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FEATURED EXHIBITS (FEBRUARY 2014)

♦ **Presidents In Pop Culture**

featuring pop culture themed presidential memorabilia from the campaigns of LBJ through Obama.

♦ **WW II: Snapshots of Tyler**

featuring materials from the Steger papers, Tim Anthony Jackson Collection, and the UASC.

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Ten Years Ago (February 2004)

Nanotechnology Research Receives National Recognition

Nanotechnology research conducted by Dr. Robert Greendyke, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, received national recognition in the 2004 "Year in Review" edition of Aerospace America, a magazine produced by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Dr. Greendyke worked in conjunction with the NASA Johnson Space Center to virtually simulate the construction of carbon nanotubes in order to produce nanotubes more economically.

UT Tyler Hires Director of Residence Life

David R. Hill was appointed to serve as The University of Texas at Tyler's first director of residence life. Hill was tasked with developing a comprehensive housing program for the university and supervising the grand opening of a 200-bed student apartment complex in Fall 2004. He also contributed to the final design stages for the university's first student residence halls and served on the student affairs team. Hill came to UT Tyler from Baylor University, Waco, where he served as community coordinator, supervising approximately 1,300 students in four residence halls.

UT Tyler Education Course Sends Students to Childcare Centers

Early childhood education students gained practical experience interacting with children at two local childcare centers as part of a Play and Creativity in the Classroom course taught by Dr. Lisa Starnes, assistant professor of education. The course taught theories of play as a means for improving fine motor skills, creativity, and student engagement. UT Tyler students created unique activity plans around play centers made with sand, water, clay, blocks, art, dramatic play, reading, science, and math lessons. Education students also conducted independent observation in the classrooms under faculty supervision.



Human Resources director Joe Vorsas checks on his team's Home Run Chili during the annual homecoming Chili Cook-Off. {Patriot Talon}

Twenty Years Ago (February 1994)

Nature Trail Ready for Student Use

The UT Tyler Nature and Environment Club, sponsored by assistant professor of political science Dr. Tim Dolan, encouraged students, staff, and faculty to visit the campus nature trail. Previously used by the biology program as an outdoor ecology lab, the trail was restored for recreational use by members of the Nature and Environment Club. Restoration began in 1992 as a service project developed by a local Boy Scout.

AACSB Approves Plan for Business School Accreditation

The UT Tyler School of Business was accepted as a candidate for accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Businesses. In 1994, less than one quarter of American business programs had AACSB accreditation. Dean Mark Kroll reported that the School of Business hoped to complete its self-evaluation within 18 months. Additionally, Dean Kroll announced that the first cohort of graduate students had enrolled in a new MSN-MBA coordinated degree program, the University's first interdepartmental graduate degree program.

Thirty Years Ago (February 1984)

Camilla Sadat Replaces Bettina Gregory for Distinguished Lecture

UT Tyler announced that the daughter of the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat would give the February 1984 Distinguished Lecture in place of Bettina Gregory; Ms. Gregory cancelled after being assigned to the presidential election campaign. Camilla Sadat spoke about her experiences as the daughter of a prominent international leader, including her efforts to avoid publicity in the wake of his 1981 assassination.

Muntz Library Expands Hours, Services

Muntz Library announced new hours to better meet the needs of students. For 50 cents an hour, students could rent one of five IBM typewriters or an adding machine. Students were responsible for bringing their own paper and correcting materials. Students seeking special assistance with writing assignments were encouraged to visit the Learning Assistance Lab located in LIB 107 (currently home to the University Archives and Special Collections Department).

Bilingual Programs Receives Grant Benefits

UT Tyler's Department of Special Services received a grant of \$88,506 from the U.S. Department of Education to continue its bilingual teaching training program. The program facilitated bilingual certification for local high school instructors working with English-as-a-Second-Language students. The Office of Bilingual Education at UT Tyler sought the Federal grant in response to the Texas House Bill 246 (1981) which required all school districts with more than 20 ESL students to have certified bilingual instructors on staff.



Members of the Environment and Man laboratory class conduct field studies of the campus lakes. {Ken Bryson}

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