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Cleveland to Michelle  
Obama.

♦ **WW II: Snapshots  
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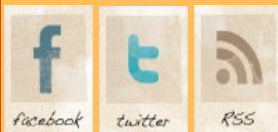
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# This Month in UT Tyler History

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## Ten Years Ago (October 2004)

### **UT Tyler, East Texas Firm Receive Navy Grant for Technology Innovation**

The U.S. Office of Naval Research awarded a contract for The University of Texas at Tyler and Product Concept Development Inc. of Palestine to work jointly on the Phase II development of a quick-release cargo restraint system. The Small Business Technology Transfer grant was for \$505,000, including \$183,150 for UT Tyler's involvement in the project. The cargo restraint system was developed for the Navy's Landing Craft Air Cushion, an amphibious vehicle used to unload and load naval carriers. Dr. Tom Crippen served as principal investigator for UT Tyler.

### **UT Tyler Receives \$500,000 for Braithwaite Endowed Faculty Chair**

The University of Texas at Tyler was given a \$500,000 gift from the Jacqueline M. and David G. Braithwaite Trust to establish the David G. Braithwaite Chair in Biochemistry. The position was devoted to teaching, research and service, as well as working with other faculty to develop new degree programs and cooperative teaching programs with UT Health Center at Tyler and other institutions. The appointed chair was tasked with conducting cutting-edge research in biochemistry and seek major grants from federal and state agencies, corporations and research associations.

### **Tennis Championships Held on Campus**

The University played host to the women's Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships for the southwest region in the first week of October 2004. The Wilson/ITA Southwest Women's Championship featured the top Division II schools in the surrounding region, including Hardin-Simmons University, Howard Payne University, Lindfield College, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, McMurry University, Puget Sound, Schreiner University, UT Tyler, Trinity University, Whitman, and Willamette. Matches were played at the Summers Tennis Center on campus and at Tyler Tennis & Swim.

## Twenty Years Ago (October 1994)

### **Exhibit helps to promote safety week**

The UT Tyler Student Section of the American Society of Safety Engineers sponsored the 1994 Safety Week in conjunction with its annual membership drive. Safety week events were open to all students regardless of membership. Designed to create student interest in industrial safety, the events included presentations by Texas industry professionals and a model of a burned garage prepared with help from the Tyler Fire Department.

### **Holocaust Survivor Opens Distinguished Lecture Series**

Nobel Peace Prize recipient and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel presented the opening lecture of the 1994 -95 Distinguished Lecture Series on October 5. In addition to the Nobel Peace Prize, Wiesel's efforts earned him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal, and the Medal of Liberty Award.

# Thirty Years Ago (October 1984)

## Master's in Nursing Approved

The proposal for a master's of science nursing degree for UT Tyler was approved at the University of Texas System Board of Regents meeting on Friday, October 12. The board also approved a proposal to reorganize UT Tyler's school of Liberal Arts. The reorganization proposal merged the department of criminal justice into the department of social sciences while creating a distinct department for drama and communications.

## "Meet the Administration" Reception Held

On October 17, the university hosted a special "Meet the Administration" reception for university students. Administration members attending included President George Hamm and newly appointed vice president for administration Dr. Robert Jones. In addition to meeting with students in small groups, administrators fielded questions about university programs and initiatives.



## New phone system installed

After a sudden system failure forced switchboard operator Dixie Waldrop to field and deliver phone messages by hand, the university replaced its ten year old 770 PBX switchboard with a new Dimension 600 system from AT&T. The university's rapid growth was one cause of the switchboard's demise, with over 400 extensions relying on a system designed for 160. The new Dimension 600 system, described as a "little computer," was about the size of a home refrigerator. The Dimension system was installed as a temporary measure while the university requested approximately \$275,000 for a permanent system for AT&T. {Patriot}

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