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This Month in UT Tyler History

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FEATURED EXHIBITS
(FEBRUARY 2013)

♦ 1972 Election
featuring political memorabilia from the presidential campaigns of Nixon and McGovern

♦ Sarah McClendon
featuring materials related to the Alice Paul Memorial March on Washington and the National Woman’s Party

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Ten Years Ago (February 2003)

Philanthropists Donate to Fine Arts Programs
UT Tyler Friends of the Arts organization donated $3000 each to art, music, and theatre programs. Gifts went towards workshop materials, travel expenses, new courses, furniture, equipment, and special trips.

University Hosts Qualifying Match for National Competition
UT Tyler hosted the East Texas regional MATHCOUNTS competition featuring 100 students from 12 area middle schools. Winning teams from Hubbard Middle School and Bishop T.K. Gorman Middle School in Tyler advanced to the state MATHCOUNTS competition held in Austin.

Columbia Shuttle Debris Found on Campus
On Feb 3, a University employee reported possible debris on campus from the space shuttle Columbia, which exploded over East Texas February 1, 2003. Two suspected pieces of debris were turned over to the U.S. Marshall and Tyler PD. On Tuesday, Feb 11, the University held a small noon memorial for the seven astronauts who were killed in the shuttle explosion.

Patriot Athletes Triumph at Tennis Season Openers
The men and women’s tennis teams defeated Austin College at home by 7-0, winning each set in all 17 matches played.

Twenty Years Ago (February 1993)

New Computer Lab Opened in Robert R. Muntz Library
Located in what is now the University Archives, the lab offered continuing education courses on computer skills for business and industry. Equipment included 16 IBM compatible 486-type computers with Windows, operating at 33 megahertz with eight megabytes of RAM and a 200-megabyte hard drive.

Repertory Theatre Presents “The Norman Conquests” Trilogy
The Tony–award winning trilogy, which premiered at UT Tyler in Fall 1992, featured satirical works by English playwright Alan Ayckbourn. Selections included “Round and Round the Garden”, “Table Manners”, and “Living Together”.

UT Tyler Hosts Colloquium on Soviet Union in Pop Culture
Coinciding with a screening of early Soviet films, the School of Liberal Arts hosted a colloquium titled “Better Dead than Red” which explored the changing image of the Soviet Union in American pop culture. Featured speakers included Drs. Garth S. Jowett and Victoria O’Donnell, co-authors of Propaganda and Persuasion (1986).

UT System Approves Anonymous Donation for Arts Complex
The UT System Board of Regents accepted a $1 million anonymous gift on behalf of UT Tyler, the largest single donation to date for the Liberal Arts/Fine and Performing Arts complex. The facility was projected to cost $18 million, derived from Permanent University Fund and private gifts.
Humorist Ken Richters Presents Evening with Mark Twain
Notable voice actor, author, and humorist Ken Richters performed selections from Twain's autobiography and select works. The free public performance attracted nearly 1000 attendees from across the Tyler area.

Physicist Speaks at Nuclear Energy Symposium on Campus
Dr. Robert W. Bussard, founder and president of International Nuclear Energy Systems Company (INESCO) and former associate director of the Atomic Energy Commission's magnetic fusion program, discussed his development of a midget nuclear fusion generator. Guests included invited faculty and students from local junior colleges, public schools, and the university.

UT System Board of Regents Approves New Grants for University
UT System formally approved six grants totaling $225,155 for programs, including a Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants Program, Bilingual Education Teacher Training Program, College Work Study Program, National Direct Student Loan Program, and two TEA grants for summer workshops lead by UT Tyler faculty.

University Hosts Community Symposium for Sister Cities International
UT Tyler hosted a public forum to promote the Sister Cities partnership between Tyler, Texas and Metz, France. The program featured opening remarks from Tyler, Texas mayor Norman Schofman, a discussion of upcoming events, and a presentation about Metz, France from Drs. Patricia Gajda and Don Hindsley of UT Tyler.

Art Club Invites Students to Design Billboard
Quin Quatrus Art Club faculty advisor Dr. Don Van Horn, assistant professor of art, invited students to participate in a billboard design contest for the promotion of UT Tyler. The winning student, to be announced in April 1983, received an expense-paid trip to Metz, France.

University Sets New Enrollment Record, Third Semester in a Row
Spring enrollment for UT Tyler increased by 35% marking the third semester in a row in which University enrollment increased by more than 30%. Students included 53 counties in Texas, 23 states, and 9 countries.

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