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Ten Years Ago (April 2004)

UT Tyler Receives Grant to Conduct Science Institute

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board awarded the University a Teacher Quality Grant to establish an Institute for Scientific Literacy. The grant totaled $99,961, including a supplement of $28,305 from the Teaching Excellence in Math and Science program. Designed for middle school science teachers in Region VII, the program featured a summer training institute with an inaugural cohort of 30 teachers. The instructional leadership team included Dr. Ann Guilbert, assistant professor of education; Dr. Ron Gutberlet, associate professor of biology; and Terri R. Hebert, teacher-in-residence.

Nesting Hawks Take Refuge on Campus

University police advised students to use the covered walkway adjacent to the lower Harvey Lake after a pair of red-tailed hawks established a nest behind the Administration Building. Protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, red-tailed hawks have an average lifespan of 10-15 years in the wild.

Twenty Years Ago (April 1994)

University Hosts Career Fair for Education Students

More than 40 school districts participated in a career fair for UT Tyler students and alumni pursuing careers in education. Held from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Friday, April 29 in the University Center, the career fair targeted recent university graduates and students completing their degrees in the spring or summer of 1994. The career fair also welcomed students and alumni of Jarvis Christian College and Texas College.

Students Celebrate International Culture on Campus

University students prepared and presented a full day of in celebration of UT Tyler’s international initiatives. Participants from the United States, Nigeria, Taiwan, Mexico, India, and several European countries enjoyed food from around the world in addition to a series of performances, exhibits, displays, and readings. Croatian pianist Srdjan Filip Caldarovic kicked off the festivities with a solo recital.
Thirty Years Ago (April 1984)

German Resistance Leader Speaks at UT Tyler

World War II resistance leader Dr. Franz Mueller of Munich, Germany spoke during a special meeting at the University on German resistance to the Nazi movement. Mueller discussed “The White Rose Society: Resistance against the Third Reich” at 12:30pm as part of the third annual Social Sciences Colloquium in the administration building. The program was open to the public. He also spoke about the threat of nuclear war between the allies of East and West Germany.

University Hosts “Women in Focus” Seminar

UT Tyler joined with the Governor’s Commission for Women, the Governor’s Office, and the Texas Department of Community Affairs to host a seminar on education and employment for area women. Held in the University Center, the conference featured keynote speaker Karen Perkins, executive director of the Tarrant County Women’s Center. Governor Mark White served as the keynote speaker to an audience of over 750 attendees.

Ex-CIA Director Presents Distinguished Lecture

Admiral Stansfield Turner was featured in the University Center on Wednesday April 5 during the University’s final program of the 1983-84 Distinguished Lecture Series season. Turner discussed “Trouble Spots Around the World” for the program. Tickets were sold to the public at $10 each. Turner formerly served as the director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 1977-1981. A former president of the Naval War College, he was commander of the United States Second Fleet, and commander in chief of the Allied Forces in Southern Europe, 1974-1977.

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