Ten Years Ago (August 2003)

University Awarded Federal Grant for Crime Research
The University received a $149,987 Department of Justice Grant to serve as the research partner/crime analyst for the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative. The initiative promoted partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to reduce gun violence across the country. Dr. Peter Phillips, associate criminal justice professor and Dr. Barbara Hart, chair of social sciences and associate criminal justice professor, used grant funds to analyze crime patterns and develop strategies to reduce gun violence in East Texas.

Professors awarded for excellence in teaching
Dr. Joyce Ballard, professor of health and kinesiology, and Dr. Brenda Gilliam, associate professor of special education, received recognition for excellence in teaching. Dr. Ballard received the 2002-03 Chancellor’s Council Outstanding Teaching Award and Dr. Gilliam was selected as the 2004 nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Piper Professor.

UT Tyler Business Internship Program Helps Students
The College of Business and Technology announced a major reinvigoration of its internship program after completing a study of the accounting curriculum. Barbara Bass, CPA, served as chair of the study. The University partnered with the East Texas Chapter of CPAs to produce internship best-practices guides for students and sponsoring organizations. Additional changes included raising grade standards and implementing more rigorous documentation practices.

Twenty Years Ago (August 1993)

State Approves $21 Million Budget
The University of Texas System Board of Regents approved a $21 million budget for the 1993-94 fiscal year. The Division of Nursing received the largest budget increase to accommodate state mandate. The Texas Legislature also approved $100,000 for Interactive Video instruction and the Joint Baccalaureate Studies Program. $50,000 was allocated for special student scholarships.

Interactive Video courses expanded to new campuses
UT Tyler announced partnerships with new East Texas campuses to distribute higher education through the Interactive Video program. In addition to Kilgore College and the Maude Cobb Center in Longview, UT Tyler began offering live video courses through Mexia State School, Panola College in Carthage, and Trinity Valley Community College in Athens. Courses offered for the Fall 1993 semester included Business Law I, American Labor History, American Foreign Policy, Legal and Bioethical Issues in Nursing, and Introduction to School Administration.

Music department receives donation
Annie Lloyd of Henderson donated several thousand classical music recordings to the UT Tyler music department in memory of her son Kenneth. Supplementing the Muntz Library’s existing audio holdings, the donation included a diverse collection of opera pieces from across Europe and Russia. The music department made the recordings available to students through on-site listening labs.
Thirty Years Ago (August 1983)

Ground-breaking ceremony for art studio held at UT Tyler

Art faculty, administration members, and the designing architect gathered to break ground for a new art studio located near the physical plant. Planned components included a small metal casting foundry, a general wood and metal shop, a sculpture shop, a small classroom, and two faculty offices. The anticipated completion date was January 16, 1984.

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, feature 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.

Gullett, Mears named to Lindsey chair

Dr. George Hamm announced the first two appointments to the Sam A. Lindsey Endowed Chair. Dr. C. Ray Gullett, professor of business administration, was appointed chair for 1983-84 and Dr. Gary Mears, professor of psychology was appointed for 1984-85.

University Archives and Special Collections

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.

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