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Ten Years Ago (December 2003)

UT Tyler Receives $95,000 for Osteoporosis Research
The UT Tyler Osteoporosis Research Study was presented a $95,000 bequest from the estate of Mrs. Georgia Stinson. Mrs. Stinson served as a research subject in osteoporosis studies conducted at UT Tyler from 1988 to 1996. By 2003, more than 800 persons from the East Texas region had participated in bone density studies. Dr. Joyce Ballard, professor of health and kinesiology served as the principal investigator of the osteoporosis research.

University Receives Endowed Professorship Gift
Lecil and Barbara Chandler of Tyler presented a gift of $100,000 to the University to help establish the Lecil and Barbara Chandler Endowed Professorship in Computer Science. Dr. Steve Rainwater, associate professor of computer science, served as the inaugural endowed chair.

UT Tyler Community Band to Present Holiday Concert
The Tyler Community Band performed its annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 11 in the Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center. Enjoying its 15th year, the UT Tyler based community band featured gifted musicians from local high schools and colleges as well as professionals from across the Tyler area. Dr. Jeff Emge, associate professor of music, directed the concert. Selections include pieces by Mel Tormé, Meredith Willson, Alfred Burt, and Leroy Anderson, as well as traditional

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UT Tyler Hosts Student Leadership Conference
The University hosted a Student Government Leadership Conference for regional community college students on Friday, December 3 in the Robert R. Muntz Library. State Senator Bill Ratliff served as the keynote speaker and State Representative Ted Kamel spoke at the noon luncheon. The conference comprised six sessions, including “The Art of Empowerment” with Jean Florey, assistant director of personal for the City of Tyler, and Creating a Volunteer Network on Campus with Linda Womack, director of volunteer agencies for the East Texas Crisis Center.

University offers $10,000 for TJC Shrine Bowl
UT Tyler awarded a total of $10,000 in academic scholarships to Navarro College and Jones County Junior College, participants in the 7th Annual Texas Junior College Shrine Bowl Game. In addition to providing academic scholarships, the Shrine Bowl benefited Shriners Hospitals for Children.
Thirty Years Ago (December 1983)

UT Tyler, TJC Receive Joint Award Grant

The Texas Commission of the Arts awarded UT Tyler and TJC a grant of $6900 to present the Texas Opera Theatre’s performance of Madame Butterfly. UT Tyler received an additional $4,000 grant award towards its September presentation of the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra.

Political Analyst to Speak on Campus

Dr. John Stoessinger, a political analyst and author, spoke in the University Center on Wednesday, December 7. Dr. Stoessinger served as the acting director of the political affairs division of the United Nations from 1967-74 and served as the of Foreign Affairs magazine book editor. As part of the University Forum Lecture Series, Dr. Stoessinger spoke on the topic “Can Peace Survive the Eighties”. He addressed several items of interest for UT Tyler students, including nuclear deterrence and its alternatives as well as how individual students can support peacekeeping.

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In December 1983, three hundred and seventy-six students graduated from UT Tyler, including seventy-four candidates for master’s degrees and 302 baccalaureate candidates. The commencement was held at the Oil Palace on Friday, December 10th.

DID YOU KNOW?

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