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Ten Years Ago (March 2003)

Chemical Spill Causes Building Evacuation
A hydrochloric acid spill in the Hudnall Pirtle Roosth building triggered emergency evacuations of students and faculty. The spill, comprised of about 2.5 liters, took about two hours to clean up. A small amount splashed on to a female student who was sent to the hospital for observation.

Steve Forbes Speaks to Student Success Seminar
Dr. Forbes, editor in chief of Forbes Magazine and president of Forbes, Inc, addressed students and faculty in advance of his Distinguished Lecturer appearance. Topics included the Iraq war and his 2000 presidential run.

Twenty Years Ago (March 1993)

Office of Research ServicesPremieres New Geographic Information Systems Program
The Office of Research Services hosted an open house to showcase its GIS program. The new technology allowed businesses, urban planners, crime researchers, and other data driven professionals to analyze, manipulate, and manage complex data sets.

Nursing Students Host Disability Awareness Program and Panel
The UT Tyler Division of Nursing and Association of Students with Disabilities presented “A Mile In My Shoes”, a free program designed to prepare education, psychology, and nursing students to work more effectively with disabled patients. Debbie Mahoney, senior lecturer in nursing, moderated a panel on best practices and students engaged in simulated disability challenges.

Computer Animation Expert Presents at UT Tyler
Dr. Judson Rosebush, computer graphics and animation producer for film and video, lead a panel titled “Computer Graphics and Computer Animation” at the Robert R. Munz library on Monday, March 8. Dr. Rosebush worked in broadcasting, sound and video production, print, and hypermedia before forming his own production company in 1984. His previous projects included scenes from the motion picture Tron. The presentation was open to the public at no charge.
Thirty Years Ago (March 1983)

Reagan Advisor Slated for Final Distinguished Lecture of Season

Dr. Arthur B. Laffer, member of President Reagan’s Economic Policy Advisory Board, spoke in the University Center as the third and final speaker in the inaugural Distinguished Lecture Series cosponsored by UT Tyler and the Smith County Medical Society Auxiliary. General admission tickets cost $5.

Librarian Presents to Statewide History Conference

Librarian Vicki Betts presented “A Private and Amateur Hanging: The Lynching of William W. Montgomery” to the 87th annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association. Her research was subsequently published in the October 1984 Southwestern Historical Quarterly.

Professor Receives Teaching Award, $1000 Grant

Dr. Olga Fischer, assistant professor of education, was named recipient of the 1983 Amoco Foundation Teaching Award. UT Tyler President Dr. George Hamm presented Dr. Fischer a $1000 gift from the Amoco Foundation. Dr. Fischer was nominated for her outstanding instruction in education at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Two UT Tyler Professors Present Research in March

Dr. James R. Stewart, associate professor of biology and chemistry, lead a panel presentation at the 83rd annual meeting of the American Society of Microbiology in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Michael Victor, associate professor of sociology, presented two papers in March at the Annual Academy of Police Officers meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Tyler Radio Personalities Compete for Trip to France

Dr. George Hamm announced a travel contest to benefit Sister Cities International, a non-profit cultural exchange program co-sponsored by UT Tyler and the City of Tyler. Under the official rules, local listeners could vote by mail to send their favorite Tyler area disc jockey on a trip to Metz, France as part of the inaugural Sister Cities delegation. Each vote must be accompanied by a minimum $1 donation for the Sister Cities scholarship fund. Nearly 20 area DJs attended the contest meeting.

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The University Archives and Special Collections Department (UASC), located on the ground floor of the Robert R. Muntz Library, retains materials of archival and/or historical interest to the University of Texas at Tyler and the surrounding community.