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Partnership Agreement Brings UT Tyler, TJC Together
Following the Texas Legislature’s passage of House Bill 2578, a measure introduced by State Rep. Ted Kamel of Tyler to promote regional cooperation between public community colleges and upper-level universities, representatives of UT Tyler and Tyler Junior College met to discuss goals and objectives for a bilateral partnership. The agreement was proposed as a way to provide a continuous four year education for students in the East Texas region.

Larry King Opens Distinguished Lecture Series to Sold Out Crowd
Larry King greeted a crowd of 1,800 at Caldwell Auditorium on Thursday, September 9. As the opening speaker for the 1993-1994 season, King spoke about his experiences in broadcasting, his Jewish heritage, and his childhood in Manhattan.

Student Apartments Near Campus Reach Full Capacity
For the first time since its construction in 1993, the University Pines Apartment complex reached full occupancy. All but four of the 380 residents attended UT Tyler. The sharp increase in occupancy was driven by a 12.5% increase in University enrollment for the Fall 2003 semester. Operated by a private Houston firm, the University Pines apartment complex was the only residence space on or adjacent to the campus in 2003.

Bell Tower Repairs Needed After Lightning Strike
The Riter tour was temporarily out of commission during the summer of 2003 after a lightning strike damaged the computer panels. University officials estimated that repairs to the panels would cost approximately $38,500. To prevent damage from future strikes, officials planned to install fiber optic lines in place of the copper wiring.

UT Tyler Awarded Engineering Equipment Grant
The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board awarded the University a $15,940 Texas Engineering and Technical Consortium/Texas Instruments equipment grant. The grant, coordinated by associate professor of electrical engineering Dr. Mukul Shirvaikar, funded the purchase of digital signal processor hardware and software for students in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.
Thirty Years Ago (September 1983)

Campus Childcare Program Begins Second Year

The University opened its second annual childcare program for children of UT Tyler students, university personnel, and alumni. Under the direction of Barbara Warner, assistant professor of education, the program accepted children age three through six at a full-day weekly rate of $40 and a half-day weekly rate of $22. The program was supported by funding from state agencies and licensed through the Texas Department of Human Resources.

New Master’s Degree Approved for Fall

The UT System Board of Regents approved the creation of a new Master of Arts degree in professional counseling through the Department of Psychology. The 45 semester hour program included 18 hours in foundational course work and 27 focused hours in the school counseling or marriage and family counseling concentration. Coursework was designed to qualify students for licensure through the Texas State Professional Counseling exam.

Library Receives Book Bequest

The Bright collection was donated to the Robert R. Muntz library by the estate of Icy Bright after her death in 1982. Featuring antique volumes on Texas history and turn of the century textbooks, the collection comprised more than 600 titles. The Bright collection was the first private library willed to the University.

University Center Screens Free Movies

The Student Association purchased an institutional membership from Video, Inc., which allowed students to screen films in the U.C. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. The U.C. collection included over 300 films, which students could select on a first come, first serve basis.

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