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FEATURED EXHIBITS
(APRIL 2015)

♦ **Political Games**

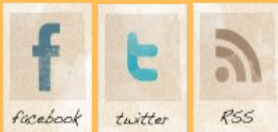
featuring politically
themed games from the
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Ten Years Ago (April 2005)

Doctoral Nursing Program a Go

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board authorized University officials to begin planning for its first doctorate program in Nursing. The program would be one of seven Nursing doctoral programs in Texas. University President Rodney Mabry said, "this is an important milestone for the University and even more important investment in the health of all East Texans. This new doctoral program will allow us to help reverse the shortage of nursing faculty and nursing slots for students, which will enable us, ultimately, to provide more nurses and administrators for health institutions." The first Nursing doctorate came eleven months after The Washington Advisory Group recommended that the University was ready to add the program.

Seminar has Purpose

The Freshman Seminar program was created as a requirement of incoming freshmen. Transfer students with less than 30 hours, or those that had not completed the core curriculum were also required to take the Freshman Seminar or a critical thinking class. According to Dr. Steven Krebbs, the program was adopted to reflect the freshman curriculum of universities like Stanford and Princeton. The courses were designed to incorporate open-ended questions into class discussion and professors were encouraged to deal with social issues that relate to the theme of the class. *From the April 25, 2005 Patriot Talon, by Adrienne Graham*

Patriot Days Participation Down

Many events scheduled for the fifth annual Patriot Days Student Appreciation Week were cancelled due to a lack of student participation. Ernest McCallister, Director of Student Activities, said the Student Activities Planning Board (SAPB) had to cancel team events like the obstacle course, three-legged race, and tug-o-war, because "we didn't have any teams sign up." Despite a lack of teams, there were many individuals who attended the remaining activities. McCallister said the SAPB fed more than 275 people at the April 11 volleyball tournament and cookout, held at the Patriot Village apartment complex. *From the April 25, 2005 Patriot Talon, by Hannah Avent*

Twenty Years Ago (April 1995)

Immigration Workshop Held

The University of Texas at Tyler Office of Admissions and Student Records hosted an immigration workshop for students April 12. The free event was held in the Robert R. Muntz Library. J. David Swaim Jr., an immigration attorney and managing partner in the firm of Tidwell, Swaim and Associates of Dallas, conducted the workshop. Student-related issues were discussed, including practical training, work authorization, work visas after graduation, permanent residence status, and other topics of interests to students.

Earth Day Festivities

Earth Day XXV was held on campus with the theme of "Perpetuation." The event offered a blend of entertainment, education, and hands-on activities at various exhibits, demonstrations, and shows. Nashville band "Say So," and local rock group "Field Trip" performed, and the Tyler Bike Club sponsored 20-minute bicycle tours along trails on and near campus. The Caldwell Zoo sponsored an endangered species can toss game, and a display of animal artifacts and extinct and endangered species. The Smith County Extension Service exhibited vermicomposting, that uses worms to break down food waste and enrich garden soils. The event was sponsored by UT Tyler, the UT Tyler Student Association, and the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund, and funded through community support.

Thirty Years Ago (April 1985)

UT Tyler Spring Arts Festival Draws Large Crowd

The University of Texas at Tyler sponsored the Spring Arts Festival as a culmination of college students' exhibits on the second floor lobby of the Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth Buildings and room 101 of the University Center. The festival began with a reception on the second floor of the HPR Building to allow visitors a final viewing of the exhibits. A panel discussion on the "Genesis of Creativity" was held, followed by lunch on the art studio grounds. Entertainment was provided by an Irish folk band, led by Charles Jones, Professor of Arts at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Forty Years Ago (April 1975)

Construction Manual Ready

A project undertaken by the Physical Plant Department and concerning construction policies at Tyler State College was taken under study by the Board of Regents. The "Construction Procedures Manual" was prepared by L.J. "Bob" Grubbs, Director of the TSC Physical Plant. The manual presented an organized approach to construction at the college with the objective of providing a uniform method of handling construction projects. To achieve uniformity the manual outlined the policies of construction initiation, budgeting, and administration. Grubbs helped to prepare a similar manual at Texas A&M University, where he was employed from 1969 until he joined the TSC staff in July 1974.

Physical Education Meet Held

Tyler State College and the Texas Association for Health and Physical Education and Recreation cosponsored a conference titled "Cutting D-Pie" at the First Baptist Church of Tyler. The conference featured keynote speakers Claudine Sherill, Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at Texas Women's University, Dr. Paul Vogel, evaluator of the I CAN project at Michigan State University, and Dr. Barry Johnson, Chairman of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi. Leading the conference from TSC were Dr. Keith McCoy, Chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education, Dr. Barry Green, Assistant Professor of Education, and Health and Physical Education majors.



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