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Ten Years Ago (July 2003)

University Hosts Baseball Open Tryout
The UT Tyler baseball program held open tryouts for the first UT Tyler Patriots baseball season on Wednesday, August 27 and Saturday, August 30 at Grace High School on University Blvd. To be eligible, students needed to be enrolled-full time and in good academic standing per NCAA rules. Students were also required to be cleared for participation by the UT Tyler athletic trainer and to bring their own protective gear and equipment. The team would go on to place third in the ASC East Division for its first season.

USCAA Championships to be Held at UT Tyler
Dr. Howard Patterson, university athletic director, announced that the University had been selected to host the United States Collegiate Athletic Association championship tournaments for men's and women's soccer, cross country, and tennis. Fall 2003 marked the first time UT Tyler hosted the soccer and cross country tournaments. UT Tyler previously hosted the 2003 USCAA tennis championships.

Longview University Center Offers 'Living With the Arts' Series
The UT Tyler Longview campus announced a new roster of non-credit art appreciation courses for Fall 2003, featuring Opera Appreciation under the instruction of Jim Yancy, and Theatre Appreciation led by Raymond Caldwell, founder and artistic director of the Kilgore College Texas Shakespeare festival. Course fees were $90 and enrollment was open to the community.

Twenty Years Ago (July 1993)

Strategies in Mathematics to be Topic of UT Tyler Course for Educators
Dr. Evelyn Granville, visiting professor of mathematics and Sam A. Lindsey Chair at UT Tyler, presented “Strategies for Problem Solving in Mathematics”, a continuing education course for teachers, from July 28-30. Designed for teachers of upper elementary and junior high math, the course emphasized “the use of different strategies for solving a variety of mathematical problems”.

Chemical Dependency Workshops Scheduled at UT Tyler
The University of Texas at Tyler Office of Continuing Education presented Chemical Dependency Training for Schools, a two-part program for school counselors, administrators and teachers from July 20-21. Participants were invited to register for one or both workshops, featuring Part I: The Chemicals and Part II: The Abusers and their Families. Workshop registration cost $55. Certified counselor Beverly Womack led the workshops, which qualified for .6 CEUs and AAT credit.

Repertory Theatre Presents Outdoor Musical
The UT Tyler Repertory Theatre presented “Two by Two”, Richard Rogers’ musical version of Noah’s ark in July. Jackson Wiley, guest instructor from the Indianapolis Ballet Theatre and Indianapolis Philharmonic Orchestra, served as music director of the production with Dr. James Hatfield as theatrical director. The program was presented in conjunction with the Windsor-Richardson Summer Scholars Program. Dr. Jeffrey Koep, guest instructor from the University of Nevada, directed Noel Coward’s “Private Lives” in late July.

Dr. Allen Martin conducts class in the Business Building, late 1970s. (UASC Facebook)

Students and faculty congregate in the Tyler State College student center, 1975. (UASC Facebook)
Thirty Years Ago (July 1983)

First Intercollegiate Athletics Program Introduced
UT Tyler announced the creation of its first intercollegiate athletics program with the introduction of men’s and women’s tennis teams for Fall 1983. Jason Morton and Russell Seymour, world-class tennis players and Hollytree Country Club pros, served as the inaugural coaches. Tennis was chosen as the first UT Tyler athletics program due to its robust presence in East Texas.

UT Tyler Offers New Counseling Degree
The Department of Psychology announced a new graduate degree program for the 1983-84 academic year for professional counseling. The degree was the first of its kind in the state of Texas, featuring 45 semester hours of advanced coursework and clinical experience. The program was designed to prepare students for state certification exams and full counseling licensure. Additional degree programs inaugurated in 1983-1984 included an M.S. in public planning and administration, and an M. Ed. in educational administration.

Watson Wise Incentive Award Presented
Alicia K. Dowdy, a graduate of the UT Tyler School of Business management program, received the 1983 Watson W. Wise Incentive Award. The Wise Award was presented annually to students “showing qualities of character, citizenship, and civic responsibility”. Award recipients received a commemorative plaque and a check for $500.

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