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Ten Years Ago (September 2002)
Ceremonies Planned to Honor 9-11 Victims on One Year Anniversary

Families and victims of the September 11th attacks were honored during a memorial ceremony at the Riter Millennium Carillon Bell Tower. Four funeral tolls sounded to mark the crash of each U.S. airplane hijacked. Representative Leo Berman, R-Tyler, gave the keynote speech.

UT Tyler Hosts First Annual Homecoming Celebration

The Student Government Association sponsored homecoming activities on September 13 in conjunction with the opening game of the men’s soccer season. Activities included free hot dogs at the soccer field, a “Meet the Patriots” session, and a tail-gate party featuring movies, music, food, and games. Alumni celebrated September 12 with a special banquet featuring keynote speaker J.B. Smith.

UT Tyler Ranks Top in State for Tenured Faculty Ratio

Among 35 public universities in Texas, UT Tyler had the highest percentage (73%) of tenured and tenure track professors teaching lower-level courses during the 2000-2001 school year.

Twenty Years Ago (September 1992)

UT Tyler Representatives Travel to Yachiyo City, Japan

Twelve UT Tyler administration and faculty members traveled to Yachiyo City, Japan as part of a Tyler delegation attending the Sister City “twinning ceremony”. Tyler hosted a Japanese delegation from Yachiyo City in May 1992.

DID YOU KNOW?
Student parking permits in 1992 cost $15 per year. Additional permits could be purchased for $2 each.

Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for Student Apartments

Officials broke ground at the site of a $5.2 million student housing project near the north entrance of the University of Texas at Tyler. Original plans included 160 units, a meeting room, offices, and laundry facilities. The project was funded by private contributions. Today, the housing project is part of Varsity Place Student Apartments.

Construction Completed on New Art Complex

Art department faculty began fall classes in the newly constructed 3,750 square foot complex. In addition to providing a more centralized location for art instruction, the facility included custom studios for drawing, painting, and printmaking. The Art Complex was constructed with contributions from the Permanent University Fund.
Thirty Years Ago (September 1982)

UT Tyler Partners With TJC to Sponsor Symphony Concert

The Texas Little Symphony, an elite component of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, appeared in concert on September 30th at Wise Auditorium. The concert, which included selections from Bach’s Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 4 in B Flat Major, was part of the UT Tyler and Tyler Junior College Cultural Arts Series. Students paid $2 for admission with ID.

UT Tyler hosts Small Business Institute

Sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Small Business Institute offered teams of senior and graduate business students an opportunity to work directly with Tyler area companies to “perform research services, feasibility studies, or other consulting effort”. Dr. Wayne Goff served as director.

UT Tyler Announces Inaugural Season of Distinguished Lecture Series

The 1982-83 Distinguished Lecture Series, presented jointly by UT Tyler and the Smith County Medical Society-Auxiliary, featured speakers F. Lee Bailey, William F. Buckley, Jr., and Arthur B. Laffer. Season tickets cost $150.

Nursing Program Offers New Degree, Doubles Enrollment Numbers

Following the debut of a new generic baccalaureate program, the nursing department welcomed 24 new students. The department awarded full scholarship to three individuals, and twelve partial scholarships.

UT Student Association Sponsors Free Balloon Rides

The Student Association sponsored a campus wide event on September 29, titled “Up, up and away”. Students enjoyed free tethered balloon rides above campus.

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