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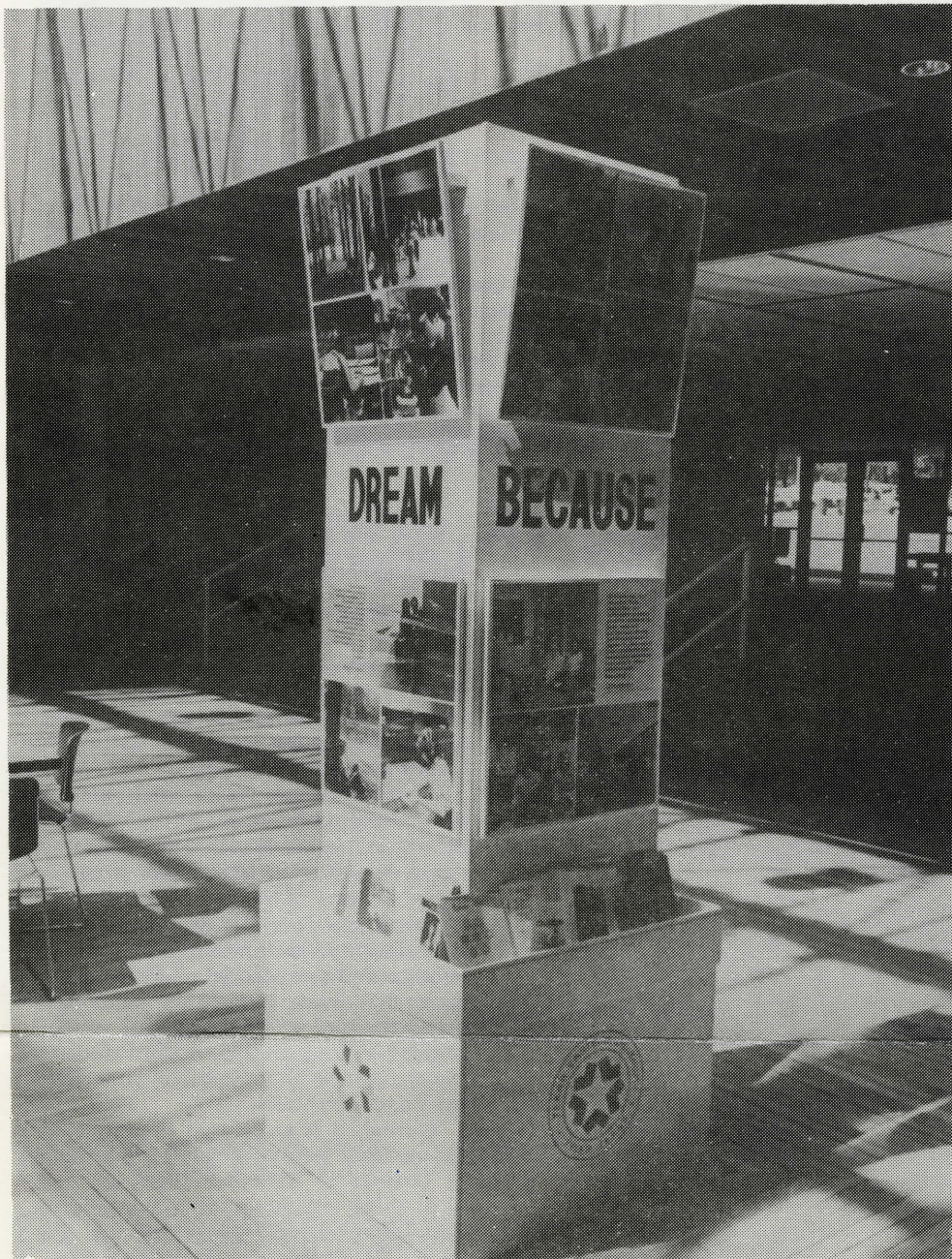
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TEXAS EASTERN UNIVERSITY

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## 500 to graduate in May commencement



**BECAUSE YOU HAVE A DREAM** - Though nearly 500 will be realizing their dream on May 12 in TEU graduation exercises, many more out there are nowhere near fulfilling that dream. This TEU advertisement, now displayed in the UC, is expected to be placed in the Mall by August. The column features photographs of the campus and classroom scenes, along with brochures for distribution. (Photo by Steve Knowles).

