Ten Years Ago (May 2006)

UT Tyler’s First Archer Fellows Join Interns in Washington

The admission of Beth Anderson and Nathan Taylor marked UT Tyler’s entry into the Archer Fellowship Program. The Archer Fellowship was established in 2001 by The University of Texas System in conjunction with former United States Representative Bill Archer to educate the next generation of leaders from Texas for service in local, state, federal, and international arenas. Each semester, 20 to 24 highly motivated and accomplished juniors and seniors are competitively selected from UT campuses to live in Washington for a semester, participate in full-time internships and complete 12 hours of academic credit. The UT Tyler students resided in town homes on Capitol Hill as part of an arrangement with the Washington Intern Student Housing organization. “The ambition, drive and intelligence of Beth and Nathan exhibited in the first round of interviews made it impossible to select just one as an Archer Fellow,” said Jennifer Sarver, Archer Center director and selection committee member. “After spending a semester with each of them, I was delighted and impressed that those initial interview were dead on – they were both tremendous assets to the fellowship.” Taylor worked for the Embassy of Canada, while Anderson worked for Concerned Women for America.

Twenty Years Ago (May 1996)

Information Systems Degree Introduced

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved a new bachelor of science degree program in computer information systems at UT Tyler, President George F. Hamm announced. The B.S. in computer information systems, previously approved by the UT Systems Board of Regents, was designed to provide students the opportunity to prepare for a position in business programming and systems analysis and design. Emphasizing information networking, the computer information systems program was designed to emphasize three major elements: computer science, business applications, and an intensive design project.

Librarians Bid Farewell to the Card Catalog

UT Tyler’s Robert R. Munzt Library observed the passing of an era when the card catalog was disassembled. “The card catalog was the primary tool by which libraries operated,” said Caroline Allen, archivist and professional librarian. “It has been the heart of libraries since the 1800s, and with the advent of technological resources, the Munzt Library is moving on into the 21st Century.” The library’s reference information has been on computer since 1988; therefore, the card catalog was eight years out of date, according to Vicki Betts, professional librarian.
Thirty Years Ago (May 1986)

UT Tyler Hosts Cruelty Investigation Seminar

Animal cruelty investigation and law enforcement was the topic of a seminar by Jerry Owens, nationally known animal abuse investigator. “Basic Cruelty Investigation and Enforcement” addressed the needs of law enforcement and animal control officers and provided continuing education units through UT Tyler’s Office of Continuing Education. 6 hours credit was available through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Education and Standards. Topics covered included the humane movement’s effect on society; how animal abuse crimes are related to abuse of children, the elderly and other sectors of society; state and federal laws relating to cruelty; a comprehensive look at the penal code relating to cruelty to animals; day-to-day cruelties that apply to domestic pets; search and seizure laws; rescue techniques; forensic studies; and the responsibility and liability of law enforcement and animal control officers. Organized crime such as pit bulldog fighting and cock fighting was also discussed.

Forty Years Ago (May 1976)

‘Patriot’ New Name For School Newspaper

With the changing of the university name and the acquisition of a mascot, it is only fitting that the student newspaper should assume a name suitable to the new look being presented by Texas Eastern University. The ‘Tyler Statesman’ was selected when the school was called Tyler State College, a suitable publication for the college name. But, after the changeover to TEU and the Patriots being selected as the mascot and after some consideration and discussion with students and faculty members it seemed timely to re-name the newspaper ‘The Patriot’ to end the confusion of having a publication that still referred to the ‘old’ school.

Regents Approve Bid Package Plans

Plans for a bid package for the Health and Physical Education Building and related outdoor facilities were approved by the TEU Board of Regents at a special called meeting May 5. Outdoor features included two basketball and four outdoor tennis courts, lawn irrigation and lighting for the tennis courts.

University Archives and Special Collections

The University Archives and Special Collections Department (UASC), located on the ground floor of the Robert R. Muntz Library, retains materials of archival and/or historical interest to The University of Texas at Tyler and the surrounding community.