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Ten Years Ago (June 2003)

**NCAA Slots UT Tyler in First Ever Division III Membership Lottery**

UT Tyler was selected by lottery to join the first Division III Provisional Membership Class, winning an opportunity to enter the four year provisional process towards full Division III membership. Provisional membership allowed student athletes to compete for American Southwest Conference awards, with the exception of conference championships. UT Tyler was one of 5 institutions to win membership by lottery for 2003-2004 after completing an exploratory Division III year in 2002.

**UT Tyler Hosts Summer Soccer Camp**

The UT Tyler Summer Soccer Academy for boys and girls aged 9 to 18 began June 9 at Old Noonday Fields. Students were divided into age divisions and skill groups under the supervision of UT Tyler soccer coaches Jodi Lowell and Kenny Jones. The $110 fee covered two June sessions and included a t-shirt, certificate, coach evaluation, and performance awards.

**UT Tyler Faculty and Students Perform with Opera Longview**

Drs. Mark and Molly Johnson, assistant professors of music, performed with Opera Longview in Mozart’s “Marriage of Figaro” on June 6 and June 8 at the T.G. Field Auditorium in downtown Longview. Additional UT Tyler cast members included music majors Miranda Newman and Sara Shipley and Suzi Pundt, senior lecturer in biology. The UT Tyler Longview campus presented a special reception following the June 6 performance.

Twenty Years Ago (June 1993)

**UT Tyler Hosts Summer Enrichment Program for Students**

The Office of Continuing Education presented “Learning Adventures for Youth”, a summer enrichment program for students aged 11-14, from June 14 through July 14. Registration cost $125 per student or $100 each for two or more students per family, with fees covering five course sessions. Topics included Smith County History, Storytelling in Communication, Multicultural Awareness through Literature, Print and Electronic Media, Creative Writing, Aerospace and Aviation, Cartooning and Graphic Designs, and Conversational Spanish among others.

**Theatre Department Invites Guest Artists for Summer Session**

The theatre department hosted two guest artists for the 1993 Windsor-Richardson Summer Scholars Program. Visiting scholars included Jackson Wiley, music director for the Indianapolis Ballet Theatre and Philharmonic Orchestra, and Dr. Jeffrey Koep, chairman of the Department of Theatre Arts at University of Nevada. Mr. Wiley and Dr. Koep assisted Dr. James Hatfield, director of theatre, in conducting the Guest Artist Master Class for graduate and undergraduate students. The visiting scholars also assisted with summer theatre productions.

**Accounting Faculty Member Earns National Award**

Dr. Mary Fischer, associate professor of accounting and coordinator of institutional research at UT Tyler, was selected to receive the 1993 Daniel D. Robinson Award from the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO). The Robinson Award recognized “excellence and leadership in demonstrating a continuous commitment to the advancement of college and university accounting and reporting”.

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**Featured Exhibits (June 2013)**

- **“Ike” Election**
  - Featuring political memorabilia from the 1952 and 1956 presidential campaigns of Dwight Eisenhower.

- **Eisenhower Classic**

**Meet the Staff**

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**In January 1973, Parker McVicker, Jr. became the first student to register for classes at Tyler State College.**

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**The original student center at the Tyler State College Berta Street campus, 1974.**
Thirty Years Ago (June 1983)

US Economy Summer Course Offered

UT Tyler partnered with the Texas Bureau for Economic Understanding to present the American Economy Institute, open to anyone with a baccalaureate degree, from June 6 through June 29. Course fee was $25 per student, with all other fees and material costs paid by the Texas Bureau for Economic Understanding. Jon R. Hayden, MBA Coordinator and business administration instructor at UT Tyler, taught the course. Designed to prepare secondary teachers to meet state requirements for free enterprise instruction, the course provided six hours of graduate level credit. Curriculum included observational field trips to Brookshire’s Distribution Center, Heritage Bank, Texas Eastman, and Trane, Inc.

Hudnall Honors, Lindsey Chair Recipients Named

Following UT System Board of Regents approval, Dr. George Hamm announced the appointment of Dr. C. Ray Gullet, professor of business administration, for the 1983-84 Sam A. Lindsey Chair and the appointment of Dr. Gary Mears, professor of psychology, for the 1984-85 Lindsey Chair. Appointments approved for the J.S. Hudnall professorships included Dr. Frank H. Smyrl, professor of history, to the J.S. Hudnall Professorship of American Affairs, and Dr. Donald Garrison, associate professor of technology, to the J.S. Hudnall Professorship in Energy and Technology. During the summer Board of Regents meeting, regents also approved the acceptance of a pledge from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Summers to establish the R.L. Summers Presidential Endowed Scholarship and a $400,000 budget allocation to expand summer course offerings at UT Tyler.

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