### TEU hosts barbecue

There will be a spring picnic and dance April 28 at 5 p.m. on the TEU campus. The event is sponsored by the Student Life Advisory Committee (SLAC).

Funded by student service fees, the picnic will include games in coordination with the recreation department for both the student and his children. Students, faculty, staff, families and guests are welcome.

Barbecue sandwiches and hot dogs will be served with soft drinks at the picnic. There is no charge to eat or dance.

Music for the dance will be provided by Jay Rowe. The dance will take place outside behind the University Center on the terrace and walkway.

The picnic will be around the lake.

Students are asked to bring their own blankets. Games will be provided for the children so that no babysitter is necessary. These games will be played inside University Center when the dance starts.

Students have been asked to sign up for an estimate of the amount of food that would be needed to allow everyone a sandwich or hot dog.

## Recessed Regents to reconvene May 16

The TEU Board of Regents will meet May 16 to finish business on the agenda of their April 4 meeting which was recessed. The unfinished business included a decision on the renewal of TEU President James Stewart's contract.

Dean Turner, chairman, said the last meeting was recessed instead of adjourned "so we could call it back anytime we wanted to."

He then said it was done, "In order to leave open the UT question."

President Stewart's contract was not acted on as usual in that annual meeting,

Turner said, because the chairman of the Board's personnel committee, B.H. McVicker, was not present due, he said, to illness.

However, Regent Jeff Austin, member of that committee, was present but "was not aware of McVicker's wishes."

Turner said that all faculty members and students of TEU should not hesitate to attend the regents' meetings and make known any desires or complaints the regents should be aware of.

This announcement, made at the April 4 meeting, was from the board's "own initiative," Turner said.

Harvey Hall on the East Texas Fairgrounds will be the scene of the Sixth Annual TEU Commencement, Saturday, May 12 at 2 p.m.

The event, involving those who have finished their degree requirements will honor about 500 graduates.

Archie Whitfield, director of public information, said 144 of the 500 finished last summer and 131 last fall. In 1978 the May commencement honored 408, in 1977 there were 324, in 1976, 222; in 1975, 140; and in 1974, the first commencement honored nine.

Although no graduation exercises are held in August or December, Whitfield said about 85 percent of TEU graduates participate in the May ceremonies. He noted there is beginning to be a problem of space in Harvey Hall, which seats 2,000 and an alternative being considered is having two commencements on the same day.

Summer and December ceremonies are not held, Whitfield said, because of the expense in renting the buildings on the ET Fair Grounds, and personal expense

for faculty and administration participating to rent their attire.

Whitfield said the graduates are asked to assemble in the Garden Center Building an hour to forty-five minutes ahead of time. The processional will be led by Lannom Smith, chairman of the English Department, as the senior charter full-time faculty member.

The main speaker had not been announced as of this printing, but Eugene Whitley of the First Christian Church has agreed to deliver the Invocation, and J. Pittman McGehee, the benediction.

TEU president James Stewart will make remarks and introduce other members of the board present.

After the official ceremony has ended, President Stewart will be available to pose for pictures with individual graduates.

Whitfield said graduates who finished in summer or fall will then return to the Garden Center Building and pick up their actual certificates. But, May graduates will have theirs mailed to them at a later date.

## Few changes expected if TEU becomes UTT

BY ELLEN RENFRO

Other than obvious name changes on buildings and signs and cleaning of shelves in the University Bookstore, the transfer of TEU into the University of Texas (UT) system will not cause any major changes. However, the question of being able to exchange a TEU degree for a University of Texas at Tyler degree is still up in the air.

Vice Chancellor for Administration of the UT system Bob Hardesty said he doubted seriously if it would be possible to exchange a degree. "It probably wouldn't be possible because the degree would be earned and signed by a different governing board," he said.

"There's never been any question of doing it," Hardesty said. "It would probably be illegal to do it. Unless it is included in the legislature, it has never been done as far as I can tell."

However, Elwood Preiss, assistant to the president at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), said that students who had graduated from Arlington State College, which was what the school was called before it became UTA, had the option of exchanging their diploma for a UTA diploma, but "few did so," he said.

