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Ten Years Ago (July 2002)

**UT Tyler MPA Program Admitted to National Membership**

The public administration program was admitted to membership in the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). This was considered a preliminary step in the accreditation process for the Masters in Public Administration program.

**Theatre Prof Selected to Attend National Leadership Institute**

Dr. Mary Ellen Wright, assistant professor of theatre, was one of 25 theatre educators selected from a nationwide pool of candidates to attend the 2002 Association of Theatre in Higher Education Leadership Institute. The institute took place in San Diego, California, July 23-24.

**Graduate and Undergraduate Courses in Congregational Nursing announced for Fall 2002**

The course was designed to prepare nurses to serve in primary care roles in faith-based congregations and organizations such as churches and synagogues. Coursework emphasized holistic care and meeting the “unique health care needs and priorities of an individual congregation.”

Twelve Years Ago (July 2002)

**Survey of Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce Indicates Support for Expanding UT Tyler to 4-Year Institution**

A comprehensive survey of Tyler Area Chamber members revealed clear support for converting UT Tyler to four-year status. 93% of members favored enhancing cooperation between local community colleges and universities while adding freshman and sophomore classes to UT Tyler. Members identified adding freshmen and sophomore classes at UT Tyler as the highest priority. Increasing cooperation between UT Tyler and TJC was second, while expanding graduate programs at UT Tyler was third.

**“Liabilities for Criminal Justice Personnel” Workshop Scheduled**

The July 27 workshop, sponsored by the Office of Continuing Education and the Criminal Justice Program, featured Professor Rolando V. del Carmen of Sam Houston State University’s College of Criminal Justice.

**Dr. Hamm Announces New Graduate Degree Program in Mathematics**

The master of science degree in mathematics was approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on July 17, 1992.
J. S. Hudnall, local geologist, pledges to establish scholarships and professorships at UT Tyler

Mr. Hudnall’s contributions supported the J.S. Hudnall Scholarships for Exemplary Leadership and Citizenship, the J.S. Hudnall Professorship in Energy and Technology, and the J.S. Hudnall Professorship in American Affairs. Mr. Hudnall also served as a member of the University’s development board. He was one of the original major contributors to the permanent campus site.

Dr. Donald W. Whisenhunt announces publication of new book

The book, titled Chronology of Texas History, was published by Eakin Press. In July 1982, Dr. Whisenhunt also published “The Depression in Texas”, a 45-page pamphlet as part of a series on Texas history by American Press, Boston.

Mrs. Louise Lindsey Merrick bequeaths $10 million to UT Tyler

Also receiving gifts were the Texas Eastern School of Nursing in Tyler, the City of Tyler, the Dixie Volunteer Fire Department, Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, and the Texas A&M University Department of Engineering Technology–Telecommunications Specialty.

Dr. W. Clayton Allen appointed to the Safety Committee of the American Vocational Association.

Dr. Allen, professor of technology, served in this position from July 1982-June 1984.

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