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Ten Years Ago (October 2002)

Student Enrollment Sets New Record for Fall 2002 Semester

Student enrollment increased by 14.3% from Fall 2001 to Fall 2002, representing the largest increase in the University of Texas System.

Students Form Literary Appreciation Society

“Thirteen Ways”, named for a Wallace Stevens poem, celebrated its first semester on campus by hosting literary film nights and coordinating activities for National Poetry Month.

Chemistry Society Receives National Recognition

Under the leadership of faculty advisors Dr. Neil Grey and Dr. Brian Taylor, the UT Tyler chapter of the American Chemical Society was one of 31 chapters across the country to receive an “Outstanding” designation for its activities during the 2001-2002 school year.

UT Tyler Revives Latin Language Program

After a decade long hiatus, UT Tyler students had an opportunity to enroll in Latin courses during the Fall 2002 semester. Dr. Paul Streufert, who joined UT Tyler in 2001, served as instructor.

Math Program Grows

The UT System Coordinating Board approved a new Masters of Science degree in mathematics.

Twenty Years Ago (October 1992)

Criminal Justice Student Association Hosts Career Day

On October 13, criminal justice students attended a career day on campus featuring representatives from more than thirty local, state, and federal agencies. Representatives included members of the U.S. Probation Office, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the International Revenue Service, and others.

Art Historian and Archaeologist Presents on Amenhotep III

Dr. Karl Kilinski, guest curator at the Kimball Art Museum in Dallas, presented a lecture on “Amenhotep III and His World: An Introduction to the Exhibition”. The UT Tyler Department of Art hosted the event, which was free to the public.

Criminal Justice Professor Receives Campus Honor

Dr. Barbara Hart, associate professor of Criminal Justice, was awarded the Chancellor’s Council Outstanding Teaching Award at UT Tyler.

UT Tyler Invites U.S. Olympics Official To Speak on Campus

Dr. Charles Dillman, deputy executive director of the U.S. Olympic Committee, gave a presentation to UT Tyler guests on the U.S. Olympic programs. The free program was sponsored by the American College of Sports Medicine and the UT Tyler Department of Health and Kinesiology.
Campus Library Named for Tyler Philanthropist Robert R. Muntz

The University of Texas at Tyler hosted a naming ceremony for the newly constructed library on October 9. Dr. George Hamm, president of the university, and Mrs. Maurine Muntz, widow of the late Robert R. Muntz, unveiled the memorial plaque. A special collection of 500 books was added to the library in honor of Mrs. Muntz and her children.

UT Tyler Roserunners Help Host Inaugural 10k Run

In partnership with KLTV and The Sportster, UT Tyler runners hosted the first annual East Texas 10,000 Meter Run on Saturday, October 30. Prizes were awarded for the fastest finisher in each age group and most creatively-costumed runner. Proceeds from the race went to the UT Tyler Health and Physical Education Department.

UT System Board of Regents Approve Bequest from Lindsey Estate

The Lindsey Estate’s donation established the Sam A. Lindsey Endowment Fund and the $500,000 Sam A. Lindsey Chair (a non-designated endowment).

UT Tyler Faculty Members Premier New Books

The University of Texas at Tyler held a World Book Premiere on October 27, in honor of Dr. Frank H. Smyrl (professor of history) and Dr. James R. Parrish (former professor of journalism). Smyrl presented signed copies of his book, “Pole Morgan, Son of a Texas Scalawag” while Parrish presented his profile of gunslinger John Wesley Hardin, titled “Between Loaded Guns”. Dr. Donald Van Horn, professor of art, displayed original illustrations for each book.

Seventy-Seven Year Old Student Pursues Criminal Justice Degree

Air Force veteran Buster Rose spoke to the student newspaper about his educational experience at UT Tyler. Born in 1905, Mr. Rose held the distinction of being the oldest student at UT Tyler in Fall 1982.

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