He said there was no benefit to the student to delay filing for a degree since he could trade it in.

UT System Legal Counsel (who preferred to remain anonymous) said that the question of being able to exchange a degree was one which would not be determined until after the legislature is passed.

As for possible changes in TEU if the bills pass, Hardesty said that the UT System has not taken any position on the possible merger. "If the legislature is passed, we will accept TEU as a first class member of the system. We haven't done anything to encourage it nor discourage it," he said.

"Funding is based on formulas. I don't think there will be any great changes immediately," Hardesty said.

"If the bill is passed, the governor will sign the bill in June and it does not become effective until September. UT will have plenty of time to plan for TEU," Hardesty said.

Preiss said that the changes which occurred there when Arlington State College was transferred to the UT System were minimal

"The main thing that changed was the governing board," Preiss said. If TEU is transferred to the UT system, the current board of regents will be done away with and the university will be governed by UT regents.

Preiss said no administrative or personnel changes or changes in degree programs came about as a direct result of the transfer. "We were a developing school at the time and we were increasing our programs anyway," he said.

UTA is still basically a commuter school with most of its students living in the area. Changing to the UT system had no effect on the amount of student housing, Preiss said. "We try to house only a limited number here on campus."

Funds and appropriations are based on the number of student credit hours, therefore no raises in salary resulted from the changeover.

All UT schools in the system share a common seal, he said. Before the changeover, Arlington State College's colors were blue and white. Now their colors are the orange and white of the UT system, but they retain the blue and white colors for their athletic uniforms.

UTA did experience a growth in facilities after the changeover, but Preiss said this was due to increased growth of the school. The new facilities were built from other funding, not UT funding.

No direct increase in enrollment was noted, Preiss said. "We have a continuously growing enrollment, but it's hard to say it's because we're in the UT system. We're in the middle of a very large area."

There were increases in student activities, he said, but these increases are tied to the increase of enrollment, which brings in more student service fees and therefore more money for student activities.

UTA receives no extra funds as a result of the changeover and does not receive any of UT's large endowment fund.

If TEU is changed over to UT at Tyler, it will be the 19th school in the system. Other schools in the system include UT at San Antonio, UT at Dallas, UT at Permian Basin, UT at El Paso, and UT at Austin. UT at El Paso has been a component of the UT system since its formation in 1913.

**Editorial**

**Turns says childcare has not been requested**

On Feb. 15, the Patriot ran a feasibility study which resulted in the establishment of interest by students in a TEU childcare center.

This need is especially prevalent at TEU because of its high percentage of students who are coming back to school after beginning to raise families.

Not only did we receive an abundance of letters from students, we were approaching personally left and right for weeks from mothers wanting to know if we really felt there was any hope that TEU would try to start a day care center.

These results, plus an editorial supporting such a facility, were published on March 1.

On March 29, another pro-day care editorial was printed citing a similar set-up at the University of Texas at Austin.

On April 18, Dean of Student Life Tom Turns was approached by this editor and asked what it would take to propel TEU to do its own feasibility study.

The interview went something like this:

**URNS:** In, 1974, before I took this job (I was in the School of Education) there was a group of students interested in childcare. But what it turned out to be was just a small group of students making a lot of noise. I assume the Dean of Students checked into it and found there was not as much interest as it appeared to be.

**PATRIOT:** What action would your office take if interest is shown now?

**URNS:** We would investigate it. I'm not sure it could happen on-campus. We might work something out with an existing childcare facility. But, we would first need some noticeable interest on the part of students. I've heard people say that students are interested but no one has come to me.

**PATRIOT:** So you are inviting individuals to come to your office and visit with you about it?

**URNS:** Yes, we are in charge of student services. That's our job. Whether anything can be done is a different matter. There is a lot involved in a Day Care Center most

don't realize. It must be licensed by the state if there are more than 12 or 13 children, there must be a full-time director, and it would need an assistant working with her. There must be 30-square feet for every child. You've got to have one toilet for every 17 or so children, you need a good fenced in yard with a fence the children can't hurt themselves on.

