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Ten Years Ago (December 2002)

Technology Department Receives National Accreditation

The National Association of Industrial Technology awarded accreditation to the Department of Technology, allowing program graduates to earn the designation of “certified industrial technologist”.

Two Endowed Professorships Awarded

Dr. Mary Fischer, professor of accounting and director of the MBA program, was awarded the George W. and Robert S. Pirtle Professorship in Free Enterprise. Dr. Paula Lundberg-Love, associate professor of psychology, was awarded the Dr. Ben R. Fisch Endowed Professorship.

Head Coach Hired for New Baseball Program

James Vilade, formerly of the University of Dallas, was hired to head the new baseball program at UT Tyler. In addition to starting the Division III non-scholarship program during the 2003-2004 school year, Vilade was responsible for managing the new softball and baseball fields.

UT Tyler Students Nominated for Acting Scholarship

Thirteen students from the departments of theatre, music, and English were nominated to participate in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival’s Irene Ryan Acting Scholarships competition. The prestigious scholarship was named for actress Irene Ryan, known for her portrayal of Granny Clampett in the Beverly Hillbillies.

Twenty Years Ago (December 1992)

Technology Professor Awarded Tech Prep Grant

The Tech Prep Professional Development Consortium at Texas A&M awarded a $5,000 grant to Dr. Tommy Gilbreath, associate professor of technology. The grant supported professional development training for secondary teachers seeking to incorporate vocational and occupational training in secondary school classrooms.

Fall Commencement Ceremony Highlights “Importance of Gaining Knowledge”

281 degree candidates, including 218 undergraduate and 63 graduate students, assembled at the Oil Palace for the Fall 1982 Commencement Ceremony. In his commencement address, Dr. George Hamm spoke about the importance of gaining knowledge in a rapidly changing world, highlighting the recent collapse of the Soviet Union.

Accounting Professor Recognized For Public Service

Dr. Geri Wink, lecturer in accounting, received accolades from the East Texas Chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. Dr. Wink was recognized for her outstanding contributions to area public schools.
Thirty Years Ago (December 1982)

Department of Health and Kinesiology Offers Public Clinic
The noncredit clinic took place one hour per day three times per week in the University’s Human Performance Laboratory (located in the Health and Physical Education facility). The clinic included a fitness assessment, body composition evaluation, customized exercise programs, and group exercise sessions.

Dr. Alton Goddard Nominated for Prestigious Piper Award
University President George Hamm named Dr. Alton R. Goddard, professor of computer science, the UT Tyler nominee for the 1983 Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Award. The Piper Award recognizes excellence in teaching at the post-secondary level.

UT System Approves Two New Professorships
Dr. Stephen R. Lefevre, associate professor of political science, was awarded the J.S. Hudnall Professorship for American Affairs for his research on technology policy. Dr. David C. Riddle, associate professor of chemistry, was awarded the Hudnall professorship for Energy and Technology.

U.S. Office of Education Awards Major Grant for Bilingual Education
Dr. Mac R. Mosley, chair of the Department of Special Services, successfully applied for a $90,374 federal grant to implement a bilingual education program at UT Tyler. UT Tyler was one of ten Texas universities funded by the U.S. Office of Education. The grant allocated funds for course tuition and textbooks for bilingual education students. UT Tyler offered courses in Spanish and English.

UT Tyler Joins Local Education Consortium
Dr. George Hamm, president of UT Tyler, announced a new partnership with TJC president Dr. Raymond Hawkins, and TISD superintendent Dr. Jack Davidson. The new consortium sought to promote adult and continuing education in East Texas, streamline program offerings across institutions, and reach out to underserved members of the community. The cooperative effort was aided by task force members selected from each institution.

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