Ten Years Ago (January 2003)

UT Tyler Sets New Enrollment Record
With 4,242 students enrolled in the Spring 2003 semester (an 11.4% increase over the previous spring semester), UT Tyler set a new record and posted the highest enrollment percent increase in the UT System.

Engineering Department Receives Major NSF Grant
Dr. Jeffrey Mountain, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, was awarded a $292,369 three year grant from the National Science Foundation for a project to attract and retain engineering students. The first year introduced a portable process control breadboard system in undergraduate classes. Subsequent years featured a pilot program of summer camps geared towards 8th and 9th grade students.

World War II Travel Study Course Announced
Dr. Patricia Gajda, professor of history, announced a summer travel course featuring World War II sites in Central Europe. The itinerary included Hitler’s underground Berlin bunker, a tour of Auschwitz, the Warsaw Ghetto, and various Central European capitals.

Computer Science Faculty Elected to State Education Organization
Dr. Stephen Rainwater, associate professor of computer science, was elected secretary of the Texas Computer Association for 2003—2005.

Twenty Years Ago (January 1993)

University Offers Series of Business Oriented Computer Seminars

UT Tyler Hosts 17th Annual Choir Festival
The University offered technical clinics, ensemble workshops, and critiques with Dr. Thomas Allen, chair of the Music Department, and guest clinician Dr. John Taylor of Tennessee. Participating schools included Paris Junior College, Tyler Junior College, Panola College, Trinity Valley College, Jacksonville College, Lon Morris, and Kilgore College.

Psychology Professor Selected for National Leadership Program
Dr. Paula Lundberg-Love, associate professor of psychology, was one of 100 women selected to participate in the 1993 class of Leadership America, a women’s development program offered by the Foundation for Women’s Resources.

Computer Science Faculty Receives Cray Research, Inc. Grant
Dr. George Whitson, professor of computer science, received $5000 in direct funds and $3000 in Cray computer time from the Cray Research, Inc. for his project titled “CANS X: An X Windows Artificial Neural System for Cray Research Supercomputers.”
Thirty Years Ago (January 1983)

**Conservative Author William F. Buckley, Jr. Presents Distinguished Lecture**

William Buckley Jr, host of PBS’s “Firing Line” and founder of National Review magazine, spoke to a crowd of over 700 in the University Center on January 20. Buckley spoke on the economic policies of the Reagan administration and shared anecdotes from his career as a political commentator. Buckley was the second speaker in UT Tyler’s premiere Distinguished Lecture season, jointly hosted with the Smith County Medical Auxiliary.

**University Hosts Statewide Highway Construction Workshop**

First in a series of related workshops, the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation program invited approximately 100 civil engineers and road technicians from across the state to discuss asphaltic concrete surfacing. The workshop was coordinated by Bill Elmore, materials research engineer with the Austin office of the highway department.

**University Alumni Association Chartered**

The University Alumni Association, open to current and former UT Tyler students and employees, received its charter from the Texas Secretary of State. The organization welcomed nearly 250 members at the beginning of the 1993 fall semester.

**English Professor Joins Editorial Board for Regional Publication**

Dr. J. Paxton Hart, professor of English, was named co-editor of the newsletter for the South Central Society for 18th Century Studies (SCSECS). The SCSECS, founded in 1975, is a regional affiliate of the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies.

**Muntz Library Offers Extended Hours**

University Librarian Olene Harned announced that the library would be open an additional eight hours per week, at the request of a majority of the student body. Harned cited the expansion of the library’s computer lab as a contributing factor.

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**University Archives and Special Collections Department**

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.