**PATRIOT:** So you see it as a major problem finding a proper facility?

**URNS:** I'm not speaking for the administration, but from my point of view locating a facility would be difficult.

**PATRIOT:** You've obviously looked into the matter. Did you speak with the welfare office to get these regulations?

**URNS:** Yes.

**PATRIOT:** When?

**URNS:** A year or so ago.

**PATRIOT:** So there was a substantial interest at that time to warrant your taking time to look into the matter.

**URNS:** The subject is not new. But, we've never been able to ascertain a real need.

**PATRIOT:** If you were convinced there was a need would your office run a survey of your own?

**URNS:** We could run a survey if we felt the need.

*So there it is mothers. Tom Turns is the man to convince you want TEU to set up a child care center where your children can stay while you are at school. You've told us, now tell him. We tried, but he wants it from you.*

*He wants to hear it from YOUR mouths. Go to the Student Life Office, (ADM 221), just down the hall from the Admissions Office. Talk to him as an equal. You have needs and he's the man who is being paid, with your tax dollars, to listen to you.*

*IT IS UP TO YOU NOW. GO AFTER IT.*



**PLENTY OF SHADED PARKING SPACES FOR WHOM? - As summer approaches that parking lot is really going to be a fryer. Good luck finding a "legal" parking space with shade, though students. Apparently they are all reserved for faculty and staff. (Photo by Steve Knowles)**

**Rush to the theatre; "Champ" is a winner**

BY LYNDA MITCHELL

LISTEN. Have I ever steered you wrong? I bent your ear about the David Bowie album and "Ice Castles." I warned you that you must be the right kind of person to see "Moment by Moment," and to just put "Saturday Night Fever" out of your mind. Well, I'm serving notice right now on everyone to rush to the theatre and see "The Champ."

I feel I can speak for many people when I say I've been waiting for a movie like this for 15 years. And it won't worry parents. YES, a movie can be clean and entertaining AT THE SAME TIME!

Usually about now I begin telling you what the movie was all about. But, since I've NEVER been to a movie where everyone was sobbing, not just to themselves, but out loud, I'd feel guilty telling what the movie was about.

Well, if you insist. But not everything.

"The Champ" was filmed at Hialeah Race Track in Miami, Florida.

The story centers around a little boy named T.J. played to perfection by Ricky Schroder. His father, The Champ, also played excellently (of course) by Jon Voight.

The Champ, as the name implies, is an ex-boxer, who now earns a living as a stable boy and loses most of his money gambling.

The Champ's ex-wife, played by Faye Dunaway, left him with T.J. when he was just a baby, for a wealthy doctor.

One thing leads to another and she meets up with The Champ and sees T. J. for the first time in years and suddenly wants custody of him.

Now, that I've got your curiosity aroused I'm not writing another word...

except...go and enjoy.

**Letters to the editor**

Dear Editor:

How could one reporter manage to cover a story of an event held on this campus and manage to get it so one-sided? This letter is written to set the record straight.

First, although much attention was paid to the participation of two of TEU's professors in the article on Science Day, April 12, 1979, little mention at all was made of who presented the "nineteen seminars and fourteen demonstrations." It is unbelievable to me that an event so large could have occurred and the participants that made it possible could have been overlooked. To set the record straight, a group of TEU science students made Science Day possible with hard work and long hours.

Second, it is quite true that some of the students were members of the Kappa Xi Chapter of Beta Beta Beta, but not all of them, and by no means was Science Day completely "sponsored by the Kappa Xi Chapter of Beta Beta Beta" as the article contends. To set the record straight, many students participating in Science Day were members of the American Chemical Society, Student Affiliate Chapter, and others were science students willing to get involved and help.

Science Day is held for area high school students to acquaint them with the science program at TEU and to let them see first-hand the excitement shared by our students in science.

