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Ten Years Ago (November 2005)

Students Remember The Life Of Rosa Parks

Civil rights activist Rosa Parks “went on home” October 24, leaving behind a generation in need of some of her courage, said Tyler City Councilman Derrick Choice at a memorial service held in her honor at the Riter Millennium Carillon Tower and Plaza, November 2. Around 30 students, faculty and staff gathered at the bell tower on the day of Park’s burial to remember and memorialize her life with a moment of silence. “Our sister Rosa Parks has gone on home. Before she left this earth she left us with a legacy,” Choice said. “Her single act of courage ignited the civil rights movement. If it were not for Rosa Parks we would not be standing here today.” Choice urged the crowd standing before him to remember the greatness of Rosa Parks and to ask themselves if they would have the same courage today if they were asked to “stand up.” “Rosa Parks fought for much more than sitting on a bus seat. What are you going to do to remember Rosa Parks in your own individual way today?” The University’s Black Student Association sponsored the event. Cecil Dunn, a member of the Psalms of David gospel choir, played “Amazing Grace” on his saxophone during the memorial service. 

Patriot Talon, November 14, 2005, by Erin Buller

Soccer Field Named

The University of Texas System Board of Regents approved the soccer field name, the Citizens 1st Bank – Perkins Soccer Complex. President Rodney Mabry stated that “we’re proud to be associated with Citizen’s 1st Bank and Jim and Margaret Perkins, and we appreciate their foresight in helping boost UT Tyler’s athletic program. They understand that without a long history of athletics and former players, we needed friends to step forward and make this remarkable venue available.” Located adjacent to the main campus entrance, the complex is comprised of a lighted field, spectator and team sitting, parking lot, ceremonial flag-pole, state-of-the-art scoreboard and landscaping. The soccer complex was completed in the summer of 1995 at a cost of about $1 million. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, along with Citizen’s 1st Bank, made gifts and pledges totaling $400,000. The field was intended be used not only for Patriots soccer, but also for local and regional tournaments and youth summer camps.

Twenty Years Ago (November 1995)

New Dean Of The School Business Administration Appointed

Dr. Jim L. Tarter, an international business consultant and former faculty member at Southern Methodist University, was appointed Dean of School of Business Administration, President George F. Hamm announced November 7. “Dr. Tarter brings to the university and the regional business community academic distinction, theoretical expertise and real world management acumen, ranging from small business incubation to the highest level of executive management consulting among major corporations. His appointment is a further step in our continuing aspiration to academic excellence and expanded service to the greater community,” Hamm stated.
Thirty Years Ago (November 1985)

State Treasurer Ann Richards Promotes Women’s Week

“I think that it is important for men to realize that Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did – she just did it backwards in high-heels!” said Ann Richards at Tyler’s conference celebrating Women’s Week in Texas. Addressing the audience of over 200 women, Richards warned the few men that this was going to be a “feminist speech.” In apologizing for her cold she said, “I had talked to God and SHE said that I wouldn’t have to deal with it until Sunday…” something happened to HER scheduling and I found this morning that there wasn’t much of me or my voice left.” “Women are the poorest of the poor,” added Richards. “We don’t reward ourselves when we succeed – instead of congratulating ourselves for making it on our merit – we think we tricked someone… stretch your limits,” she suggested. “It’s a shame that you let someone else govern your life. There is no aspect of our lives so secure that it is shielded from public policy,” said Richards. “More than ever today, women have the opportunity to build a new and better world. They are missing their chance,” she said. Also honored was Willie Lee Glass of Tyler, who was one of 12 women inducted into the Texas Women’s Hall of Fame along with Richards. The UT Tyler Patriot, November 21, 1985, by Betty Helt

Forty Years Ago (November 1975)

“The Lesson” Performed

Texas Eastern University’s first drama production, “The Lesson” by Ionesco, was held at on November 19 and 20 in the University Auditorium. There was no admission charge to the one hour, one act play. Cast members included Jody Pearson as the Professor, Cathy Speas as the Pupil, and Roxanne Keelan as the Maid. Assisting John Callahan in directing was Nancy Young.

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