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Child Development Program Offered at UT Tyler
The School of Education and Psychology offered a new child development program for children aged three to five. The program, which cost $50 for the semester for children of UT Tyler students or $85 for children in the larger community, included morning and evening care sessions from January 10 through April 29. The program was limited to 15 students. Colleen Randel, senior lecturer in education, served as program coordinator with the assistance of Rhonda White, a teacher specializing in early childhood education.

Ten Years Ago (January 2004)

Oliver North Lecture, Student Seminar Jan. 22
The Distinguished Lecture Series featured best-selling author and former U.S. counter-terrorism coordinator Col. Oliver North on January 22 at the Cowan Center. North, a highly decorated retired combat marine, also presented a seminar for university students in the Braithwaite Recital Hall where he fielded questions about the changing face of the U.S. military after September 11, 2001.

Reed Named First UT Tyler Softball Coach
Michael Reed of Tyler was announced as UT Tyler’s first head softball coach during a press conference at the Herrington Patriot Center. Coach Reed, an alumni of the UT Tyler Graduate School of Education, joined the athletics staff after three years as head coach for the East Texas Baptist University softball program. Reed was honored as ASC East Division Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2002. His teams secured three straight ASC championship and two NCAA regional tournament berths. In addition to recruiting prospective student-athletes for the inaugural Lady Patriot softball season, Reed was responsible for overseeing the completion of the UT Tyler softball complex.

Debate Team Takes First in National Tournament
Students Amy Arellano and Noah Conklin won first place in the 2004 National Collegiate Honorary Tournament at Middle Tennessee State University. Arellano and Conklin, residents of Tyler and members of UT Tyler’s Pi Kappa Delta speech honorary society, defeated teams from 34 universities and colleges. The debate for the final round was “Resolved: That the Wedding March is the Death March of Patriarchy.”

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Texas Artist Featured in UT Tyler Lifestyles Series

Sculpture artist James Surls of Splendora, Texas spoke at the University on Thursday, January 26 about his experiences as a working artist. His presentation, titled “The Artist as an Entrepreneur: How to Make Art and Make A Living”, was open to members of the public and the university community at no cost. The Lifestyles lecture series, inaugurated during the 1983 Fall semester, introduced university students to successful entrepreneurs from several industries.

UT Tyler Gets Approval For Computer Program

The University received final approval from the Coordinating Board of Texas College and University Systems on Friday, January 27 to offer a Master of Science degree in computer science. The degree was the 21st Masters’ program approved for the university and one of four new Masters programs proposed by UT Tyler during the 1983-1984 school year. The new program was slated to emphasize software development, computing theory, applications, and formal research techniques.

Spring Registration Reaches New High

Registration numbers hit an all-time high for the spring semester with 2,898 students enrolled by January 24. The previous record was set in January 1983, when 2,747 students enrolled for spring classes. The new high marked the fourth record breaking spring enrollment in a row.

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