Sincerely,

Don Killebrew  
Assistant Professor of Biology

**THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE TEXAS EASTERN PATRIOT FOR THIS SEMESTER. IT WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED DURING THE SUMMER SESSIONS BUT WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER, 1979.**

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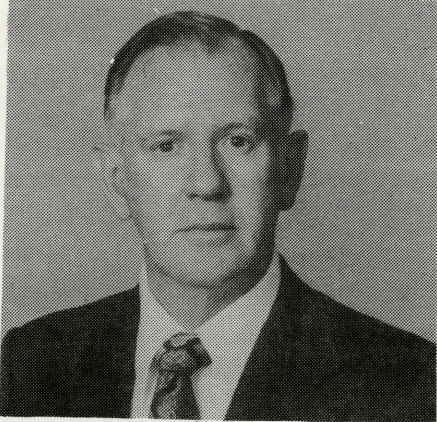
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# Ex-secret service agent teaching at TEU

BY BOBBIE EVANS

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, George Weisheit Jr., born in Marshall, Texas, has traveled in almost every country in the world, including twenty-six countries in Africa. "I've seen all the major cities in the world—I haven't seen Singapore," smiled Weisheit. The first



GEORGE WEISHEIT

three times I was in Paris I never got to use my camera."

His former job demanded that he travel.

Weisheit is a retired U.S. Secret Service Special Agent. When he retired in 1974, he was Special Agent in Charge of Field Office in St. Louis. Weisheit was also in charge of the Federal Crime Strike Force, whose job is to combat organized crime.

"This is my first job since retiring from the U.S. Secret Service and I like the students and classes very well," said Weisheit. "I like what I'm doing now."

"I spent a total of twenty years in the Secret Service. In the Secret Service, you are assigned to various offices and sent temporarily to work all over the world. Agents are assigned to protect the first family, the president and visiting heads of state and the like," said Weisheit.

"I was with Richard Nixon for two years when he was president. I also

protected John Kennedy when he was president-elect," said Weisheit.

"I've traveled with prime ministers of England, Japan, and Canada. I've traveled with Foreign Ministers Abba Eban, Golda Meir, King Hussein, Moshe Dayan, the president of Gambia and Queen Elizabeth," he said.

When asked what he missed most about his previous job, Weisheit replied, "I miss the people. All political heads of state are interesting whether you agree with their political point of view or not—they're unique," he said.

"You really get to know the people you're protecting. You should know them well—it's part of doing a good job."

"Sometimes heads of states' impression of the United States is based upon a 30-day visit. They are always impressed with the U.S. I never met one who did not want to go to Disneyland. They also want to taste a sundae," he added.

Weisheit has worked every presidential inauguration from 1956 to 1972.

"The most interesting person I've ever met while in the Secret Service was Winston Churchill. I was impressed by his command of the English language."

Weisheit also found the Prime Minister of Japan, Soto, (who now is dead) very interesting. "He was not as inscrutable as people thought he was. He would sit through an entire speech and not move a muscle and sometimes he would just wink at you," said Weisheit.

"I also traveled with Henry Kissinger and I got to know him very well."

"There is no typical day in the work of a Secret Service Special Agent," says Weisheit. "I never had two days alike."

Weisheit is married and has two sons. "I like Tyler—a little big, but I really like it here. After seeing all the major cities, it's a pleasure to be in Tyler," he concluded.

## Distinguished Student Lecture Series sponsored by Texas Alpha Xi Chapter held April 12 at TEU

The Texas Alpha Xi Chapter of Alpha Chi at Texas Eastern University sponsored a Distinguished Student Lecture Series on Thursday, April 12, 1979.

Alpha Chi faculty sponsor David Riddle, gave the welcome. Rene Ferrell, president of the Texas Alpha Xi Chapter, Alpha Chi introduced the speakers.

Student presentations included Judy Hammond, School of Education and Psychology, speaking on "The Role That Exercise Plays in Reducing Your Risk of Having a Heart Attack,"

Robert Turner, School of Applied Studies, presented "Industry's Expectations of the Industrial Technology Major."

Anna Lee Allen, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, presented "Highlights in History: TEU's European Study Tour."

Other Alpha Chi Distinguished students for 1978-79 are: Randy Jones, School of Business Administration, Nina Thorn-dike, School of Fine and Performing Arts, and Martha Hogan, School of Sciences and Mathematics.

Alpha Chi is a co-educational society. Its purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those achieving such distinction.

The Texas Alpha Xi Chapter of Alpha Chi at TEU was chartered in May 1976 and since that time more than 200 students and graduates have been admitted to membership. Alpha Chi at TEU also sponsors the Alpha Chi Faculty Lecture Series in which TEU faculty members are participants.

