be used to develop web-based client server applications using Microsoft's Dynamic Internet Architecture.

UT Tyler Library Receives Grant

The UT Tyler Robert R. Muntz Library and the Interactive Video Department have received a grant of \$174,394 from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board, President Rodney H. Mabry has announced.

The Higher Education Technology Advancement Grant will allow UT Tyler to purchase workstations, networking hardware, video-conferencing equipment, and other telecommunications equipment to expand and extend the existing distance learning network, according to Dr. Charles Harrell, director of the library.

"We are very pleased to receive this award," said Harrell. "We will use TIF Board funds, along with matching funds we have committed to the project, to enhance our current abilities to provide instructional programs and information resources to our students."

The grant project will begin July 1, 1999, and will conclude June 30, 2000.

The TIF Board is a state agency based in Austin. Since its creation in 1995, the board has awarded approximately \$202 million in telecommunications grants to 1,991 agencies, including school districts, community colleges, public libraries, and health care agencies. The TIF Board receives approximately \$150 million per year in revenue from telecommunications assessments to disburse over a 10-year period.

Snapshot



William H. Cunningham, chancellor, UT System; David McWhorter, mayor, City of Longview; J. Neal Garland, Longview businessman; A. W. "Dub" Riter, Jr., member, UT System Board of Regents; and Dr. Mabry take part in the groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the Longview University Center on N. Eastman Rd. in Longview May 1. *Photo by Clarence Shackelford/UT Tyler*



Golf star Fuzzy Zoeller speaks to scholars from area high schools during a morning clinic at Willow Brook Country Club Monday, May 17. Zoeller and 30 other professional golfers participated in the UT Tyler Eisenhower Golf Classic, an event sponsored by UT Tyler in conjunction with Sister Cities International. *Photo by Clarence Shackelford/UT Tyler*

For additional information, contact Robert Foy, Director, Association Activities and Music, at (903) 546-7044.