## Placement services provided for graduates

The purpose of the student placement services at TEU is to help the student who is close to graduating find a job for after graduation.

There is no charge for the service as it is taken out of the student service fees.

A student must fill out an application and then is assisted in preparing a resume and letters of reference are prepared.

Tom Turns, dean of student life said, "TEU deals with the Southwest Placement Association who finds jobs and has training programs. Also, local businesses contact us with openings and sometimes we call them to see if they have any openings."

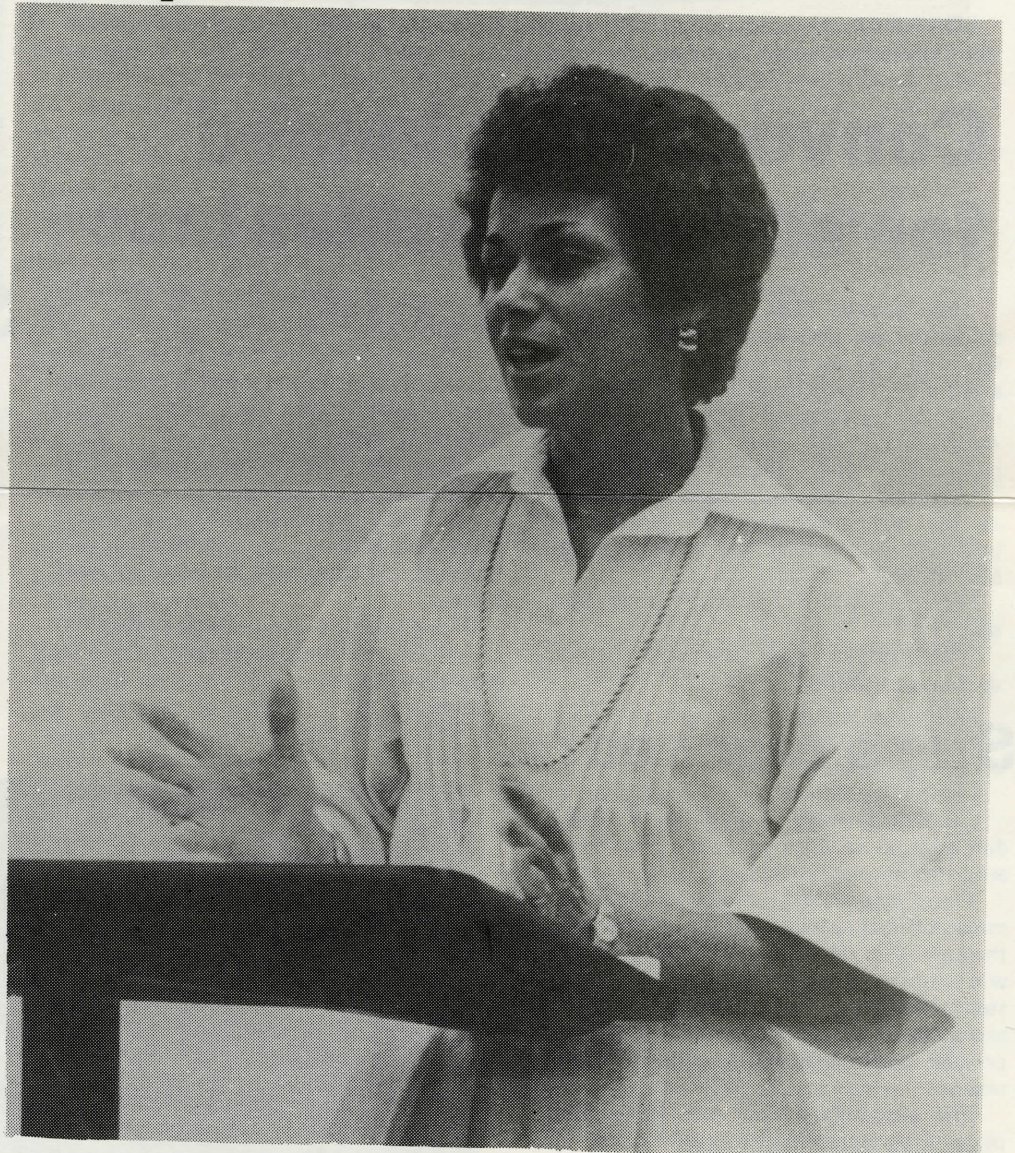
Occasionally, a business will come to TEU to recruit students. In this case, bulletins are posted around the campus

on the day and time a student may talk to an individual from the business about a job.

If a job becomes available, students on the active file are notified. Otherwise, a bulletin is posted on the local bulletin board in the school coresponding with the job and on the bulletin board located in the University Center.

A problem with the student placement services is that a student does not always notify us after they find a job. Because of this we can't always tell who is still on the active list and who's not," Turns said.

If they do not hear from a student for a full semester, they usually assume he has found a job.



DISTINGUISHED STUDENT LECTURE SERIES - TEU student Anna Lee Allen, School of Humanities and Social Sciences presents "Highlights in History: TEU's European Study Tour," during the student lecture series sponsored by the Texas Alpha Xi Chapter of Alpha Chi. The lecture was held on April 12. (Photo by Steve Knowles)

## Student attends classes for enrichment only

BY ELLEN RENFRO

Most students who attend TEU do so to get credit toward a degree. Lamern Bailey, a victim of multiple sclerosis, attends TEU because "there is so much I don't know." Bailey is enrolled in two classes, History of the English Language and Victorian Literature.

"I went back to school because I had to in order to read the newspaper intelligently," she said. Bailey is a 1940 graduate of Tyler Junior College.

She said she doesn't have a major, but "I am most interested in English." "My goal is to keep growing. I anticipate the day when I won't be able to get around and I want to be able to read and listen to the fullest extent," she said.

Mother of four, Mrs. Bailey said returning to school wouldn't be as difficult if she didn't have family obligations.

"It takes me longer to study and longer to remember."

Bailey has a daughter, 15, who she described as being "constantly active." She has three sons, one of whom is home from Hawaii with a broken leg. "I'm not able to give school my constant attention," she said.

Bailey's husband, a Tyler real estate broker, recently took her to Washington, where she was intrigued by the art gallery. She had taken courses in art appreciation and western civilization at TJC before she came to TEU. A classmate taped the lectures of her courses at TEU while she was away and she said she didn't have any trouble catching up.

"I want to do well. The TJC courses made me want to know," she said.

Mrs. Bailey doesn't think she can go for a degree. She recently purchased a three wheeled motorized wheel chair which travels four miles per hour with a wide book basket and is currently shopping for a van with a hydraulic lift. She is now using two canes to get around.

This lovely lady, who was named after a circus aerialist, attended elementary school in Paris, Tex. and then came to Tyler. She graduated from high school at what was then called Tyler High School in 1938. Her father was an assistant band director for Barnum and Bailey Circus in his youth.

She met her husband in the registrar's office at TJC. After graduation from TJC, she had reserved her dorm room at the University of Texas at Austin, where she had planned to major in library

science. Her husband was injured in a car accident and she never went. She worked at the public library after she was married.

She used to cook a lot, she said, but now she can only cook one dish, which she does sitting down. Someone comes in and does the cooking for the family.

Mrs. Bailey has been to all the states, except Hawaii, in a motor home. "I love all the states. There's something great in all of them," She particularly enjoyed Northern California, Washington, and especially Colorado.

A quote accurately summarizes the spirit of this truly lovely lady.

"I feel selfish here because I won't be able to do anything with what I'm learning," she said.



**CAT NAP**- An unidentified TEU student apparently passes out from exhaustion in the University Center. Just a couple more weeks, dreamers. (Photo by Steve Knowles)

## Convocation planned for summer graduates

How many TEU summer graduate students have been losing sleep over the fact that you are not quite sure just what a summer convocation is? Well, fear no more, a convocation is a ceremony to congratulate all the graduates for completing their degree requirements.

Although you may have completed all the degree requirements by August you will not receive the diploma until May 1980.

The steps for summer graduation are:

--To contact your academic advisor as soon as possible.

--Have the completed form signed by both your advisor and academic dean.

--Take the signed form to the University Bookstore for payment of graduation fees. Fifteen dollars for a Bachelor's and \$20 for a Master's.

--Take the "PAID" form to the Office of Admissions and Records.

You will receive an acknowledgment from the Office of Admissions and Records. A copy will be sent to your advisor.

Filing deadline for summer graduation is July 20, 1979. Commencement will be May 17, 1980.

## Steps required

Looking forward to graduation? Well, don't forget to apply for it. Yes, there are some necessary steps.

First, graduating students need to make official application for graduation through the department in which they will receive their degree. This initial step should be taken during the first seven weeks of the last regular semester or the second week of the summer session.

The student's advisor will then complete a graduation form and have it approved by the dean of the school in which the student is enrolled.

Graduation fees must be paid at the University Bookstore after the degree application form has been completed. "If a student is late in filing for graduation, he or she can file for the next semester," said Martha Wheat, admissions officer. "We can be fairly lenient up until the graduation list is prepared," added Wheat.

A general letter of instruction is sent to the graduating student from the Office of Admissions. In this letter the student is instructed where and when to pick up his or her cap and gown, the place and time of the graduation ceremony, proper attire, etc.

A degree will not be granted unless all requirements are fulfilled within two weeks after the end of the semester. This includes incompletes cleared from previous semesters, required transcripts from other schools and any other confirming evidence of outstanding requirements.

The last day to file for Spring, 1979 Graduation was March 9. The last day to file for first Summer, 1979 Graduation is June 15, and July 20 is the last day to file for second Summer, 1979 Graduation.

## Students can register

BY BOBBIE EVANS

Students planning to attend summer school are encouraged to register early. Early registration dates are April 23 through April 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. New students will begin early registration in the Office of Admissions and Records located on the second floor of the Administration Building, Room 202. Returning students will begin early registration in their academic schools.

Steps for early registration are as follows:

- STEP 1** An advisor will advise the student's course selections and will initial the student course sheet. Make sure that you secure the necessary permit forms at this time. These forms will be collected Sept. 3.
- STEP 2** Proceed to each academic school where your name will be placed in the course book.
- STEP 3** For completion of early registration, take your course sheet and permit forms to the Office of Admissions and Records located on the second floor of the Administration Building.
- STEP 4** Proceed to the Business Office for payment of tuition and fees. Students are not considered registered until tuition and fees are paid.

Courses selected during early registration may be dropped in accordance with Texas Eastern University drop

policy. In order to add another course, students will have to wait until late registration. Late registration for the first summer session is June 1 and June 4. Late registration for the second summer session is July 10 and July 11.

Regular registration dates for the first summer term are May 31 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Classes begin June 1. Second summer term regular registration will be July 9 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Classes begin July 10.

## Recreation Wrapping up

The intramural tennis tournament and the home run hitting contest have been completed, wrapping up TEU's spring recreation.

In the tennis tournament, completed April 10, the winners of the co-recreational division were Michele Mercer and Rick Enright; Enright and Mercer defeated Jan Hall and Smitty Rogers 9-7.

In men's doubles, Gerald Morris and Tom Keagy were the winners.

Jeanie Alexander and Judy Persinger won women's doubles, being the only entries and winning by default.

The homerun hitting contest, having been postponed weeks due to bad weather, was held April 6. In the Co-recreational division, Enright and Alexander won with a total of 49 points. Steve Wilson and Judy Persinger were runners-up with 45 points.

## Students use park to teach

Tyler State Park is the scene today for a new venture of the Elementary Education Department.

All Phase II education students are meeting with four classrooms of children from the Clarkston Elementary School.

The purpose of the outing is to "provide some unique teaching experience in an outdoor setting," said Evelyn Sowell, chairman of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Forty TEU students will be working

in pairs teaching the children science and social studies, Sowell said.

The students submitted lesson plans which the Clarkston teachers helped design. Sowell said these lessons could include mapping skills in which the students actually learn by doing, or teaching of values where the students make observations while digging artifacts.

The TEU students have an officially approved absence from their other classes today.



**PLAYING ROOK** - TEU students, left to right, Michael Guss, Chuck Angelico, Mitch Mercer, Clay Lockett and Michael Brasel spend some free time in the University Center enjoying a game of Rook. (Photo by Steve Knowles)